

Welcome to the Graduation Program!

Vanier Catholic Secondary School
Classes of 2021-2024

Graduation Requirements at a Glance

- Students in Yukon follow the BC graduation program <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation>
- Students at Vanier follow the BC graduation program plus the Catholic Schools of Whitehorse graduation program
- Students take Religious Education courses in grades 10, 11 and 12. All of these courses count for graduation credits.

What does it mean to be a Vanier Grad?

- Vanier graduates participate in the life of the school community, including but not limited to Religious Education courses every year.
- Vanier graduates will have the experience of a caring and close community of teachers and students who grow with them throughout their graduation program.

What are “credits”

- Credits are units of value assigned to courses in grades 10-12.
- Students must pass a course with at least 50% to earn credits.
- Most courses are 4 credit courses
 - English, Math, Social Studies, Sciences, PE, most electives
 - Some courses are 2 credits

What are “External Credits”

- External Credits are credits students may earn by participating in certain extra curricular activities.
- A certain level of achievement is always tied to External Credits.
- BC Ministry of Education sets the policy and requirements for earning external credits, not individual schools.

External Credits continued

- Some common examples: Lifeguarding–Bronze Cross and National Lifeguard course, Arctic Winter Games team, National championships–individual or team, Driver’s Ed, RCM music–minimum Grade 6 level with grade 2 theory, Yukon Tourism course, Cadets (must attain a certain level), Scuba certification, Coaching certification with min. 75 hours coaching, Officiating certification with min. 75 hours officiating. There are many more–ask and we can tell you if an external activity counts for credits.

What External Credits are NOT...

- Taking lessons in sport, music, dance, art, etc.
- Hunters' education, firearms safety
- Basic First Aid courses-Red Cross or St. John's
- Competition or ranking in non-recognized sporting activities
- Working at a part-time job
- Teaching lessons to others or coaching, unless there is an instructor's certificate and requisite hours
- Referee work at school tournaments, unless the Officiating course work and hours are completed.
- Community service
- Student travel or exchanges

How many credits does a student
need to graduate?

Minimum of 80 credits

COURSE ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS

A	(86-100%)	Excellent Performance
B	(73-85%)	Very Good Performance
C+	(67-72%)	Good Performance
C	(60-66%)	Satisfactory Performance
C-	(50-59%)	Minimally Acceptable Performance
SG	Standing granted where completion of normal requirements was not possible but credit was granted on the basis of adjudication by the school for non-examinable courses.	
TS	May be granted by the principal, vice principal or director of instruction in charge of a school on the basis of an examination of records from an institution other than a school as defined in the School Act.	

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS

1	Emerging -	Demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
2	Developing -	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
3	Proficient -	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
4	Extending -	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.
MET	Literacy Assessment requirement met by a Language Arts 12 provincial exam and/or Numeracy Assessment requirement met by a Mathematics 10 provincial exam.	

2018 Graduation Program Requirements

Minimum 80 credits over Grade 10-12, including successful completion of the courses listed below. Students may have earned more than 80 credits but not have successfully completed all required courses. All Ministry-Authorized, Board/Authority-Authorized, or post-secondary courses count toward graduation.

- The graduation requirements below are designated by a code number (e.g. 1-13) in the REQ column:
 - 1 = Language Arts 10 (4 credits)*
 - 2 = Language Arts 11 (4 credits)
 - 3 = Language Arts 12 (4 credits)
 - 4 = Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
 - 5 = Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - 6 = Mathematics 10 (4 credits)
 - 7 = Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - 8 = Science 10 (4 credits)
 - 9 = Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - 10 = Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - 11 = Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills and Technology 10, 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - 12 = Career Life Education (4 credits)
 - 13 = Career Life Connections (4 credits)
- * If more than one course is designated as meeting requirement 1, then 2 credits from each course are being counted toward the requirement.
- In addition to the above 13 requirements, students need 28 credits for Elective Courses (00). Minimum of 16 of 80 credits, including Language Arts 12, must be at the Grade 12 level. Plus, students must meet the Literacy Graduation Assessment requirement (15) and the Numeracy Graduation Assessment requirement (16).

All Grade 10 and 11 courses are reported as Final % only, even for courses where an exam may have been written.

ABBREVIATIONS

AEG	Aegrotat standing for a provincial exam or assessment because of illness or domestic affliction.
AP	Advanced Placement Course.
BA	Board/Authority-Authorized Course.
LD	Locally Developed Course.
IB	International Baccalaureate Course.
IDS	Independent Directed Studies Course.

For post-secondary courses (PSI) see post-secondary transcript for additional course details.

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED

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Required Courses Grade 10

- English Composition + either Literary Studies, Creative Writing, Spoken Word, or New Media (4)
- Math 10 = either Workplace 10 or Foundations and Pre-Calculus 10 (4)
- Science 10 (4)
- PE 10 (4)
- Religion 10 (2)
- Career Education 10 (4) } These two courses are taught together
- Social Studies 10 (4)
- Elective Some students will take French 10, Science Humanities 10 or Intro Spanish (4)
- Elective Many students will take an arts or practical skills course* – Foods, Woodshop, Art, Music, Drama, Media studies (Yearbook), Technology Exploration (4)

* At least 1 arts or practical skills course is required for graduation.

- Fundamentals of Math 10-helps students who arrive in grade 10 with significant gaps in their math knowledge and are interested in pursuing the Foundations and Pre-Calc 10 course. No credits
- Fundamentals of English 10-helps students who may be new to English academics, or have significant learning gaps and need extra support before taking English 10. No credits
- If a student needs to take one or both Fundamentals courses, it does not put them “behind” for graduation.
- Most students will have earned 34 credits by the end of grade 10.

Biggest Adjustment for Grade 10s

- 4 courses in a semester (4 ½ months)
- (Most) failed courses must be repeated or remediated through summer school
- More responsibility and more “out of school” study needed
- Tests and exams now make up a bigger part of your mark
- Different teachers for most classes
- Study skills make a big difference

Decisions to Make-Second Language Courses

- Second Language at grade 10 and up
- Some universities still require a second language at the grade 11 level.
- Most universities do NOT require a second language.
- No college programs that we are aware of require a second language.

Sciences Humaines 10

- Social Studies 10 in French
- Gives students a more enriched French experience
- Prepares students to go straight to French 11
- Evaluated on their understanding and abilities of competencies and content, not French grammar
- Language and resources are adapted for student levels of French
- English activities and guest speakers are part of the course: Blanket Exercise, excursions to the McBride Museum, Legislative Assembly, veterans...
- Students do not have to have excellent French-language skills for this course; students learn the terms and structures they need to communicate their ideas and understanding as we advance through different themes.

It's a great challenge and a great way to improve and expand your French language skills.

More Decisions: Math

- At grade 10 math is broken into two paths:
- Workplace math 10
- Foundations and Pre-Calculus math 10

Math Beyond Grade 10

- In grade 11 and 12, the math pathways become more diverse:

One Path: Workplace 10 → Workplace 11 → Apprenticeship 12

Another Path: Foundations & Pre-Calculus 10

Foundations of Math 11

Foundations 12

Pre-Calculus 11

Pre-Calculus 12

After Pre-Calc 12 students can take Calculus 12 at Vanier or Math 100 at Yukon University in the dual credit program

Curriculum Guides

- Find Information about all the BC curriculum at:
- <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>
- Please remember we are a small school and cannot offer all the options a large school is able to.
- We do always offer enough courses of variety and challenge for students to follow any dream they choose after high school!

Other opportunities (non-pandemic)

- Encounters with Canada
- Shad Valley
- Forum for Young Canadians
- Envirothon
- Dominican Republic Exposure program
- European Battlefields trip
- Student exchanges to France
- Work Experience
- Rotary Youth Leadership program

Scholarships

- Most major scholarships look at marks from grade 11 and 12, and sometimes grade 10
- Some scholarships such as the Loran Award (\$70,000) and the TD Canada Trust Award (\$70,000) look at grade 10 and 11 and choose so early in the grade 12 year that grade 12 marks do not enter in.

Scholarships

- Most university entrance awards are based on grade 12 marks, but some are based on grade 11 and 12
- Almost all major awards are based on a combination of marks, leadership, participation in school life, recommendations and community service.

Supports for Students

Counselling

Learning Assistance

Skills class for students who have been referred

English Language Learner specialist teachers

Tutoring

Career Education 10

Career Life Planning and Capstone 12

Shared Programs

- These programs admit students based on application. Not all students who apply will get in.
- Students keep Vanier as their “home school” while in the programs.
- ACES, CHAOS, MAD –(*all Wood street*), FADS(PC) and Sports School (FH) are all 1 semester grade 10 programs and are available for students to apply for in the coming months.
- Teachers from these programs will visit Vanier to explain what they are and what the application process is.
- Students may not be able to schedule all the needed grade 10 courses that year and may need to take one grade 10 course in grade 11. This does not put them “behind”.

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE – SIGNED – BY February 19th 2021.
2018 Graduation Program – 80 credits are required for graduation (see reverse for details)

	10 Level Courses	11 Level Courses	12 Level Courses
Language Arts	4 credits of the following are required: o Composition 10 (2 credits) o Creative Writing 10 (2 credits) o Focused Literary Studies 10 (2 credits) o New Media 10 (2 credits) o Spoken Language 10 (2 credits) o Fundamentals 10 (non credit) by recommendation	One of the following is required: o EFP: Literary Studies + Writing 11 o EFP: Literary Studies + New Media 11	The following is required: o English Studies 12
Mathematics	4 credits of the following is required: o Workplace Math 10 (4 credits) o Foundations and PreCalc 10 (4 credit) o Fundamentals 10 (non credit) by recommendation	One of the following is required in Grade 11 or 12 (not both): o Foundations of Mathematics 11 o Pre-calculus 11 o Workplace Mathematics 11 o Apprenticeship 12 o Calculus 12 o Foundations of Mathematics 12 o Pre-calculus 12	
Social Studies	One of the following is required: o Social Studies 10 o Sciences Humaines 10	One of the following is required in Grade 11 or 12 (not both): o 20th Century World History 12 o Asian (Philippines) Studies 12 o Comparative Cultures 12 o Genocide Studies 12 o Law Studies 12 o Political Studies 12 o Yukon First Nations 12	
Sciences	The following is required: o Science 10	One of the following is required in Grade 11 or 12 (not both): o Chemistry 11 o Earth Sciences 11 o Environmental Science 11 o Life Sciences 11 o Physics 11 o Science for Citizens 11 o Anatomy and Physiology 12 o Chemistry 12 o Environmental Science 12 o Physics 12	
Religious Education	The following is required: o Christ & Culture 10 (2 credits)	The following is required: o Comparative World Religions 12	One of the following is required: o Morals and Ethics 12 o Social Justice 12 o Philosophy 12
Career Education	The following is required: o Career Life Education		The following is required: o Career Life Connections + Capstone
Physical Education	The following is required: o Physical Education 10	o Active Living 11/12 o Fitness and Conditioning 11/12	
Languages	o French 10	o French 11 o Intro Spanish 11 o Spanish 11	o French 12
Arts Education/ Applied Skills, Design & Technology Open for grades 10-12 One Art/ASDT course is required for graduation	o Visual Arts o Drama, Film and Television o Media Arts (Yearbook) o Computer Information Systems o Entrepreneurship/Finance o Food Studies o Textiles o Drama/Theatre Production o Economics o Metal Shop	o Carpentry o Woodwork o Technology Exploration o Concert Band* o Rock Band* o Jazz Band* o Choral Music* o Music Composition and Technology* o Praise & Worship Music* (* May be scheduled outside timetable)	Other Credit Options (see counsellors for details) o Dual-Credit at Yukon College (e.g. English 100 or Math 100) o External Credentials (e.g. Driver's Ed, Athlete) o Independent Directed Study
Other Elective Credits	o Learning Strategies o Psychology 12 o Work Experience 12 (can be taken more than once)		
Shared Program Options	o MAD 10 >< o FADS 10 >< o ACES 10	o CHAOS 10 o Sport School o FACES 10	o MAD 11 >< o ES 11 >< o FADS 11 ><
	Note: Entry to shared programs is determined by an application process administered by the hosting school		

Detailed curriculum information (and course descriptions) can be found at
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>