

Grade 10 Course Selections – Frequently Asked Questions

JMHS



How do I know which courses to select?

- You will select core courses based on your current Grade 9 course marks.
- Physical Education 10 is a mandatory course for a high school diploma.
- Once you have selected your core courses, you will add complementary (option) courses to fill up your timetable.
- Grade 10 students are to select a minimum of 40 credits. See more info in the next question.
- Course planners and FAQ sheets are distributed to our feeder school students in March. Administration from JMHS goes to RMS to help students register for their courses online. Students that register with JMHS that currently do not attend a Black Gold school, will be emailed course selection information and we will input those requests in our computer program.
- Students and parents should familiarize themselves with High School Diploma requirements carefully to ensure the appropriate courses are being chosen to start you on track for Graduation. Refer to the Student Handbook located on our website for graduation requirements.

Are High School Diploma requirements the same as Post-Secondary requirements?

- No, they are not the same. Post-Secondary requirements for entrance into specific programs may have different criteria than course required for High School graduation. Students are encouraged to research programs to find out the specific course requirements for Post-Secondary entrance into their program of choice.

What if I am planning to take Summer School?

- If you are planning to take a course in summer school in July, you should select it on the front page of your course planner in the section entitled Summer School.
- PLEASE NOTE: Entering the course you plan to register in for summer on your course planner, and also on the online registration screen, is NOT your Summer School registration. **You MUST still register online on the district website** (Summer School registration usually opens around May 1 through Black Gold Outreach School in Leduc.)
 - Please note: you should verify the list of summer school courses being offered, as well as the registration start date, on the district website once the information has been updated.
- If you decide not to go to summer school after you have entered the course on your online registration screen, you should contact the school as soon as possible (before the end of June) if you need to add that course to your course requests.

What if I am currently failing a core course?

- You can only select a core course for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark. Prerequisite marks are listed on the course planners and more detailed course sequencing charts are in the Student Handbook.
- **Grade 9 current mark between 40% – 49%, select:**
 - English 10-2
 - Social 10-2
 - Math 10-3
 - Science 14
- **Grade 9 current mark less than 40%, please contact jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca to set up a meeting to discuss course option**
- **Grade 9 KAE Courses. If you are currently registered in a grade 9 KAE course please select the following AND email steffany.miner@gshare.blackgold.ca to discuss a Success in High School Plan.**
 - English 10-4
 - Social 10-4
 - Math 10-4
 - Science 10-4
- You will have the opportunity to upgrade to a higher course stream (IE: moving from a -4 course into a -2 course or moving from a -2 course to -1 course) later in high school if your marks meet the recommended prerequisite mark. Please refer to the detailed course sequencing charts in the Student Handbook for more specific core course transfer points and prerequisite marks.

- If you achieve a final mark at the end of June that changes which course stream you qualify for (whether the new mark allows you to move up or down), send an email once marks are finalized at the end of June to jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca to request a change to your requested courses. Do not wait until September as many courses fill up and your course request may not be easily accommodated.

How do I enter my course selections?

- If you are a student at RMS, you will receive a *Grade 10 Course Planner* from the school office. Students will use these forms when the Administrators at JMHS come to RMS to help students register for their courses through their student PowerSchool accounts. If you are a student outside of a Black Gold School, you will receive a Grade 10 Course Planner either through email upon registration at JMHS or you can download it from our website. Students outside of RMS will scan and email or drop off their course planner forms.
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