

Academic Requirements (Grade 8-9)

Courses	Grade 8	Grade 9
Religion (School Requirement)	Religion 8	Religion 9
Career Education	Career Education 8	Career Education 9
Language Arts	English 8	English 9
Social Studies	Social Studies 8	Social Studies 9
Science	Science 8	Science 9
Physical & Health Education	PHE 8	PHE 9
Second Language	French 8	French 9
*Mathematics	*Mathematics 8	*One from Mathematics 9 <i>or</i> *Mathematics 9 Enriched
**French	French 8	French 9
***Fine Arts/Applied Skills Elective Courses	Choose One from the following full year courses Band 8 or Choir 8 OR ***Choose three of the following ½ year courses Art 8 Design & Tech 8 Drama 8 Woodwork 8	Choose One from the following full year courses Band 9 or Choir 9 OR ***Choose three of the following ½ year courses Art 9 Design & Tech 9 Drama 9 Woodwork 9

LEARNING ASSISTANCE

Students on IEPs - in consultation with the Administration, the LA Department, and their parents will take a *Learning Assistance* Block rather than French.

* MATHEMATICS

Advanced students can write a Mathematics 8 Challenge Exam. The STMC Mathematics Head of Department will determine the ultimate placement within Mathematics courses.

**FRENCH

French Immersion students can write a French Challenge Exam. French placement may vary at the discretion of the French Department Head for French Immersion students.

***APPLIED SKILLS/FINE ARTS

Design & Technology (DaT) 8 & 9 replaced Information Technology as an elective in 2018-2019 and involves the developing of coding & computer skills.

Note: Due to class size limitations, students may not always get their first choice in these courses.

Graduation Program Requirements for the BC Ministry and STMC (Grades 10-12)

In order to graduate from the province of BC, every student in the Graduation Program has to pass certain basic courses in their grade 10, 11 and 12 years. In addition, students must successfully complete Religion 10, 11 and 12 to graduate from STMC.

SUBJECT AREA	Credits
Career Life Education 10	4
Career Life Connections 11/12 = Capstone	4
English 10	4
English – Composition 11	4
English 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11	4
an Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills, & Technology 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12 (See below)	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12 (See Below)	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Total Required Course Credits	52 credits
ELECTIVE CREDITS	
Students must earn at least 28 elective credits from Grade 10-12 courses.	
THESE REQUIRED STMC COURSES ALL COUNT IN THE ELECTIVE TOTAL	
Religion 10	4
Religion 11	4
Religion 12	4
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES At least 4 courses must be numbered 12. (English Studies 12, Religion 12 plus two more)	16
Total Required Elective Credits	28 credits
OVERALL TOTAL:	80 credits

Students on the current Graduation Program must also successfully complete two **Graduation Assessments**. At this point the Ministry is indicating that these will be written in grade 10.

1. **Numeracy Assessment** (Assessing the ability, willingness, and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in situations, and to analyze these solutions)
2. **The Literacy Assessment** (Analyzing and Making *Meaning* from Texts (Comprehend) and Communicating Understanding of Texts/Making Personal Connections (Communicate)).

Career Education Grad Requirements @STMC: the requirements for these credits will be met through work/assignments done in their Religion, PE and Academic Assemblies. These are not actual classes or blocks on a student's schedule. (Replaces Planning 10 and Grad Transitions 12)

Social Studies 11/12 Credit: Students going into grade 11 must still complete a Social credit in grade 11 or 12 to graduate. The courses listed below are offered at STMC and will meet that requirement.

20th Century World History 12 Economic Theory 12 Genocide Studies 12 Comparative Religions 12
Physical Geography 12 Social Justice 12 Comparative Cultures 12 Law Studies 12

Science 11/12 Credit: The STMC courses listed below meet this requirement.

Physics 11 or 12, Chemistry 11 or 12, Earth Science 11, Life Science (Bio) 11, Anatomy & Physiology (Bio) 12

External Learning Credits Students can earn further credits for activities undertaken outside of STMC. Students who are involved at a very high level in athletics or the arts can qualify. Students who have completed certain courses outside of school may also qualify. (See Academic Counselling)