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CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
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CURRICULUM

1. When will the new curriculum be fully implemented?

- All BC schools will use the new Grade 10 curriculum starting in the 2018/19 school year, as previously scheduled.
- All BC schools will use the new Grades 11-12 curriculum starting in the 2019/20 school year.

2. Does that mean there is an additional year to provide feedback on Grades 11 & 12 curriculum?

- **No.** Curriculum for Grades 11 & 12 will be finalized and available online by June 2018.

3. How will the announcement impact the revision of BAA courses? Do we have an extra year to revise/delist Grade 11 and 12 BAAs?

Yes. Boards of Education and Independent School Authorities now have an additional year to revise Grade 11 and 12 Board/Authority Authorized courses. Please note the following deadlines:

July 1, 2018 (Grade 10) – Grade 10 BAA courses that Boards/Authorities want to offer in 2018/19 must be revised by July 1, 2018.

July 1, 2019 (Grades 11 & 12) – Grade 11 and 12 BAA courses that Boards/Authorities want to offer in 2019/20 must be revised by July 1, 2019.

Courses must be reviewed and revised according to the [new BAA guidelines](#) to 1) determine which will be replaced by new Ministry courses; and 2) align all others with the new Ministry curriculum, reflecting the Know-Do-Understand curriculum design.

4. Will Communications 12, English First Peoples 12, Français langue seconde - immersion 12 and Français langue première 12 still be offered for one more year, along with associated exams?

Yes. The existing 11 & 12 curriculum and associated exams will still exist for 2018/19.

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2004 AND 2018 GRADUATION PROGRAMS

5. How do I know which Graduation Program my students are on?

- Students in Grades 10 and 11 in the 2017/18 school year – and beyond – are on the 2018 Graduation Program.
- This year’s Grade 12 students are the last students on the 2004 Graduation Program.

6. What is the difference between the 2004 and 2018 Graduation Program?

	2004	2018
Grade Levels	Grades 10, 11 and 12	Grades 10, 11 and 12
Credits	52 Required Credits + 28 Elective Credits 80 Credits Total	Same as 2004
Required Subject Areas (Similar subject areas over time, but content and titles changed)	Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts and Applied Skills	Same as 2004, but with more provincial course offerings (See question #24 for a list of SS courses that satisfy the 2018 graduation requirement)
	Planning: Graduation Transitions	Career Life Education; Career Life Connections + Capstone (See question #30 for how students in Grades 10 & 11 this 2017/18 school year will fulfill this graduation requirement)
	Physical Education	Same as 2004
Electives	28 credits of electives	Same as 2004
Assessments	Five mandatory provincial exams blended with courses: Language Arts 10, Science 10, Mathematics 10, Social Studies 11, and Language Arts 12.	Two mandatory stand-alone provincial assessments: Numeracy Assessment and Literacy Assessment.

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7. What courses meet the 2018 Graduation Program requirements?

- Graduation requirements are maintained at 80 credits total, with a minimum of 16 at the Grade 12 level and 28 elective course credits. The 52 credits of required courses are:
 - 8 credits of Career Education (see question #30 for how students will fulfill this requirement)
 - Physical and Health Education (four credits)
 - Science 10 (four credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (four credits)
 - Social Studies 10 (four credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (four credits) *see question #24 for which courses will fulfill this requirement
 - A Math 10 (four credits), **and** a Math 11 or 12 (four credits)
 - A Language Arts 10, 11 & 12 (12 credits)
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 **and/or** an Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (four credits)

8. Will this change to the 11 & 12 curriculum implementation timeline impact students who are already in progress towards completing the 2004 Graduation Program?

No. This year's Grade 12 students will be the last cohort of students to graduate on the 2004 Graduation Program. The later implementation date for the new Grades 11 and 12 curriculum will not affect these students.

9. By what date do students on the 2004 Graduation Program (this year's Grade 12s) have to complete their graduation requirements? What happens if they do not?

June 30, 2018.

If the student is unable to complete their graduation requirements by this date, they will be transferred to the 2018 Graduation Program. Any courses and exams they will have completed by that date that would have counted towards the 2004 program will count towards the 2018 program.

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EXAMS AND ASSESSMENTS – GENERAL

10. For students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 in 2017/18, which graduation program are they on, which exams or assessments do they have to write, and when?

Students in Grade 10 in 2017/18 will:

- Follow the 2018 Graduation Program requirements
- Write the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments before graduation (the Numeracy Assessment is being introduced in 2017/18; the Literacy Assessment is being introduced in 2019/20)

Students in Grade 11 in 2017/18 will:

- Follow the 2018 Graduation Program requirements
- Write the Numeracy Assessment before graduation (the Numeracy Assessment is being introduced in 2017/18)
- Take a Language Arts 12 course and write the associated provincial exam

Students in Grade 12 in 2017/18 will:

- Finish all the 2004 Graduation Program requirements
- Have completed a Math 10, a Language Arts 10, a Science 10 and have written associated provincial exams*
- Take a Language Arts 12 course and write the associated provincial exam
- **Not** write the new Numeracy or Literacy Assessments

*Note: Students on the 2004 Graduation Program who **completed** a Math 10, Language Arts 10 or Science 10 course **after** June 2016 will have satisfied the associated graduation requirements by finishing the course. They will not have to write associated provincial exams, as those exams were retired as of June 30, 2016.

11. How long do students have to write or rewrite the previous provincial exams?

The provincial exams for Math 10, LA 10 and Science 10 are closed. Associated courses are now fully assessed in the classroom. Students who completed associated courses by June 30, 2016 had one year (until June 2017) to write / re-write their exams to satisfy course-completion requirements. If they did not complete the exam in time, they have not fulfilled the course completion requirements. If they are intending on graduating this school year (2017/18), they are on the 2004 Graduation Program. Since

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there is no longer an exam for them to write and “complete” their course, **they will need to re-take the course this year to satisfy completion requirements for that course.**

See Question 23 for Language Arts 12 information.

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GRADUATION NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

12. When will the new Numeracy Assessment be implemented?

The Numeracy Assessment will be introduced in 2018 through a managed implementation, with volunteer schools in January 2018 and full implementation in June 2018. It is a requirement on the 2018 Graduation Program.

13. How do I know if my school is part of the volunteer cohort writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment in January 2018?

Please email the Ministry: exams@gov.bc.ca

14. Can I still register my school / students for the volunteer January session?

No. Registration for the January session is closed. All other students will have an opportunity to write the Numeracy Assessment in June or August 2018, or a subsequent session.

15. Which students have to write the Numeracy Assessment?

- Students in Grade 10 or 11 in this school year (2017/18) and beyond are on the Graduation 2018 program, and therefore must complete the Numeracy Assessment in order to graduate.
- Students on the 2018 Graduation Program can write the Numeracy Assessment during their graduation years (10-12).

16. Will it be tied to a course? What assessment indicators will be used?

- The Numeracy Assessment will not be tied to any course but will measure student proficiency in numeracy.
- A number from 1-4 (representing the four proficiency categories: emerging-developing-proficient-extending) will appear as a standalone item on a student's transcript as a 2018 Graduation Program Requirement.
- Students can improve their proficiency by rewriting the assessment twice during their graduation years (Grades 10-12).

17. My student wants to write the Graduation Numeracy Assessment so they can have that additional information on their transcript, even though they aren't on the 2018 Graduation Program. Is that allowed?

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Students on the 2004 Graduation Program may opt to write the assessment; however, the mark will not appear on their transcript because the Numeracy Assessment does not pertain to 2004 Graduation Program requirements. They would, however, be able to view and print their result from the [StudentTranscripts service](#) (under exams/assessments).

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GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT

18. When will the Literacy Assessment be implemented?

- The Literacy Assessment will be implemented in 2019/20, to align with the implementation of the Grade 11 and 12 curriculum.

19. Will it be tied to a course? What assessment indicators will be used?

- The Literacy Assessment will not be tied to any course but will measure student proficiency in literacy.
- A number from 1-4 (representing the four proficiency categories: emerging-developing-proficient-extending) will appear as a standalone item on a student's transcript as a 2018 Graduation Program Requirement.
- Students can improve their proficiency by rewriting the Literacy Assessment up to two times during their graduation years (Grades 10-12).

20. Which students have to write the new Literacy Assessment?

- Students in Grade 10 this school year (2017/18) are on the 2018 Graduation Program and must complete the Literacy Assessment in order to graduate. They will write the new Literacy Assessment during the 2019/20 school year.
 - If any of these students have completed a provincial Language Arts 12 exam (with the associated course) by that time, that exam will satisfy the Literacy Assessment graduation requirement for these students.
- Students in Grade 11 this school year (2017/18) are on the 2018 Graduation Program; however, they will write a Language Arts 12 provincial exam to satisfy their graduation requirements.

21. This year's Grade 10 students are going to be in Grade 12 when the Literacy Assessment is introduced in 2019/20. What options will they have for re-writing the assessment and improving their proficiency category?

The schedule for the 2019/20 Literacy Assessment will be planned to ensure this year's Grade 10 students have three opportunities to write the assessment in 2019/20, when they are in Grade 12. Details are forthcoming.

22. What is the best way for teachers to explore the new Grade 12 curriculum before it is mandated in 2019/20, and at the same time prepare their students for the Language Arts 12 exams that are based on the current curriculum?

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Until 2019/20, teachers of the five Language Arts 12 examinable courses are encouraged to try the new curriculum, but should only do so partially to ensure their students are still well prepared for their course-based Language Arts 12 exams.

23. What is the last session of the Language Arts 12 exams?

The Language Arts 12 exams will be phased out as the Literacy Assessment is introduced in 2019/20.

Until the Literacy Assessment is fully implemented in the 2019/20 school year, the Language Arts 12 exam will remain in place and will continue to be 40% of the final, blended mark for Language Arts 12 courses.

Students graduating next school year (2018/19) will take a Language Arts 12 course and associated provincial exam to satisfy graduation requirements for the 2018 Graduation Program.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

24. Which Social Studies courses will meet the graduation requirement for students in the 2018 Graduation Program?

Students in Grades 10 and 11 this year (2017/18) are on the 2018 Graduation Program. The Social Studies 11/12 requirement for these students is flexible; any of the **new** Ministry Social Studies 11 or 12 courses (i.e., those that will be used in all BC schools in 2019/20) will meet the requirement:

Explorations in Social Studies 11	Comparative World Religions 12 with elaborations	Philosophy 12
Francophone History 11	Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12	Philosophy 12 with elaborations
20th Century World History 12	Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 with elaborations	Political Studies 12
20th Century World History 12 with elaborations	Economics 12	Political Studies 12 with elaborations
Asian Studies 12	Economics 12 with elaborations	Physical Geography 12
Asian Studies 12 with elaborations	Genocide Studies 12	Physical Geography 12 with elaborations
B.C. First Peoples 12	Genocide Studies 12 with elaborations	Social Justice 12
B.C. First Peoples 12 with elaborations	Human Geography 12	Social Justice 12 with elaborations
Comparative Cultures 12	Human Geography 12 with elaborations	Urban Studies 12
Comparative Cultures 12 with elaborations	Law Studies 12	Urban Studies 12 with elaborations
Comparative World Religions 12	Law Studies 12 with elaborations	

For students on the 2018 Graduation Program (i.e., graduating after June 2018), any of the **current** elective Ministry Grade 12 Social Studies courses completed will also meet the Social Studies 11/12 requirement because some of these students will have completed these courses prior to the introduction of the new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum in 2019/20. These courses are as follows:

- Comparative Civilizations 12
- Geography 12
- History 12
- Law 12
- Social Justice 12

25. Which Social Studies courses will meet the Socials Studies 11 or 12 graduation requirements for students on the 2004 Graduation Program?

Students graduating in 2017/18 are on the 2004 Graduation Program.

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There is no change to the courses that satisfy the Social Studies 11/12 requirement on the 2004 Graduation Program. The most commonly used courses are: Social Studies 11, Civic Studies 11, and BC First Nations Studies 12. To find other courses that also satisfy this requirement, visit the [online Course Registry](#): Advanced Search>>2004 Graduation Program>>Social Studies

26. What do the Social Studies graduation requirements for the 2004 Graduation Program vs 2018 Graduation Program look like side by side?

Student cohort	Social Studies courses that will meet their graduation requirement
Students in Grade 12 this year (2017/18) are on the 2004 Graduation Program	There is no change to the courses that satisfy the Social Studies 11/12 requirement on the 2004 Graduation Program. The most commonly used courses are: Social Studies 11, Civic Studies 11, and BC First Nations Studies 12.
Students in Grades 10 & 11 this year (2017/18) are on the 2018 Graduation Program	<p>Any of the new Ministry Social Studies 11 or 12 courses (i.e., those that will be used in all BC schools in 2019/20) will meet the requirement on the 2018 Graduation Program.</p> <p>AND the following current elective Ministry Grade 12 Social Studies courses will also meet the requirement on the 2018 Graduation Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Civilizations 12* • Geography 12* • History 12* • Law 12* • Social Justice 12*
Students in Grade 9 this year and beyond are also on the 2018 Graduation Program	<p>Any of the new Ministry Social Studies 11 or 12 courses (i.e., those that will be used in all BC schools in 2019/20) will meet the requirement on the 2018 Graduation Program.</p> <p>AND the following current elective Ministry Grade 12 Social Studies courses will also meet the requirement on the 2018 Graduation Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Civilizations 12* • Geography 12* • History 12* • Law 12* • Social Justice 12*

* The last year these courses will be offered will be in 2018/19.

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CAREER PLANNING

27. What's changing?

The biggest change to course requirements for students on the 2018 Graduation Program involves the retirement of two career courses (Planning 10 and Graduation Transitions), and the introduction of 8 credits in Career Education:

- Career Life Education
- Career Life Connections + Capstone Project

Together these “courses” form 8 credits. The intention is for schools to be flexible with delivery and not necessarily to see them only as two 4-credit courses, but rather 8 credits to be achieved during the student’s graduation years (10-12). More information about possible delivery models is forthcoming.

28. What career education courses will be used in all BC schools in 2018/19?

- Career Life Education
- Graduation Transitions

29. What career education courses will be used in all BC schools in 2019/20?

- Career Life Education
- Career Life Connections + Capstone

30. How will students in Grades 10 & 11 this 2017/18 school year fulfill their career education requirements?

Current Grades 10 and 11 students are on the 2018 Graduation Program and will be able to meet this graduation requirement with any of the following combinations:

Planning 10/Grad Transitions

Planning 10/Career Life Connections + Capstone

Career Life Education/Grad Transitions

Career Life Education/Career Life Connections + Capstone

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31. If a student in Grade 9 this school year (2017/18) takes Planning 10 to get ahead, will it still satisfy their graduation requirements?

Yes. Students in Grade 9 this year (2017/18) are on the new 2018 Graduation Program. Planning 10 will satisfy Career Life Education, one of the two required Career Education courses on the 2018 Graduation program. The same follows for any student on the 2018 Graduation Program who takes Planning 10 this year.

32. How long will Planning 10 and Grad Transitions be available?

Planning 10 will be retired as of June 30, 2018.

Grad Transitions will be retired as of June 30, 2019.

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COURSE CODES

33. I am using the draft curriculum. What course codes should I use?

New course codes for Grade 10 will be available for use in MyEd by the end November 2017. Schools should use the new Grade 10 course codes for their 2018/19 scheduling and reporting.

New course codes for Grades 11 and 12 will be available for use in MyEd in Fall 2018. For the 2018/19 school year, teachers can trial parts of the draft Grades 11 and 12 curriculum but schools should continue to schedule and report using current course codes, at their own discretion. This is the same process used for trialing the 10-12 curriculum in 2016/17 and 2017/18.