

Woodlawn High School



**COURSE SELECTION
FEBRUARY 2025**



Topics Covered

- How High School Works
- Program Offerings at WHS
- Graduation Requirements
- Course Selection & Schedules



Why is Course Selection Important?

- Junior to Senior High School Transition
- Begin to think about careers...
- Choose what's a good fit for them
- Planning for Post-Secondary...
 - University
 - Community College
 - Private Colleges
 - Apprenticeship/Military
 - Workforce

How High School Works

Semesters

1st semester - Sept. to Jan. – write exams
(term-end or final, depending on course)

2nd semester - Feb. to June – write exams

Grade 10 - 8 courses

Grade 11 - 7 courses – one study period

Grade 12 - 6 courses – two study periods

Typically, students take 21 courses (credits) in 3 years. 18 are required for graduation.

What's a Credit?

- Each class in the schedule (e.g. English, Visual Arts, Design) counts as 1 credit (*some math courses are 2*)
- When students finish a course with a passing mark (50% or more), they have earned that credit.
- We keep counting credits until they earn the ones needed for graduation

What Program to Choose

Which program is the best fit for your student?

- Public School Program (PSP)
 - * Standard courses (can include IB courses)
 - * Options & Opportunities (O2 certificate)
 - * Afrocentric Cohort
- International Baccalaureate (IB- grade 11 & 12, pre-IB in grade 10)

What is Pre IB?

- Taking Pre-IB means keeping the door to IB open by taking 4 specific courses in Grade 10:

Pre-IB Science 10

Pre-IB Math 10

Language & Literature

Contemporary Canadian Studies

Trades



Nova Scotia High Skills Major Certificate

The High Skills Major certificate program enables students to earn credits toward their high school diploma while completing courses, and experiencing real-world opportunities related to their career interests. This pilot program launched in 2023. Students can choose between four certificates: Arts, Health and Wellness, Skilled Trades, and Technology.



Each certificate stream has 4 components.

Focused Course Selection

Students complete Co-operative Education 11 or 12, plus three elective courses that align with a career pathway.

Training & Certification

Students complete a minimum of six training certificates and credentials that are valued by post-secondary programs and employers.



Community-Based Learning

Students complete a minimum of two community-based learning experiences (such as participation in a community event, workshop, or sector-related competition).

Portfolio

Students capture their learning in a myBlueprint portfolio to showcase skill development, growth, and plans for an education and career pathway.

Graduation Requirements

18 credits are required to graduate from a Nova Scotia High School:

- 13 are compulsory credits
- 5 are elective credits*

Maximum 7 grade 10 credits

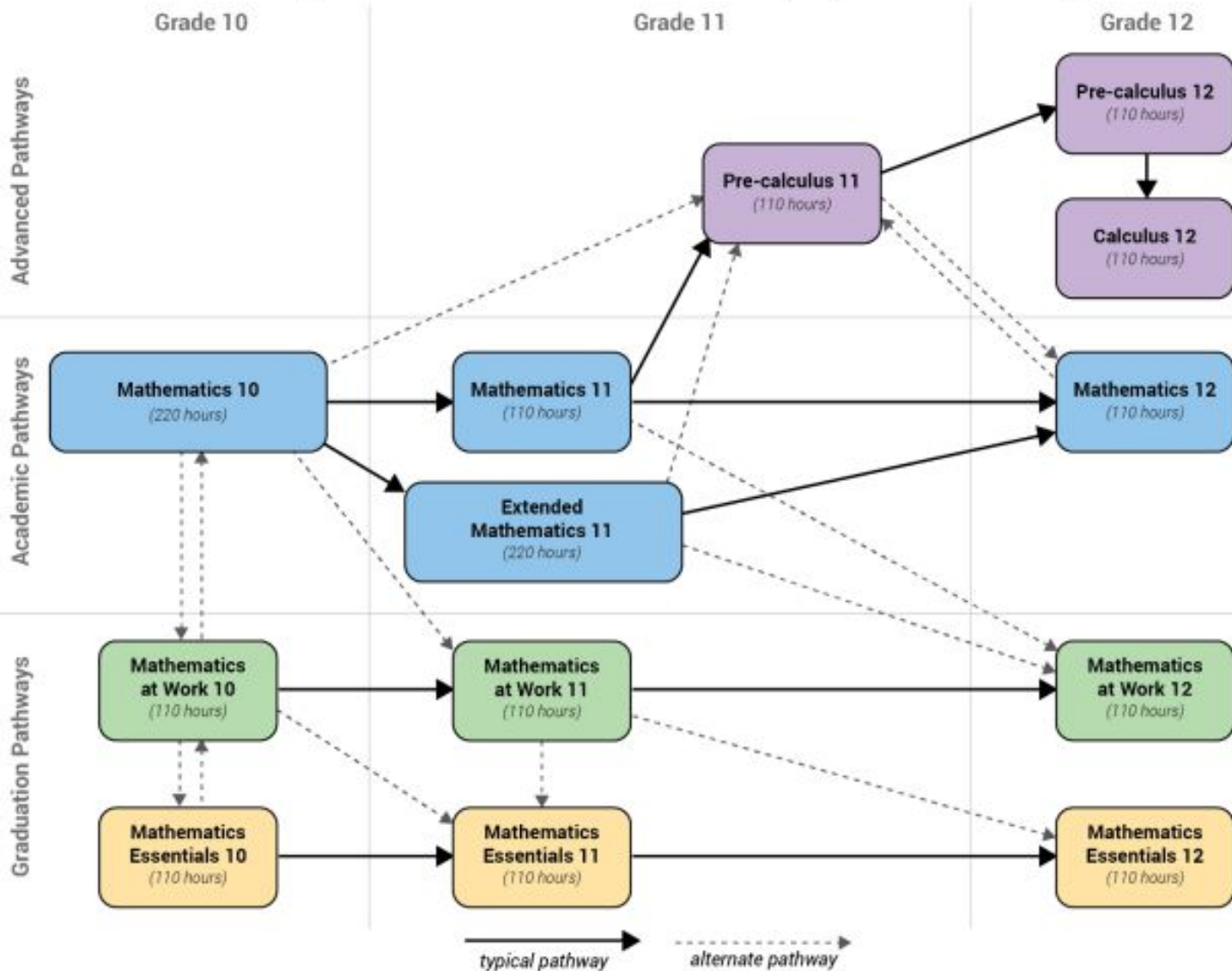
Minimum 5 grade 12 credits

13 Compulsory Credits

- 3 English (grade 10, 11, 12)
- 3 Math (grade 10, 11 & 12)
- 2 Science
- 1 Other from Technology, Math or Science
- 1 Fine Arts
(Art 10, Drama 10, Music 10, Dance 11)
- 1 Physical Education
(PAL11, Yoga11, Phys Ed 10, Dance 11)
- 1 Canadian Studies
(CoCa11, Cdn. History, ACS11, or MKS11)
- 1 Global Studies
(GGS12, GP12 or GHS12)

Math Options

Senior High Mathematics Course Pathways (Effective 2021)



Math Boot Camp

Check your
email for details

A two-day summer program for students entering Math 10 Academic or Math 10 Pre-IB to review important concepts from gr. 9

Goals:

- strengthen math foundations by revisiting essential Grade 9 math concepts
- build confidence and help with a smooth transition to high school
- Help bridge the gap and be ready to tackle Grade 10 topics head-on
- Get to know the school and some of the staff who are here to support students

What Happens Next...

- Online Course Selection – Open to families February 24th-28th on Student PowerSchool
- Students will choose 8 preferred courses and 2 alternates. **Alternates need to be courses they would actually want to take**, so get them to **choose all of their courses carefully.**
- Parents/guardians will receive a paper copy of students' course **selections** from the junior high for review.
- Student timetables are visible the day before classes start. If you have concerns or would like to ask for changes, email your student's school counsellor.



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Grade 10 Course Request Form 2025-2026

Name: _____

Grade 9 School: _____

CRITERIA	SCHOOL CODE	✓	COURSE OFFERINGS FOR GRADE 10	
Grade 10 students choose one of the following English 10 Credits	1		ENG10 English 10	
			LAL10 Language and Literature 10 (Pre IB)	
Grade 10 students choose one of the following Math 10 Credits	2		MTHE10 Math Essentials 10	
			MTW10 Math at Work 10	
			MT10 Math 10 Academic (Full Year-2 credits)	
			MTH10PRIB Math 10 Pre IB (Full Year)	
Grade 10 students choose one of the following Science 10 Credits	3		SCI10 Science 10	
			SCI10PRE Sciences 10 - Pre IB	
Grade 10 students choose at least one of the following Fine Arts Credits	4		VISART10 Visual Arts 10	
			DAN11 Dance 11	
			DRA10 Drama 10	
			MUSIC10B Music 10 - Instrumental Band	
Grade 10 students choose at least one of the Physical Education Credits	5		DAN11 Dance 11	
			PHEAL11 Physically Active Living 11	
			PHE10 Physical Education 10	
			YOGA11 Yoga 11	
Grade 10 students choose three of the following (two if you selected Math 10 Academic full year) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><i>Note: All grade 10 students should select at least one course at the grade 11 level.</i></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><i>PRE IB: Pre IB students must take Math, Science, History, and English. *French is optional.</i></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>O2/ Africentric Cohorts: These cohort courses will be added after a successful application process. Students considering the program should register with regular selections, and let their counsellor know.</p> </div>	6		COCA11 PRE IB History (Contemporary Canada)	
			FREPREIB10 PRE IB French * (optional)	
		7		ACA11 Accounting 11
				ACS11 African Canadian Studies 11
		8		BIOL11 Biology 11
				BTEC11 Business Technology 11
				COCAS11 Contemporary Canadian Studies 11
				CD10 Career Development 10
				CHLDST11 Child Studies 11
				CNT10 Construction Technology 10
				DES11 Design 11
				EXT10AC Exploring Technology 10
			FDHLLV10 / FDPRSV10 Food for Healthy Living 10 / Food Prep and Service 10	
			MKS11 Mi'kmaq Studies 11	
			SRCTR10 Service Trades 10	
			STR10 Skilled Trades 10	

Alternate Requests (Students must pick two alternate courses)	Course Code	Course Name

Sample Registration Page

Welcome to Registration for students entering Grade 10 at Woodlawn High School. This portal will remain open until February 28th, 2023.

[Course Catalog](#)

ENGLISH OPTIONS

Click the edit button to request a course →



Number of requests to generate : 1

MATH OPTIONS

Click the edit button to request a course →



Video available on the Registration website to talk about the different courses or read about them in the Registration Handbook.

Number of requests to generate : 1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

Click the edit button to request a course →



Please read the course descriptions that highlight the differences between Phys Ed, PAL, Yoga, and Dance.

Number of requests to generate : 1

SCIENCE OPTIONS

Click the edit button to request a course →



Number of requests to generate : 1

CANADIAN CONTENT COURSES

Click the edit button to request a course →



Number of requests to generate : 1

FINE ARTS OPTIONS

Click the edit button to request a course →



Click on the pencil to see courses in each section →

Submit button →

Submit

*We're excited to have your student at
WHS next year, and hope they have a
great high school experience. See you in*

September!

Questions???



School counsellor for students with last names A-K:

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