

## THE B.C. CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION OR "DOGWOOD DIPLOMA"

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The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, also known as the “Dogwood Diploma” is awarded to students who successfully complete the following provincial graduation requirements.

**STUDENTS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 80 CREDITS TO GRADUATE:** Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
  - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
  - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
  - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (12 credits total)
  - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)

In addition, students **must also complete three new graduation assessments:**

- The new Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The new Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2019/20
- The New Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2020/21

**Note on Career Life Education:** In 2018/19, the following career education courses were used in all BC schools: *Career Life Education* and *Graduation Transitions*. From 2019/20 and beyond, the career education courses used in all BC schools will be:

- Career Life Education
- Career Life Connections

Students on the B.C. Graduation Program will be able to meet the career education graduation requirement with any of the following combinations:

- Planning 10/Graduation Transitions
- Planning 10/Career Life Connections
- Career Life Education/Graduation Transitions
- Career Life Education/Career Life Connections

## **FOR FRENCH IMMERSION/FRANCOPHONE DUAL DOGWOOD:**

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 12 level).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (4 credits).
- A Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits) or IB French A2 (SL) 11.
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits).
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, French Immersion students must also complete four Provincial Graduation Assessments, three in literacy and one in numeracy.

Francophone students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

To graduate with both diplomas, Francophone students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a required Language Arts 12 course).
- An English Language Arts course at the Grade 10 level (4 credits).
- An English Language Arts course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits).
- A required English Language Arts course at the Grade 12 level (4 credits).
- A Français langue première course at the Grade 10 level (4 credits).
- A Français langue première course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits).
- Français langue première – Français langue et culture 12 (4 credits).

In addition, Francophone students must also complete four Provincial Graduation Assessments, three in literacy and one in numeracy.

**ADULT GRADUATION DIPLOMA:** Learners who are 18 years of age or older can combine credits earned at both secondary and post-secondary schools towards a B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood). Adult learners may also pursue a regular B.C. Dogwood Diploma.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation)