

# Grade 11 Course Selections – Frequently Asked Questions



## What is the minimum number of credits that I have to take in Grade 11?

- Grade 11 students must register in a minimum of **35 credits**. If you are not on track to earn a minimum of 40 credits in your Grade 10 year, you should request 40 credits for grade 11.

## How can I be sure I am choosing courses that are required for a High School Diploma?

- Review the High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement requirements carefully to ensure you are selecting courses that will keep you on track for Graduation. Refer to the Student Handbook for detailed information.
- If you did not complete and are not currently taking CALM and/or Phys Ed 10 in Grade 10, or if you are failing either course, you must select them for Grade 11.

## 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 courses 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 do I need to know about course prerequisites?

- You can only select a course for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark. Prerequisite marks are either a final mark or it can be based on the current Q3 mark for a course you are currently taking. All core courses and most CTS courses, fine arts, languages, physical education, and other option courses do have prerequisite courses and marks. Prerequisite courses and marks are shown on the course planners and more detail can be found in the Student Handbook.
- Only register in courses for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark.
  - If your mark changes between now and the end of June (up or down from prerequisite), email us at [jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca) so you can be registered in the appropriate course. Do not wait until fall as many classes fill up.

## What if I am currently failing or have failed a core course in Semester 1?

- You can only select a course for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark.
- See the note at the end of this section if you choose both 10 & 20-level courses in the same subject.
- Marks between 40% – 49%:**
  - English 10-1 & Social 10-1:** If you failed or are currently failing in English 10-1 or Social 10-1, but your mark is over 40%, you may enroll in the lower level course in Grade 11, which would be English 20-2 or Social 20-2. If you receive a passing mark in those courses next year, you would be awarded retroactive credits for the grade 10 level of that course.
    - You may also choose to re-register in the 10-1 course again and, if you wish, also request the 20-1 course.
  - Science 10:** If you failed Science 10 but your mark is over 40%, you may enroll in Science 24. If you receive a passing mark in Science 24 next year, you would be awarded retroactive credits for Science 14.
    - You may also choose to re-register in the Science 10 and then also request a 20-level science course.
  - Math 10C:** Math 10C differs slightly from the courses above. If you have attained a mark between 50% and 64%, you can enroll in Math 20-2. If you failed Math 10C but have a mark over 40%, you may either retake the course or enroll in Math 20-3. Retroactive credits would be awarded for Math 10-3 upon successful completion of Math 20-3.
  - English 10-2, Social 10-2, Science 14 or Math 10-3:** If you failed or are currently failing one of these courses, your choices are to retake the course or enroll in the 20-4 course. However, you will need to talk with our Learning Support Teacher to review your plans to complete high school.

- **Marks below 40%:**
  - If you failed or are currently failing a core course with a mark below 40%, your choices are to retake the course or enroll in the 20-4 course, which is the Knowledge & Employability program. You graduate with a high school certificate if you take any Knowledge & Employability courses, not a high school diploma.
- **NOTE: Choosing 10 & 20-level courses in one year:** If you choose to request both a 10-level and 20-level in a particular subject, you must verify that the grade 10 level course is in your semester 1 timetable and any 20-level courses are in semester 2. For example, if you choose to retake Science 10 and also request Biology 20, you must verify that Science 10 is in semester 1 and Bio 20 is in semester 2.
  - Schedules will be available to view on PowerSchool in late August.

#### **What if my marks change enough (up or down) and I need or want to choose a different stream?**

- Example #1: you had 52% in Science 10 when you registered online and therefore couldn't choose Biology 20 as the prerequisite mark is 60% but by June your mark has improved to 61%, you now qualify to select Biology 20.
- Example #2: you had 63% at the time of registration in Science 10 and therefore have chosen Chemistry 20, but by end of the course, you have earned a 54%, you should request to drop Chemistry 20 and select Science 20 instead.
- At the end of June once your marks are finalized, email [jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:jmhs@gshare.blackgold.ca) with your name, the course you want and your new mark and Student Services will make any necessary change to your course requests. Do not wait until fall to request a change, as many courses will fill up.

#### **What if I want to take a course at Summer School this year?**

- 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.
- Entering the course, you plan to register for on your course planner and 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. [Click here for more information](#)). Please note: you should verify the list of summer school courses being offered on the district website once registration opens.
- 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.