



# Bernice MacNaughton HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Highlander teachers are taking their students' education to heart. They are offering learning options that are meaningful to the course competencies to ensure the students' readiness for their future. We encourage students to engage in their learning as much as their personal and mental health situation allows them. In a state of emergency, it is very important that the students' engagement in the learning options of their courses are not to the detriment and well-being of the learner. We encourage students who wish to pursue a credit to focus on courses in their area of interest or for requirements for post secondary endeavours.

At BMHS, all students have a NBSS account, which is their student email account. Students must use this account to receive the learning options prepared by their teachers. It is the students' responsibility to make sure that they can access this email. If students do not have access to internet or to a tablet/computer, the student must communicate with their homeroom teacher or communicate with the school before noon on Tuesday by leaving a voicemail message at 856-3469. If the student needs to reset their password, they should inform their homeroom teacher.

The opportunity to earn a credit is available for some grade 11 and 12 courses. We would like students to inform their subject teachers of their intent to pursue a credit once they have reviewed the teachers' expectations. Students are asked to email subject teachers by next Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> with a decision. Some courses are not offering a credit option. Skills and content will still be offered in these courses.

All students who are currently enrolled in a grade 11 or 12 course are automatically getting the notation of ENR (enrolled) on their transcript. To receive a CR (credit) on the transcript, students will have to complete all required work and demonstrate to their teacher ample evidence of learning. Grade 9 and 10 courses do not earn credits.

Students who are presently taking a prerequisite course do not require a credit to take the grade 12 course. For example, a student who is presently enrolled in Biology 112 can take the Biology 122 next year without pursuing a credit.

As stated in the Q & A learning option document, grade 11 students will need to complete a minimum of 12 credits to graduate next year. The ENR (enrolled) notation on student transcripts is acceptable for moving to the next grade/course level. The benefit of earning a credit in a course is to show post secondary institutions that the student has covered the core competencies of a course. Generally speaking, grade 11 courses are not what post-secondary institutions look at to accept students in their program.

As for grade 12 students, the CR (credit) notation could be useful for post-secondary institution that asks the applicants to have a specific grade 12 credit for their program. Under these rare circumstances, we suggest that students concentrate their effort in these courses for credits. Each post secondary institution has their own requirements that are most likely in flux due to the global pandemic, it is recommended that students consult with their desired institutions to confirm expectations.

Please feel free to reach out to Homeroom teachers should clarification be required.

Stay safe and healthy,

Martin Daigle  
Principal