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# High School Orientation



What is high school all about?  
What do I need to do to graduate?  
Which courses am I interested in?

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# Who Are My Key Contacts?

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- [Mr. Scott MacDonald](#) - Principal
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# What is High School All About?

- Preparing yourself for some important choices for life after high school.
- Building your level of self-responsibility, self-confidence and positive work habits.
- Taking courses as prescribed by the provincial government for graduation.
- Being involved in the life of the school. You will only get out what you put in.
- Figuring out what you are interested in.



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# How is High School Different Than Junior High?

- Greater responsibility.
- You can fail and repeat courses.
- Credits determine graduation.
- Most academic courses are offered in advanced (university or college) and general streams (college and trades).



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# Alberta Education Requirements

- You need to graduate with a minimum of 100 credits with passing marks in courses laid out by the province.
- For instance:
  - You must pass PE 10
  - You must pass CALM 20
- You will take a minimum of 2 diploma exams to graduate, but this could be 5 for many of you.



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# English Language Arts

You have to take English in grades 10, 11 and 12

The two academic streams are advanced: 10-1, 20-1 and 30-1  
and general 10-2, 20-2, and 30-2

English 30 is a diploma exam course.





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# Social Studies

You have to take Social Studies in grades 10, 11 and 12.

These are offered at the advanced and general levels (-1, -2)

Social 30 is a diploma exam course.





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# Sciences

You have to take Science in grades 10 and 11, but grade 12 is recommended for those entering into college or university programs and some trades.

Science is offered in 2 streams. For instance, Science 10 or 14.

After grade 10, Science breaks into three branches: Biology, Chemistry and Physics for both grade 11 and 12.







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# Mathematics

You have to take math in grades 10 and 11 as a minimum, but a grade 12 math is recommended.

Math runs in three streams -1, -2 and -3 (some trades)

Math 10 C and Math 10-3 are the streams in Grade 10. You have been placed in one or the other based on Math 9 results.

Math 30-1 and 30-2 are diploma exam courses.





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# The “Must Haves”

- English 10, 20 30
- Social 10, 20, 30
- Math 10, 20
- A Science at 10, 20 or 14, 24
- Physical Education 10
- CALM 20

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# The “Other Haves”



10 credits from any combination of:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses (option courses like shop or foods)
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages courses
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Registered Apprenticeship Program courses



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# The Other, “Other Haves”



10 credits in any 30 level course, besides English and Social, such as:

Math 30 or a Science at the 30 level, or...

- Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses
- Art, Drama or Music at the 30 level
- 30-level Work Experience courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30





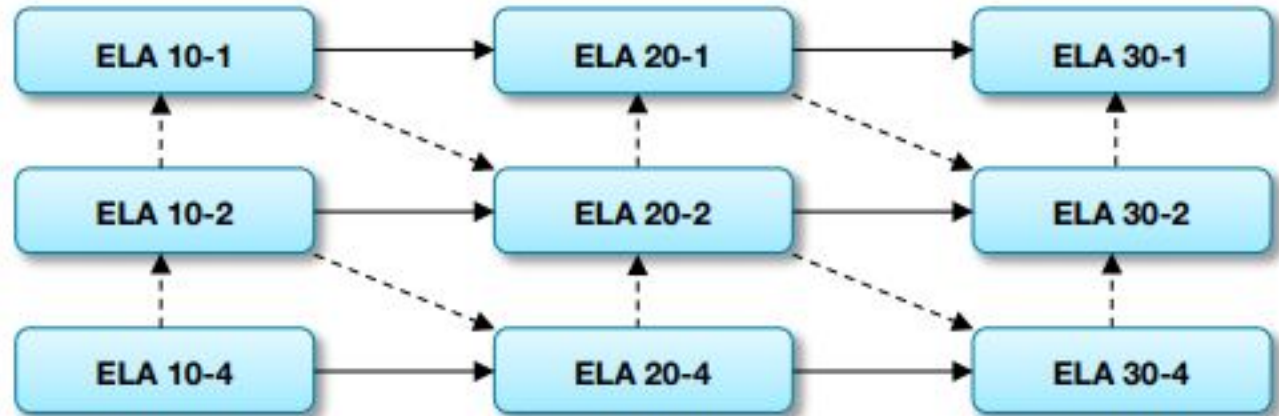
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# Which Courses Do I Choose?

- Will you be going to university?
- Are you thinking about college such as RDC or Olds?
- Is a trade school like NAIT or SAIT a possibility?
- Are you looking to apprentice in a trade?
- Take the higher level, if possible, if you are willing to work at it.
- Leave as many doors open to you as possible. Most people take some form of education beyond grade 12.
- Use myBlueprint to look at requirements of the careers you are interested in.

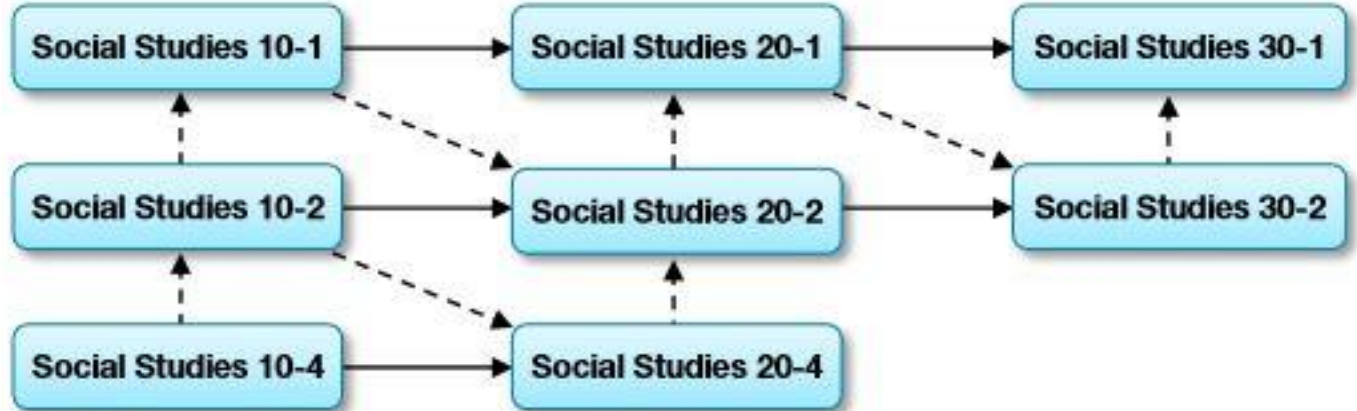
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# English Flowchart



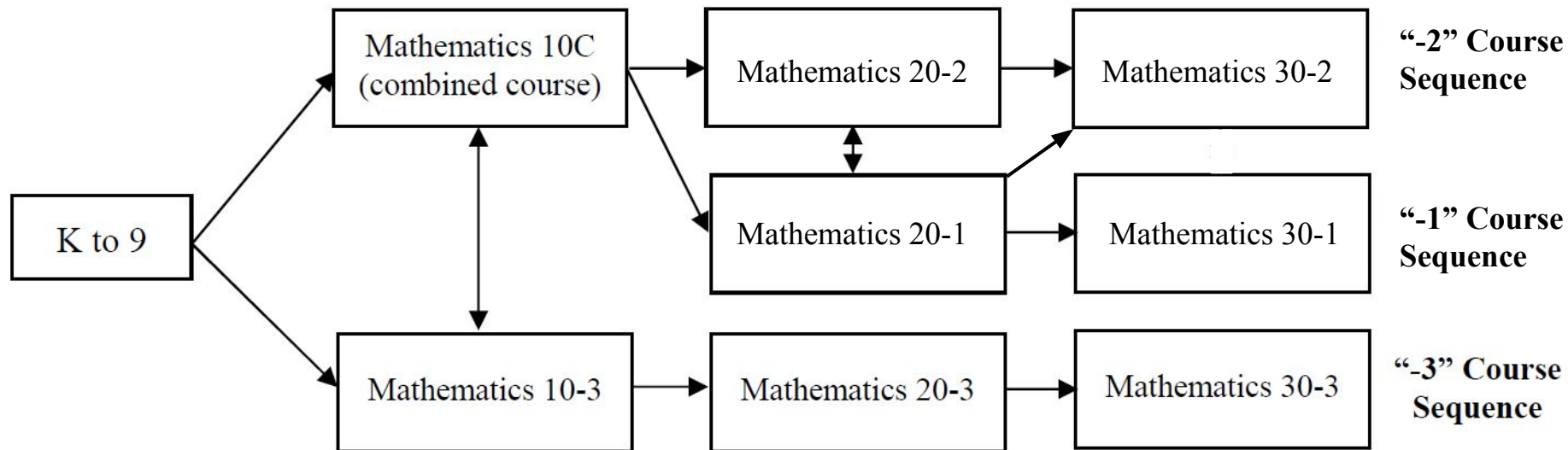
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# Social Studies Flowchart



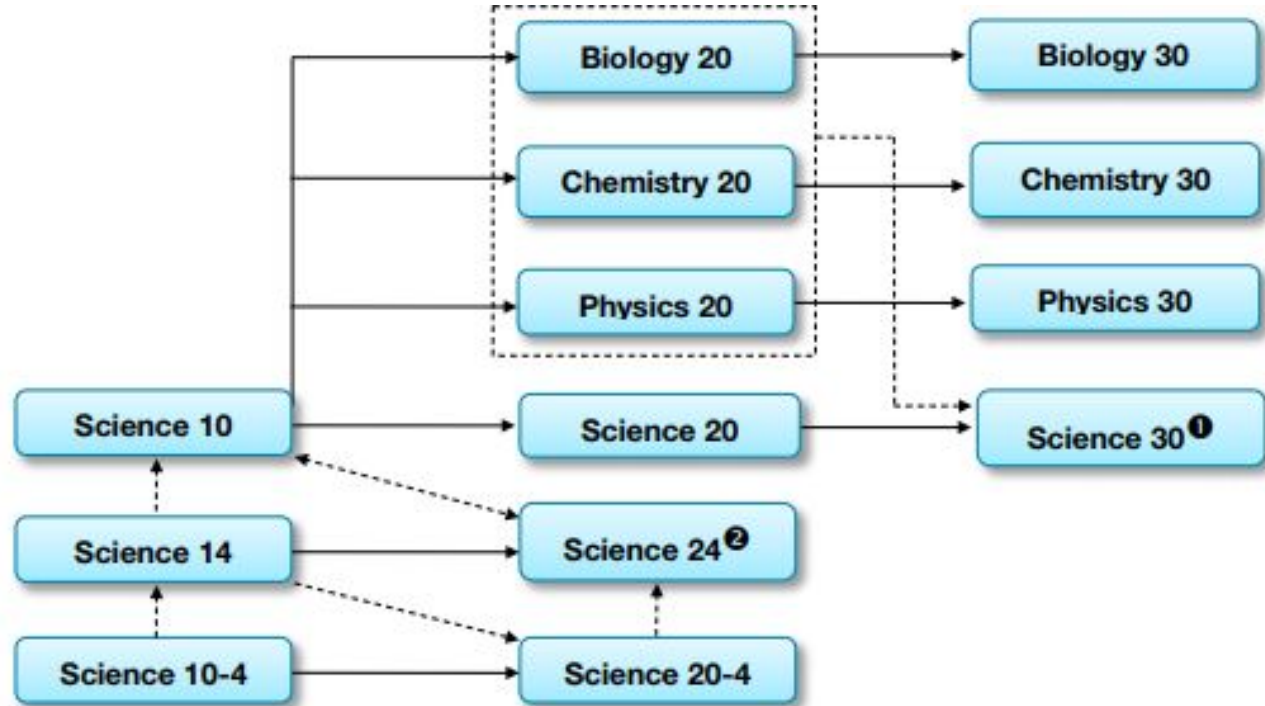
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# Mathematics Flowchart





# Science Flowchart





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# Additional Programs → Off Campus

- Green Certificate
  - Credit for demonstrating proficiency in agriculture-based disciplines
- Registered Apprenticeship Program
  - Earn credits as your work toward your apprenticeship
- Dual Credit
  - Earn both high school and post-secondary credits/credentials
- Career Exploration Internship
- Special Projects
- Work Experience

These programs typically start after the grade 10 year.



# Green Certificate

- Opportunities to enter a variety of agriculture-related pathways
- Earn up to 16, 30-level credits
- Students learn under the direction of experienced farm personnel
- Must pass “testing” to earn credits
- Trainees select one of the specializations, including:
  - *Beekeeper, Cow Calf Beef, Dairy, Feedlot Beef, Field Crop, Greenhouse, Irrigated Field Crop, Poultry-Broiler Chicken, Poultry-Hatching Egg, Poultry-Table Egg, Poultry- Turkey, Sheep, & Swine*



If you are interested in Green Certificate, please talk to Mrs. Roy or Mrs. Wassmer for more information.



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# RAP

RAP students are both full-time students and registered apprentices, dividing their time between an approved work site and their high school studies. They take regular courses such as English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math in order to earn their Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement. There are over 50 trades that accept apprentices.



# Dual Credit

- Earn high school (*5, 30-level credits per course*) and post-secondary credits **AT THE SAME TIME!**
- Learn expectations & how to succeed at the post-secondary level
- Some courses are done on-campus and some are done online
- Currently partnered with Olds College
  - *Agriculture, Animal Health, Business/Sports Mgmt, Environment, Hospitality & Tourism, Trades, and more!*



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# Dual Credit 2023/2024 (Tentative)



- Olds College
  - ACT 1011 - Accounting Principles 1
  - AHT 1050 - Intro to Veterinary Profession
  - ATG 1008 - Solving Technology Problems
  - HRT 1700 - Producing Horticulture Crops
  - MKG 1021 - Marketing Principles
  - SPM 1260 - Introduction to Sports Management
  - *TEC1000 - Technician Basics (leads into WLD1167 in Semester 2)*
  - WLD2167 - Introductory Welding (must have completed WLD1167)
  - Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate (VTA)



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# Chinook's Edge Requirements

The Chinook's Edge policy is that students take a minimum of:

Grade 10 - 40 credits (full time attendance, no spares)

Grade 11 - 40 credits

Grade 12 - 30 credits

Total = 110 credits



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# Planning for Next Year

- If you have been selected for English, Social and/or Science courses that you do not agree with, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate that you can be successful in the others in the first few weeks of classes.
- If you wish to have your Math class changed, you need to schedule a meeting with your parents and admin in late August.
- Options will be set as staffing becomes clearer.



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