



STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATIONAL PACKAGE

KCS is committed to ensuring that your child has everything they need to fulfill the Ministry of Education requirements for graduation. We strive to build a High School program that meets the needs of our students and prepares them for future studies in a post secondary institution. We understand that it can be overwhelming for parents and students to navigate the in's and out's of High School credit Ministry requirements and post secondary institution admission requirements. We are sending this package home in an effort to assist you and your child as you work through some of these topics. We hope it is a helpful tool as you consider your child's current schooling and their future plans as well.

Graduation - A Shared Responsibility

Each individual postsecondary institution has its own requirements for admittance and each program has even more specific requirements. It's important that you look at all the options for further education. The choices that students make in these High School years will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Often students will graduate from High School with the BC Ministry of Education requirements and not have the requirements to get into a post secondary institution of their choosing simply because the Ministry requirements differ from the institution's requirements.

The role of the Student Services Counselor is to ensure that all KCS students graduate our school with Ministry requirements met. KCS is not responsible for researching and planning your child's post-secondary education. The Student Services Counselor is eager to partner with you as you look into future education, but it is the responsibility of students and parents to research institution admission requirements individually. If you have questions regarding admittance requirements for a post secondary institution, please contact that specific institution for clarification.

Graduation Requirements

One of the Ministry of Education requirements for graduation is Daily Physical Activity (DPA). Each student in Grades 10-12 must complete 150 minutes of physical activity per week and must keep a log of their activity, have it signed by their parents and hand it in to their Bible teacher at the end of each term. Students will receive a log book from their teacher at the beginning of the year. Please note, students who do not hand in their signed DPA log will receive a "Not Meeting Expectations" note on their report card. Students who do not meet DPA expectations do not meet the Ministry of Education requirements and will not graduate! Because KCS is required to adhere to Ministry requirements, we must enforce DPA with all our students.

The graduation requirements at KCS exceed the Ministry of Education standards. You can be assured that your son/daughter will graduate from KCS with more than enough credits to receive an official Dogwood diploma from the Ministry of Education. The chart on the next page outlines what the Ministry of Education requires for graduation and how KCS fulfills and exceeds those requirements.

Credits	Ministry Requirements	KCS Fulfillment of Requirements	Credits	Additional KCS Required Courses
4	A Language Arts 10	English 10	4	Bible 11
4	A Social Studies 10	Social Studies 10	4	Bible 12
4	A Math 10	Math 10 or Math 10 AW	4	World Religions 12
4	A Science 10	Science 10	4	WEX 12A
4	Physical Education 10			

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1. KCS offers a small number of scholarships and bursaries for ~~G12~~ students. Students can apply through the school and will be ~~informed~~ by the Student Services Counselor when application forms are available and when they are ~~usually~~ (usually in late April or May).
2. All ~~post-secondary institutions~~ have entrance scholarships and bursaries. The deadlines for these awards are usually ~~before~~ the Christmas break. You will need to connect with the institution that your child will be attending for more information about the scholarships and bursaries available.
3. The ~~Ministry of Education~~ also offers scholarships and bursaries and the ~~deadlines~~ for these awards are near the end of January. To learn more about Ministry of Education awards and how to apply, please go to <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincialscholarships>

It is important that you get your applications done and submitted at least a week before they are due. However, it is our recommendation that you send them ~~three~~ weeks before they are due. Many scholarships and bursaries are awarded to students with good grades, but even more importantly, community service. Having a productive and ~~well~~ rounded High School life will help you both with personal growth and financial security.

Have More Questions?

While this is an exciting time for your son/daughter, it will most certainly be filled with uncharted waters for students and parents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding KCS academic courses, graduation requirements, scholarships or ~~post~~ secondary education, contact Mr. Baker at bbaker@kingschristianschool.cdn to set up a time to ~~come~~ in and talk through your questions. Students are always welcome to approach Mr. Baker at school and arrange a time to sit down and discuss their education as well. We are blessed with the opportunity to work together with you to set your child up for success!