BC MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - DOGWOOD DIPLOMA (2024/25)

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

Students require a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate.

Of these 80 credits:
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 and Career Life Connections
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
    - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
    - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
    - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
    - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
    - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
    - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (12 credits total)
    - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)
    - Indigenous-focused (4 credits)

In addition, students must also complete three graduation assessments:
- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2021/22

MSS - GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION POLICY

To participate in the graduation ceremony, students must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility for Graduation: Students must be on track to graduate by June 1st. This means they must either be enrolled in or have completed all required courses totaling 80 credits for graduation or meet the criteria for an Adult Graduation Diploma.

Passing Current Courses: Students must be passing all courses they are currently enrolled in as of June 1st.

Distance Learning Requirements: For any distance learning courses that are required for graduation, students must have completed at least two-thirds of the course by June 1st.

An initial grad list indicating those students eligible to participate will be posted in October with updates at the end of Term 2 and 3. A final list will be posted one week ahead of the deadline.