

A Parent Guide

myPass

myPass can be used to determine how many credits have been earned and what credentials are needed to earn a High School Diploma or Certificate of High School Achievement.

High School Diploma

- ★ 100 CREDITS— including:
- ★ 30 Level English
- ★ 30 Level Social
- ★ 20 Level Math
- ★ 20 Level Science
- ★ PE 10
- ★ CALM 20

- ★ 10 Credits in CTS, Fine Arts, Work Experience, Second Languages, PE 20/30
- ★ 10 Credits in 30 Level Courses
- ★ Complete Religion 35

Certificate of High School Achievement

- ★ 80 CREDITS— including:
- ★ English 30–4 or 20–2
- ★ Social 20–4 or 10–2
- ★ Math 20–4 or 10–3
- ★ Science 20–4 or 14
- ★ PE 10
- ★ CALM 20

- ★ 5 Credits in CTS, Locally Developed, or K&E Occupational Courses
- ★ 5 credits in Work Experience
- ★ Complete Religion 35

Bilingual Certificate

To earn a Bilingual Certificate, French Immersion students must complete:

- 35 credits worth of courses taught in French
- French Language Art 30 OR Etudes Sociale (Social) 30

Schedules

Students in Grade 10 are not permitted spares. Grade 11 students must have a full schedule which can include programming that occurs outside the school days. Students in Grade 12 need to be enrolled in courses needed to meet credentials for their program (typically around 20 credits).

SPORTS TEAMS: Students need to be enrolled in a minimum of 10 credits during their sporting season.

Option Courses

- ★ **Aboriginal Studies 10/20 or 30**
- ★ **Art 10/20/30**
- ★ **Business— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Construction— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Cosmetology— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Creative Writing 15/25 or 35***
- ★ **Criminal Justice— 20/30***
- ★ **Design Studies— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Drama 10/Musical Theatre 15**
- ★ **Drama 20/Musical Theatre 25**

- ★ **Early Learning & Child Care 30***
- ★ **Fabrication— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Fashion Studies— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Foods— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **General Music 10/20/30**
- ★ **General Psychology/Sociology 20***
- ★ **Home & Car Care— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Outdoor Education— Jr or Sr**
- ★ **Physical Education 20/30**
- ★ **Yoga 15/25/35**

Courses indicated with * are for Grade 11/12 students only.

Athletic Development

- ❖ This is a separate registration.
- ❖ Opens March 22 at 8 am
- ❖ First registered, first enrolled.
- ❖ The primary class is 7 am. If there is enough interest a second class during the school day may be offered.
- ❖ Students will be moved to the school day course if it fits their schedule.
- ❖ AD is NOT part of course selection. It will be added to your selection once confirmation is confirmed.

After School Programs

Advanced Acting

- ★ Thursdays after school & 1 Saturday per month.
- ★ Audition required

Band Instrumental Music

- ★ Wednesdays after school
- ★ Prior musical experience is not necessary.

Course Sequences & Prerequisites

When moving from one course to the next please be aware of prerequisites and increased difficulty.

[Alberta Education Curriculum Information](#)

Admission Requirements

Students should be aware of the admission requirements needed for the programs of their choice.

Consider applying to more than one school.

Examples of Admission Requirements

Diagnostic Medical Sonography– [NAIT](#) vs [SAIT](#)

Bachelor of Science– Biological Sciences– [U of A](#)

Psychology Bachelor of Arts– [Red Deer Polytechnic](#)

Animal Health – [Northwestern Polytechnic](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION- ALIS

JP2 STUDENT SERVICES

Off Campus Programs

- ★ These programs can be used to meet several high school diploma credentials.
- ★ Students need to meet with Mr. MacPherson prior to enrollment.
- ★ There is paperwork that has to be completed before you can start.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Can be volunteer hours or paid.
2. You must work a minimum of 75 hours to receive 3 credits
3. For every additional 25 hours of work, you receive another credit.
4. A maximum of 15 credits can be used towards your credentials.

Steps to Enter Work Experience:

1. Find a job or place to volunteer.
2. Speak with Mr. MacPherson.
3. Complete HCS 3000
4. Fill out WE Application forms.
5. Mr. MacPherson does a site safety inspection.

RAP – Registered Apprenticeship Program

Registered Apprenticeship Program is an opportunity for students to get a jumpstart on their career in trades while finishing high school.

There are over 50 recognized trades in Alberta!

TRADESECRETS

- Find a company or journeyperson willing to apprentice you. (Mentor or train).
- Application process is the same as Work Experience.
- Earn up to 40 credits for up to 1000 hours of work.
- RAP credits count as option credits. They can also count as grade 12 level credits if you get to RAP 35. All of this counts to your 100 high school credits.
- You must be paid at least minimum wage. (Average is \$19/hr)
- Can start anytime after grade 10. You can work through the summer as well.

Dual Credit Program

Grade 12s can take courses that count BOTH as High School credits and Post-Secondary credits.

These are university/college level courses or programs.

Courses offered through NWP (Northwestern Polytechnic), Northern Lakes College, and SAIT.

- **Students need to be mature, independent and self-motivated.**
- **Grades are permanent. They will always remain on your post-secondary transcripts.**
- **Need to balance required high school courses and your dual credit schedule.**
- **There can be additional fees required for these programs.**
- **Program/course lists are usually made available in May.**

[Dual Credit- ALIS Feature](#)

Green Certificate Program

This is a unique program only offered in Alberta.

Focuses on Agriculture. You need to have access to a farm and/or animals.

Students can earn up to 16 credits at the 30 level. These are grade 12 credits!

Students study independently and then complete verbal exams to demonstrate their knowledge.

Available Technician Certificates

- ❖ Beekeeper Production
- ❖ Cow–Calf Production
- ❖ Dairy Production
- ❖ Equine
- ❖ Feedlot Production
- ❖ Field Crop Production
- ❖ Greenhouse
- ❖ Irrigated Field Crop Production
- ❖ Poultry Production
 - ❖ Broiler Chicken
 - ❖ Broiler Hatching Egg
 - ❖ Table Egg
 - ❖ Turkey
- ❖ Sheep Production
- ❖ Swine Production

Off Campus Programs

Off Campus programs can continue through the summer months. Students can start anytime in the summer, once you find a job or placement.

Remember you need to meet with Mr. MacPherson first!

ALIS

The ALIS website is a useful tool to explore Post– Secondary programs and apprenticeship opportunities in Alberta.

[Not sure where to start? High School Student](#)

[Registered Nurse](#)

[Planning for Post–Secondary: Grade 12 Checklist](#)

[How to Choose a Career that Fits you](#)

COURSE SELECTION

Opens: MARCH 18

Closes: MARCH 25

Course Selection handouts

- Bring home & complete with parents**
 - Get parent signature**
- Bring back for course selection**