



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GRADUATION PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE 2021-2022

To meet graduation requirements and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 stipulated credits (20 standard courses) and write three provincial assessments of numeracy and literacy.

To earn a Dogwood Diploma, all international students must meet all [graduation requirements, including all required exams and assessments](#).

Students must complete a minimum of 16 credits (4 courses) at the Grade 12 level.

Some credits can be transferred from the non-Canadian school under the regulations stipulated by the Ministry of Education under its Graduation Credit Policy: [Earning Credit through Equivalency, Challenge, External Credentials, Post-Secondary Credit and Independent Directed Studies Policy](#)

Special rules concerning options for satisfying graduation requirements apply to most international students. See the [International Student Graduation Credit Policy](#) for further information.

Credits must be earned in the following subject areas or courses:

REQUIRED COURSE	CREDITS EARNED
A Language Arts 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Social Studies 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Science 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
Career Life Education 10 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Language Arts 11 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
First Peoples' 12 or English Studies 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
Career Life Connections 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
Additional credits to total 80	Transferable if meets criteria



REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS (3)	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (starting in 2021/2022)
<p>For 2021-2022, the 3 provincial assessments will be written at school during examination weeks in January and in June. There is no additional charge for the exams.</p>	

For a student to graduate, it will usually take 5 semesters. There are some situations where a **1 year graduation may be possible**. Potential students must already have Grade 10 and Grade 11 equivalent courses, be eligible for Grade 12, have a very strong academic history and demonstrate a high degree of competence (near native written fluency) in English. A student may be accepted into a one year graduation program with the following understanding:

- New Westminister has reviewed the 9th, 10th and 11th year transcripts prior to acceptance into the International Program. Review and acceptance must be completed before the end of May so that schedules can be planned appropriately.
- **Students cannot change to a graduation program once in New Westminister; an approved pathway must be determined prior to arrival.**
- The graduation program is intended to be rigid and specific; there is very little flexibility with regard to which courses a student may take to qualify for graduation.

Other Fees

Additional Courses - A student who requires more than 8 courses to graduate will be charged up to \$1350 for each additional course as part of their entry tuition. These courses would be done online or at night school where available.

Validation or Legalization of Transcripts - Legalization forms to be completed by the parent and student to obtain permission from local embassies or consulates to validate the report card or transcripts. There may be an additional fee for the validation service of up to \$300 CAD depending on the consular requirements, to be confirmed at the time of acceptance.

Graduation Fee - \$80. Includes the ceremony, rental of the graduation gown, a cap and tassel purchase, and 2 guest tickets to the ceremony.

Graduation Dinner & Dance = \$ 110. Commonly referred to a “prom” and is optional.