



**Mennonite Educational Institute**  
**Secondary School**

**Course Planning 2020-2021**

**For Grade 9 going into Grade 10**

**Tuesday March 3, 2020**  
**Period 4 (12:10 to 1:25)**

**Presentation Handout & Course Calendar available online on the  
MEI Secondary Resources Link:**

**<https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>**

# New Course Selection Process

- No more hard copy course selection sheet to fill out and submit
- Selection is done online through *MyEducation BC* student portal  
<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- MEI will send to Parents/Guardians Login ID and temporary Password by email on Friday March 6. You will have one week to discuss with your parents/teachers/counsellors to decide what courses you should be taking next year
- Portal opens on **Monday March 9 at 8:30 AM**  
You have three weeks from then to choose, change and post (save) your courses for next year
- Portal closes on **Monday March 30 at 4:00 PM**

# Purpose of Course Planning

To help students make wise decisions regarding:

- ❑ completing MEI and B.C. Ministry of Education Graduation requirements (Dogwood Diploma)
- ❑ choosing courses that will help prepare students for life after high school
- ❑ taking advantage of opportunities to use gifts and strengths, to further develop potential and to serve God and others

# Top 10 Factors to Consider in Course Planning

1. Time and Resources to live a BALANCED life (as much as possible - emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, spiritually)
2. MEI grade promotion criteria
3. MEI Graduation Program requirements
4. MEI course pre & co-requisites
5. Individual academic strengths & weaknesses
6. Individual interest, ability and spiritual giftedness
7. Exploration of a variety of life / educational experiences
8. Future life & realistic career goals
9. Post-secondary options (within the context of balance, educational experiences, strengths, gifts, weaknesses, reality etc.)
10. University / College entrance requirements (reality vs. myth)



# Grade Promotion

- ❑ **Grade 9 Required Courses** (English, Math, Science, Socials, Bible) that are not completed satisfactorily must be repeated :
  1. at MEI next year **OR**
  2. in summer school (if available) **OR**
  3. Online
  
- ❑ **Students must pass Bible 9 in order to return to MEI the following year.**

# Helpful Resources

## ☐ MEI Course Planning Resources

<https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>

- ❖ 2020-2021 MEI Secondary Course Calendar
- ❖ Grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 Course Selection Information
- ❖ Application Forms
- ❖ PDF Slides of this presentation
- ❖ Course Permission Slip

☐ Counsellors

☐ Parents

☐ Trusted Adults

☐ PSI Advisors/Recruiters

# MEI Graduation Program

Students must complete a minimum of 80 grade 10 – 12 credits (16 of the 80 credits must be grade 12 credits)

This includes:

- ❑ 64 Required Credits
- ❑ 16 Elective Course Credits (minimum)

See back of the Grade 10 Course Selection Form for a detailed summary of the MEI Graduation Program

# Required Credits (64 credits)

- Bible 10, 11, 12
- Career Life Education (CLE) during your Grade 10 year
- Career Life Connections including Capstone Projects (CLC) during your Grade 12 year
- Literary Studies 10 & Composition 10
- Literary Studies 11 AND English Studies 12
- A Mathematics 10 AND 11
- An Arts Education AND/OR An Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies in grade 10, 11 or 12
- Social Studies 10
- Exploration in Social Studies 11 OR a Social Study 12 Course (20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12, Physical Geography 12, or Law Studies 12)
- Science 10 AND a Science 11 course
- Physical Health Education 10

# Three Graduation Assessments

- **One Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) written in Grade 10.**
- **Two Graduation Literacy Assessments (GLA) one written in Grade 10 and the other one in Grade 12.**
- **Does not count as part of your Math or English school marks but will receive a proficiency rating**
- **Similar to the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA) in Grade 4 and 7**

# More Electives Available Each Year

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1. Bible 10	1. Bible 11	1. Bible 12
2. Literary Studies 10 & Composition 10	2. Literary Studies 11	2. Career Life Connection
3. a Math 10	3. a Math 11	3. English Studies 12
4. Science 10	4. a Science 11	4.* _____ 12
5. Socials 10	5. a Socials 11 or 12	5.* _____ 10/11/12
6. PE 10	6.* _____ 10/11	6.* _____ 10/11/12
7. Career Life Education*	7.* _____ 10/11	7.* _____ 10/11/12
8. (6 credits) _____ 10	8.* _____ 10/11	8.* _____ 10/11/12
* Term Course	* Electives – students can chose what to take	* Electives – students can chose what to take



# Elective Credits

(minimum 16 credits)





They include:

- 8 credits of Grade 12 provincially authorized or Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses\*
- 8 credits of additional grade 10, 11 and 12 courses

\* Please consult Course Calendar for a complete listing of grade 10-12 courses (and their prerequisites) offered at MEI.

# Arts Education (AE) and/or Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)

Students must complete 4 grade 10, 11 or 12 AE and/or ADST credits in order to meet graduation requirements.

- \* Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincially Authorized AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement.
- \* Only Grade 11 Board Authority Authorized (BAA) AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement, not Grade 10 or 12 BAAs

# MEI's e-Career Life Education (CLE) 10 Online Course

\* IS for students who are self-disciplined, self-motivated, like working independently and are comfortable and proficient in using computer technology and communication software.

\* is NOT for students who need parents to remind them about school work and/or who have difficulty completing school work on time

❖ Students are not entitled to a study if they take the CLE online course

## Primary benefit of e-CLE 10:

\* Opportunity to take one more 2 credits elective

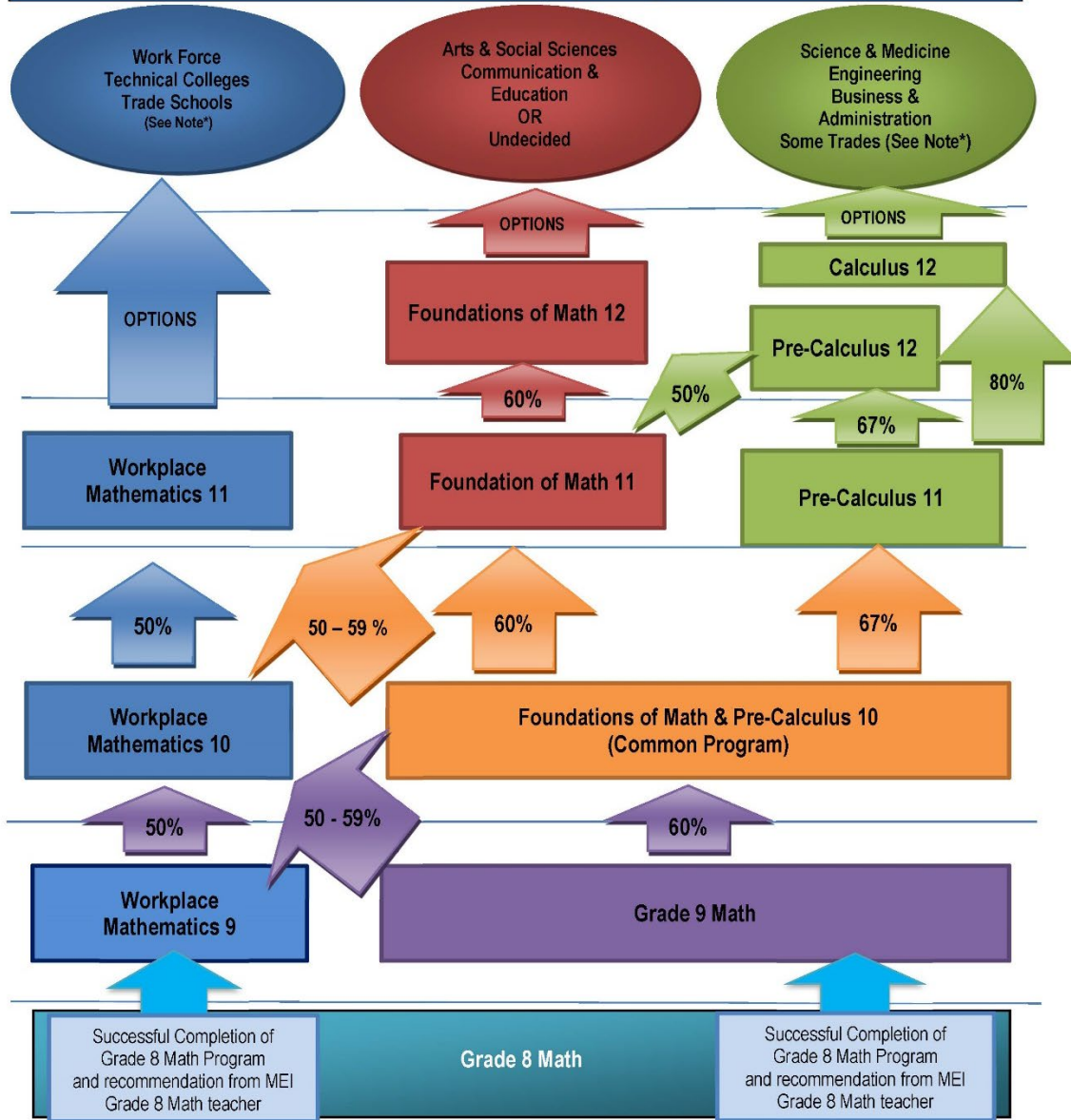
Please note: Additionally requested elective may not always fit into a student's timetable.

# Some Grade 10 Pre-requisites

<b>English Language Arts 10 Honours</b>	<b>80% in English 9 Honours</b>
<b>French 10</b>	<b>60% in French 9</b>
<b>Spanish 10</b>	<b>60% in Spanish 9</b>
<b>Foundation Math &amp; Pre-Calculus 10</b>	<b>60% or better in Mathematics 9</b>

**Remaining grade 10 academic courses students must pass with 50% to be promoted to the next level**

# Mathematics Pathways Diagram



**NOTE:** Some trades schools (e.g. Electrical at BCIT) require Pre-Calculus 11 or 12. Some post-secondary institutions (e.g. UBC Okanagan or UVF) do not have a mathematics pre-requisite preference as part of their admission. Please consult the general or program specific admission requirements of any PSI of your choice to know in advance what mathematics pre-requisite they are asking for.

# French or Spanish 10



As you are considering whether or not to carry on your education with a second language, it is important to take into account the following information:

- In order to take French or Spanish 10, 11 or 12 at MEI students must have previously successfully completed French 9 or Spanish 9. So, if you did not take French or Spanish 9 this year you will not be able to carry on in a second language in grade 10, 11, and 12 until you have met that pre-requisite.
- A second language IS optional in Grades 9-12. You do not need any second language to graduate



# Choosing Courses with Pre-requisites

Course Selection should be based on a student's final mark in the required pre-requisite course, however, if the required pre-requisite course is being taken in the second semester, students should base their course selection on their final mark in the required course the previous year. Students will still need to end up with the required pre-requisite in their requested course by the end of the semester, unless a Department Head or Teacher Designate waives the pre-requisite using a Course Permission Slip.

Department Head/Teacher Who can waive a prerequisite:

Mathematics	- Mr. Balzer
English Language Arts	- Mr. Nickel
French	- Mrs. Drew
Spanish	- Mr. Peters
Science	- Mrs. Thiessen

# Course Permission Slips

## ➤ 👉 Course Permission Slip 👈

➤ This permission slip must be used by a student hoping to get into a course where a prerequisite has not been met and an exception is being requested or permission from the teacher is needed before taking that particular course.

➤ The prerequisite has not been met because I : \_\_\_\_\_

➤ \_\_\_\_\_






➤ I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to take \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Name) (Course Title)

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher Signature)

➤ Submit this completed signed form to the General Office

# Grade 10 Application Forms

Required for:

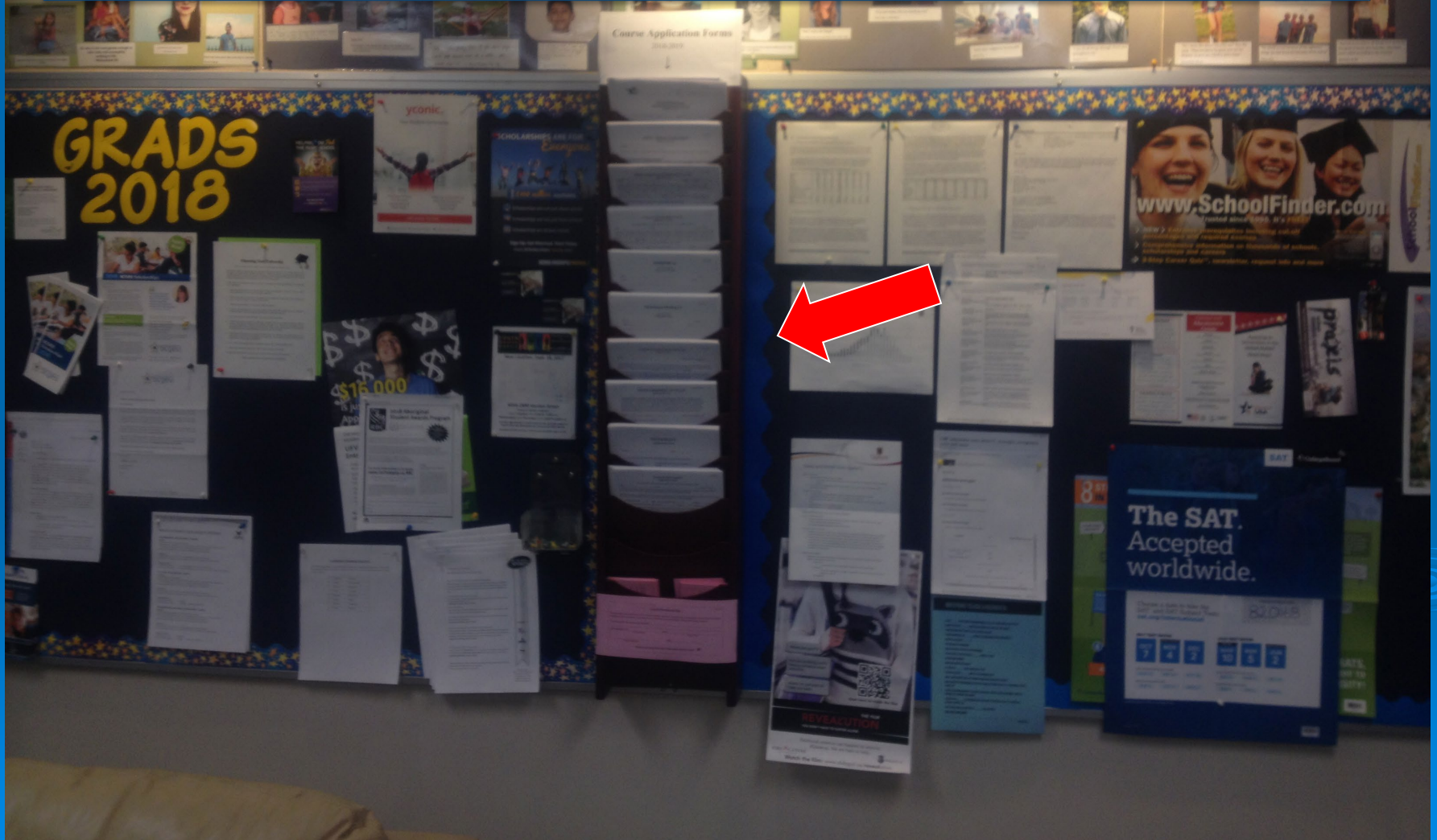
- Advance Performance PE 
- APEX: Student Leadership 10 
- eCareer Life Education (Online) 
- Junior Worship Leadership 10 
- Yearbook 10 

**Submit Completed Course Application Form  
to the General Office before March 30, 2020**

# Application Form Required (Limited Enrollment)

\* Application Forms are available in Student Services or online at:

<http://www.meischools.com/secondary/course-planning->





# External Credentials

External Credentials are approved BC Ministry of Education courses, programs, and assessments developed outside the regular school system.

Examples: ICBC Driver Education, RCM Music Courses, Bronze Cross, Red Cross First Aid, etc..

- ❖ Complete list of organizations and their courses is available on the web:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials>

See Mr. Girard to process request for external credits.

# I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!



DO NOT PANIC



# What should I do? Where should I go?

- Career Life Education Course (Grade 10 year)
- Career Life Connections (Grade 12 year)
- <https://myblueprint.ca/>



- <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>



# Keep Calm & Do Something

- Embrace unpredictability and change
- Do not be stuck on the one thing.
- Focus on the here and now of your journey
- It is normal to have very little or no ideas yet
- Do something and see what opportunities come along
- In non-moral decision, God will be please with what you choose
- A job or a title or money should not define you, no matter what others say

# Post Secondary Institutions (PSI) Admission Requirements

## ➤ General Admission Requirements

To get your foot in the door  
Basic requirements to apply



## ➤ Program Specific Admission Requirements

To qualify for a program a PSI offers (in addition to  
General Admission Requirements)

# What do PSIs want?

- University Websites (see links in the MEI Course Calendar)
- Meet with an academic guidance counsellor in Student Services
- Contact a University/College Advisor
- Visit a campus: Open House & View Days
- BC Post Secondary Annual Event (September)

# B.C. Second Language Information



Some things to consider:

- \* A grade 11 second language IS required for direct general admission to SFU (SFU will accept an Introductory Language 11) and UBC, but is NOT required at BCIT, TWU, UFV, UVIC and most other B.C. colleges and Bible colleges.
- \* If a student completes a full year of approved transferable post-secondary courses/credits at another institution, and then wants to transfer to SFU/UBC\*, SFU/UBC\* will not require a grade 11 second language.

NOTE: A second language 12 (or equivalent) is NOT required for general admission to UBC, but IS required as part of their Bachelor of Arts degree program.


# Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Admission Requirements

PSI's often have general admission requirements and program specific admission requirements:

- General Admission Requirements:
  - allow a student to “get their foot in the door”
  - are the basic requirements necessary to apply
- Program Specific Admission Requirements
  - allow students to qualify for a specific program at the PSI (the Program Specific Admission Requirements are usually in addition to General Admission Requirements)



# More Questions

- Schedule an appointment with a Counsellor
  - Drop-In during lunch or after school
  - Meet with teachers teaching a particular course (as around if you do not know)
  - Email us
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