



COURSE SELECTION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. **What if I live in Burnaby, but I do not currently live in the Burnaby South Catchment, but want to attend Burnaby South?**
 - a) If you currently live in Burnaby, but NOT in the Burnaby South Catchment, but still want to apply to attend Burnaby South, then you MUST complete a **Cross District Transfer Application**
 - Applications are on the SD41 Website
 - Please see the following link for further information: <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>
 - Completed Applications **MUST** be received between **Feb 1st and 28th**
 - Applicants will be contacted if they are accepted

2. **What if I do not currently live in Burnaby, but want to attend Burnaby South?**
 - a) If you currently live OUTSIDE of Burnaby (ie: New Westminster, Vancouver, Surrey, Coquitlam), but still want to apply to attend Burnaby South, then you MUST complete an **Out of District Transfer Application**
 - Applications are on the SD41 Website
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 - Completed Applications **MUST** be received between **Feb 1st and 28th**
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3. **What if I change my mind after I complete my Course Selection?**
 - a) All students will have an opportunity to make changes to their course requests for September in the Spring when we have our Course Verifications ready for Students
 - Please take the time to look through all of the courses offered on your Grade Course Selection Form, and choose BOTH your 1st courses and Alternate Courses wisely, as there will be NO course changes in September
 - FYI, even if you get an Alternate Course, that will NOT be a Timetable Error

4. **Can I make changes to my Courses in September?**
 - a) ONLY Students with *incomplete* Timetables or *legitimate* errors will be approved for a Course Correction in September 2022
 - Legitimate Errors for example are:
 - You have already completed the course you're enrolled in
 - ie: you completed a course in Summer School
 - You require another course for University Admissions
 - ie: you require Pre-Calculus 11 or Chemistry 11 for applying to UBC/SFU for the Faculty of Sciences/Business/Engineering

5. **Can I request a specific Teacher or Block for my classes?**
 - a) Students are unable to choose a specific Teacher or Block for their timetable.

GRADE 8

1. How many electives can I choose going into Grade 8?

- a) Students going into Grade 8 will take 7 Core Courses & 1 Fine Arts Elective Course from the following choices:
- Art Studio 8
 - Concert Band Beginner 8 (NO Band Experience)
 - Concert Band 8 (1yr Band Experience)
 - Concert Choir 8
 - Dance Foundations 8
 - Drama 8
 - Media Arts 8

2. How do I apply for Honours Courses for Grade 8?

- a) If you want to apply for any Honours Courses for Grade 8, please circle the Honours Course(s) that you would like to take on your Course Selection Form
- b) On April 6th, all students who have indicated on their Course Selection that they would like to take an Honours Course(s) will be added to Microsoft Teams to write a PRACTICE Honours Exam
- 7pm will be the English/Social Studies Exam & Science
 - 7:30pm will be the Math Exam
- c) On April 12th & 13th all of these students will then write an Actual Honours Exam on the dates and times listed below
- April 12th at 7pm – English Honours Exam
 - April 12th at 7:30pm – Social Studies Honours Exam
 - April 13th at 7pm – Science Honours Exam
 - April 13th at 7:30pm – Math Honours Exam
- d) Honours admissions are based on Department recommendations. If a student is NOT approved for a requested Honours Course, then the Regular Course will be scheduled in its place.

3. Where can I find more information about what courses are about?

- a) Please see the Burnaby South School Website <https://south.burnabyschools.ca/>

GRADE 9

1. How many electives can I choose going into Grade 9?

- a) Students going into Grade 9 will take 5 Core Courses & 3 Elective Courses

2. How do I apply for Honours for Grade 9?

- a) Students applying for Math 9 Honours will have to indicate on their MyEd Student Portal they are applying for Honours, and write *Canadian National Math League* Contest on Tuesday, Feb 15th
- b) Students wanting to apply for Social Studies 9 Honours will have to indicate on their MyEd Student Portal they are applying for Honours, and complete the Socials Honours Application and hand it in to Ms. Sandhu (A102) by January 30th
- c) Students wanting to apply for Science 9 Honours, will have to indicate on their MyEd Student Portal they are applying for Honours, & have a Proficient or Extending standing in Science 8/Hon 8
- d) Students wanting to apply for English 9 Honours will have to indicate on their MyEd Student Portal they are applying for Honours, and have a Proficient or Extending standing in English 8/Hon 8

3. Do I have to take a Second Language to Graduate?

- a) While a Second Language is not necessary for Graduation, both UBC & SFU require students to take a Second Language when applying directly from High School for their programs
 - SFU requires a Language 11 Intro for admissions for ALL Faculties
 - BUT – a Language 12 is highly recommended
 - UBC requires a Language 11 for admissions for ALL Faculties
 - BUT – students who are wanting to complete a Faculty of Arts degree are required to complete a Language 12
 - a. For students who do NOT have a Language 12 completed, they will have to complete a 1st year Second Language course in University – this costs \$\$

4. Can I take a Learning Centre as a Study Block?

- a) Learning Centre is intended for students who need course or organizational support and is not intended for students seeking an independent work block.
- b) Students in Learning Centre work closely with their Learning Centre teacher to further develop their understanding and for assistance in organization.
- c) A Learning Centre teacher will be in contact with their students' classroom teachers for regular progress monitoring in order to best support their student.

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GRADE 10

1. How many electives can I choose going into Grade 10?

- a) Students going into Grade 10 will take 6 Core Courses & 2 Elective Courses

2. Do I have to take a Second Language to Graduate?

- b) While a Second Language is not necessary for Graduation, both UBC & SFU require students to take a Second Language when applying directly from High School for their programs
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 - BUT – a Language 12 is highly recommended
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4. **What is the difference between Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10 & Math: Workplace 10?**
- a) **Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10** is designed for students who have been successful in Math 9 and prepares students for Foundations 11 or Pre-Calculus 11
- *Make sure to speak with your current Math 9 teacher regarding recommendations for Math 10 placements – they know your skills best!*
- b) **Math: Workplace 10** is intended for students who plan on going directly into a trades program (BCIT, VCC), or who will enter the workplace directly from high school. Trades programs are professions such as carpentry, electrician, plumbing, and construction.
- *Make sure to speak with your current Math 9 teacher regarding recommendations for Math 10 placements – they know your skills best!*
5. **I am a competitive athlete and have received credit for “Athlete 10,” can I use that for my PE 10 class instead?**
- a) We understand that many students may participate in External Sports Programs outside of school, where some provide credits towards graduation. External Sport Credentials are elective credits and cannot be used as a substitute for required courses such as Physical & Health Education 10
- For more information on the External Sport Credentials Program, please see the Ministry Website link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials/external-sport-credentials-program>
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GRADE 11

1. **How many electives can I choose going into Grade 11?**
- a) Students going into Grade 11 will take 4 Core Courses & 4 Elective Courses
2. **Do I have to take a Second Language to Graduate?**
- c) While a Second Language is not necessary for Graduation, both UBC & SFU require students to take a Second Language when applying directly from High School for their programs
- SFU requires a Language 11 Intro for admissions for ALL Faculties
 - BUT – a Language 12 is highly recommended
 - UBC requires a Language 11 for admissions for ALL Faculties
 - BUT – students who are wanting to complete a Faculty of Arts degree are required to complete a Language 12
 - a. For students who do NOT have a Language 12 completed, they will have to complete a 1st year Second Language course in University – this costs \$\$
3. **What is the difference between Math: Foundations 11, Math: Pre-Calculus 11 & Math: Workplace 11?**
- a) **Math: Foundations 11** is intended for students who plan to continue into Post-Secondary in Social Sciences (History, Geography, Psychology), Humanities (English), and Fine Arts.
- UBC & SFU accept Foundations 11 & 12 for admissions to these Faculties

- *Note: If you are currently in Math: Workplace 10, you will have to complete Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10 first before taking this course, as you need the foundational skills from this course to be successful in Pre-Calculus 11*
- *Make sure to speak with your current Math 10 teacher regarding recommendations for Math 11 placements – they know your skills best!*

b) **Math: Pre-Calculus 11** is intended for students planning to study in a math-based post-secondary program

- Pre-Calculus 11 & 12 is a requirement for students wanting to apply to most Universities in the Faculty of Business, Sciences & Applied Sciences (Engineering)
- *Note: If you are currently in Math: Workplace 10, you will have to complete Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10 first before taking this course, as you need the foundational skills from this course to be successful in Pre-Calculus 11*
- *Make sure to speak with your current Math 10 teacher regarding recommendations for Math 11 placements – they know your skills best!*

c) **Math: Workplace 11** is intended for students who plan on going directly into a trades program (BCIT, VCC), or who will enter the workplace directly from high school. Trades programs are professions such as carpentry, electrician, plumbing, and construction.

- The course focuses on helping students build skills around four main ideas: proportional reasoning; measurement of 3-dimensional objects; number sense and flexibility with numbers; and representing and analyzing data to make sense of it
- It fulfills Grade 11 math requirements for graduation but cannot be used as a prerequisite for Pre-calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12.
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5. Can I retake a course for a higher mark?

- If a student has already completed a course for credit, they are unable to retake the course at Burnaby South. If a student would like to retake a course, they can choose to retake it in Summer School or through Burnaby Online <https://online.burnabyschools.ca/>

6. Do Grade 11 courses REALLY count for University entrance?

- YES!! Post-Secondary schools are now broadly evaluating the academic history of ALL Grade 11 & 12 courses a student takes
- For US Universities, they evaluate the academic history of ALL Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 courses a student takes

7. What Is the difference between Work Experience 30hr & Work Experience 80hr?

- a) Work Experience 30hr
 - 30 Hours of Work Experience is a requirement for Graduation
- b) Work Experience 80hr
 - 80 Hours of Volunteer Work experience related to your career goals
 - Earn 4 Grade 12 Elective Credits towards Graduation
 - Can be completed between the Summer of Grade 10 and May of Grade 12 year
 - Allows for career exploration in 1 or 2 focus areas of interest
 - Helps to develop confidence in the workplace, references and experience for resumes and possible job contacts
 - MUST complete an Employability Skills Profile
 - A useful tool for interviews and for the Career Life Connections student-led exit interview in Grade 12
 - When you chose 80 Hours of Work Experience, you need to choose a “FOCUS AREA”
 - Ex: Business, Health, Trades, Science

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GRADE 12

1. How many electives can I choose going into Grade 12?

- a) Students going into Grade 12 will take 1 Core Course & 7 Elective Courses

2. Do I have to take a Second Language to Graduate?

- d) While a Second Language is not necessary for Graduation, both UBC & SFU require students to take a Second Language when applying directly from High School for their programs
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3. What is the difference between Math: Foundations 12, Math: Pre-Calculus 12 & Math: Calculus 12?

- a) **Math: Foundations 12** is intended for students who plan to continue into Post-Secondary in Social Sciences (History, Geography, Psychology), Humanities (English), and Fine Arts.
 - UBC & SFU accept Foundations 11 & 12 for admissions to these Faculties
 - *Note: If you are currently in Math: Workplace 11, you will have to complete Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10 AND Math: Foundations 11 first before taking these courses, as you need the foundational skills from these courses to be successful in Foundations 12*
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- a) **Math: Pre-Calculus 12** is intended for students planning to study in a math-based post-secondary program & provides the necessary establishments for Calculus in post-secondary
- Pre-Calculus 11 & 12 is a requirement for students wanting to apply to most Universities in the Faculty of Business, Sciences & Applied Sciences (Engineering)
 - *Note: If you are currently in Math: Foundations 11, you will have to complete Math: Pre-Calculus 11 first before taking this course, as you need the foundational skills from this course to be successful in Pre-Calculus 12*
 - *Note: If you are currently in Math: Workplace 11, you will have to complete Math: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10 AND Math: Foundations 11 first before taking these courses, as you need the foundational skills from these courses to be successful in Pre-Calculus 12*
 - *Make sure to speak with your current Math 11 teacher regarding recommendations for Math 11 placements – they know your skills best!*
- b) **Math: Calculus 12** is intended for students who would like to get a head start to university math. Students shall have fundamental knowledge of algebra, graphing, functions, and trigonometry. Students who complete AP Calculus 12 (AB or BC) and obtained an adequate score on the exam may obtain university credits.
- Students MUST take Pre-Calculus 11 FIRST & either finish Pre-Calculus 12, or be taking it concurrently with Calculus 12
 - Calculus 12 (or AP Calc) is a requirement for students wanting to apply to the University of Toronto Faculty of Business, Sciences & Applied Sciences (Engineering)
 - UBC & SFU faculties have either required or “recommended” students take Calculus 12 or AP Calculus for admissions
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6. Can I only take 4 courses in Grade 12 if I already have enough credits to graduate?

- a) ALL Burnaby South Students are required to take 8 courses inside the timetable.
- b) 80 credits for Graduation is a minimum, not recommended, number of credits a student should complete by the end of Grade 12.

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8. When do I start to apply for Post-Secondary?

- a) Applications start to open for applying in October of a Student’s Grade 12 year.
- b) To apply for any BC College/University, students will need to go through the Education Planner BC Website: www.educationplannerbc.ca
- c) Most BC College acceptance is on a **first come first served** basis, so apply online **as soon as possible** to secure your spot
- d) UBC has 2 Admission Deadlines – Early (Dec 1st) and Regular (Jan 15th)
- e) SFU has 2 Admission Deadlines – Undergraduate Scholars Entrance (Dec 15th) and Regular (Jan 31st)
- f) Out of Province Admission Deadlines are very different from BC
 - University of Toronto has told us that BC Students should be applying by Nov 7th
- g) US Universities/Colleges can have various deadlines depending on the school, whether there is an “Early” Admissions vs. “Regular” Admissions. Often the deadline for regular falls around Dec 31st

9. How do I order Transcripts for Post-Secondary?

- a) If you would like to order a paper transcript, you can do that through the Main Office. There is a clipboard available for you to complete (indicating the number of paper transcripts you would like to order). These are free for students until they Graduate. Please allow 2-3 days for the Main Office to have these ready for you.
- b) When you are applying to Post-Secondary, you will need to send your transcripts electronically to any College/University you are applying to. You will do this through the Student Transcript Service (STS) - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>
 - All students will get 25 free transcripts - If you want more then each additional is \$10

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