

## Parent Information Meeting

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## Graduation Requirements

2009-2010

## Semestered/Unsemestered Courses

- High school students take 4 semestered courses starting in September, write final exams in January, then begin 4 new courses in February which finish in June. A few courses (e.g. Music 10) may run year long.
- Richmond Academy students take 8 courses each year, for a potential total of 24 credits in 3 years.

## Credits Overview

- Students require a total of 18 credits to graduate.
- They must include the 13 compulsory credits.
- No more than 7 grade 10 credits can count toward this 18.
- At least 5 credits of the 18 must be at the grade 12 level.

## Compulsory Credits

- Physical Education (PAL/CLM 11)
- Fine Arts (Music, Art or Drama)
- English 10, 11, 12
- 2 Math
- 2 Science
- 2 Other Math, Science or Technology
- 1 Global Studies
- 1 Canadian Studies

## Physical Education (PAL/CLM 11)

- Physically Active Living 11
- Physical Education 11
- Grade 10's take PAL/PE 11 as they can have no more than 7 grade 10 level courses.
- Students must participate!

## Fine Arts

- Music 10
- Visual Arts 10
- Visual Arts 11
- Drama 10
- Music 11
- Music 12

## English

- English 10/English 10 Plus – 2 credits (1 English and 1 Elective)
- English 11: Academic or Communications
- English 12: Academic or Communications

## Math

- 3 levels of Math at grade 10 level
- Math 10 Academic and Foundations is full year....students get 2 credits; one math and one elective.
- Math 10 Essentials is semestered.
- We encourage students to have at least 3 Math courses over their high school years.

## Science

- 2 Sciences required for graduation
- All grade 10 students take Science 10 or Occupational Science 10.
- Other science courses include: Biology 11, Biology 12, Chemistry 11, Chemistry 12, Physics 11, Physics 12, Food Science 12, Oceans 11, Occupational Science 11, Geology 12.

## 2 Others

- Students require 2 other credits from Math, Science or Technology
- Technologies include: Exploring Technology 10, Communications Technology 11 and 12, Energy, Power, and Transportation 11, Business Technology 11, Design 11, Multi Media 12, Film and Video Production 12, Math For The Workplace 12, Family Studies 10

## Global Studies

- Global History 12 or Global Geography 12.
- Immersion Students: Geographie Planetaire 12.

## Canadian Studies

- Canadian History 11 or Mi'kmaq Studies 10.
- Immersion Students: Histoire du Canada 11.

## Transcripts

- All courses taken from grade 10 on appear on transcripts.
- All grades appear on transcripts.

## French Immersion

- Students must take 9 courses in French
- Grade 10s can take 5, which frees them up for optimum choice at grade 11 and 12.

## Immersion Plan

- **Year 1** – Francais 10, Mode de Vie Actif 11, Arts Plastiques 10, Sciences 10, Histoire 10.
- **Year 2** – Francais 11 and Histoire du Canada 11.
- **Year 3** – Francais 12 and Geographie Planetaire 12. Elective: Introduction a la Literature 12 (online – Semester 2).

## Early Graduation and Course Offerings/Credits

- No guarantee that the timetable will fit the student's wishes.
- Students not taking courses because they say they don't need it.
- Leaving early to work leaves seven months gap before post-secondary education.

## Course Selection Process

- **March 25** – Parent Information Meeting.
- **March 26** – Students get Course Selection sheets.
- **March 30** – Deadline for Course Selection sheets to be passed into Office/Guidance. Individual student meetings to take place in the following days with Admin/Guidance.
- **April 9** – Deadline for selections to be entered on computer. Inputted by secretary.
- **Mid to Late April** – Courses/sections/staffing planned according to student selections.

## Course Outlines

- Found on school website:  
[richmondacademy.ednet.ns.ca](http://richmondacademy.ednet.ns.ca)
- Course Descriptions Handbook.