

High School Mathematics Pathways

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An understanding of math is essential for all students in today's world. The K-12 mathematics curriculum in New Brunswick is designed to help students prepare for whatever they choose to do after high school. The curriculum is focused on providing students with the skills and knowledge to confidently solve problems and contribute to society.

The majority of high school math courses are organized into three "pathways": Financial and Workplace Mathematics, Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus. This brochure explains the pathways and the courses included in each.

How are pathways different from levels?

Levelled courses are developed for different academic abilities. "Pathways" of courses are designed to better meet your interests and needs for after high school.

What if I don't know what I want to do after I graduate? Can I switch pathways?

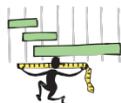
Yes. If you have started to take courses in one pathway, you can take courses in another one, as long as you complete the prerequisites. You will receive credit for all math courses you take.

Should I take more math courses, even if I don't need them to graduate?

You may need specific courses for entrance to post-secondary programs.

You will also increase your math skills and keep them current which will help you no matter what you decide to do after high school.

◆ Financial and Workplace Mathematics



◆ Foundations of Mathematics



◆ Pre-Calculus



Each pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical competencies and critical thinking skills they will need after high school. Students should select courses in the pathway that best fits their interests and plans for after high school, similar to selecting other elective courses. Each pathway provides students with a different focus of math concepts and skills. Students may choose to take additional mathematics courses beyond what they need to graduate to better prepare them for what they want to do after high school.

REQUIRED COURSES

For graduation, students will successfully complete:

Mathematics 9 (Grade 9)

Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10 (Grade 10)

Plus acquire two additional math credits which can include:

Number, Relations and Functions 10 (Grade 10),

Financial and Workplace Mathematics 110 (Grade 11),

Foundations of Mathematics 110 (Grade 11)



GRADE 9:

Mathematics 9

Length: Full year

Prerequisite: Grade 8 mathematics

Topics: exponents and bases, linear relations and equations, polynomials, circle properties, surface area, scale diagrams, data collection and displays, histograms, probability.

GRADE 10:

Geometry, Measurement and Finance 10

Length: 1 semester

Prerequisite: Mathematics 9

Topics: Pythagorean Theorem, polygons, angles, trigonometric ratios, metric and Imperial systems of measurement, surface area and volume, unit pricing, currency exchange, income (gross & net pay), credit cards, loans, interest

GRADE 10:

Number, Relations and Functions 10

Length: 1 semester

Prerequisite: Mathematics 9

Topics: prime factors, common factors, square and cube roots, irrational numbers, integral and rational exponents, polynomial expressions, trinomial factoring, linear relations and functions, slope, distance formula, midpoint formula

High School Math Pathways: Which one is best for you?



FINANCIAL AND WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary programs that require applied mathematics or who plan to enter the workforce directly after high school.



FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS

This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary academic programs that do not require calculus.



PRE-CALCULUS

This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary programs that require calculus.



GRADE 11 COURSES

Financial and Workplace Mathematics 110

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisite:

Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10

Topics: right triangles, trigonometry, scale models & drawings, numerical reasoning, renting & buying, investment portfolios, personal budgets, application of formulas, slope, proportional reasoning.

Opens doors to programs such as:

College diplomas: Early Childhood Education, Firefighting, Drafting, Welding, Plumbing, Carpentry.

Bachelor degrees: Arts and Fine Arts

Foundations of Mathematics 110

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisites:

Number, Relations, and Functions 10 and Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10

Topics: numerical & logical reasoning, angles & triangles, sine & cosine law, systems of linear inequalities, quadratic functions, renting & buying, investment portfolios

Opens doors to programs such as:

College diplomas: Medical Technology, Business Administration, Practical Nursing

Bachelor degrees: Arts and Fine Arts

Pre-Calculus 110

Length: 1 semester

Pre- or Co-requisite:

Foundations of Mathematics 110

Topics: absolute value functions, radical expressions & equations, rational expressions & equations, angles & trigonometric ratios (0° - 360°), polynomial factoring, systems of equations, quadratic functions & equations, linear & quadratic inequalities.

Opens doors to programs such as:

College diplomas: Engineering and Environmental technology.

Bachelor degrees: Nursing

GRADE 12 COURSES

Financial and Workplace Mathematics 120

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisite:

Financial and Workplace Mathematics 110 or Foundations of Mathematics 110

Topics: measuring, sine & cosine laws, properties of polygons, transformations of 2-D & 3-D shapes, small business finance, linear relationships, data interpretation, probability.

Supports:

College diplomas: Art and Design, Forest Technology, Business

Foundations of Mathematics 120

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisite:

Foundations of Mathematics 110

Topics: normal distribution, standard deviation, confidence intervals, set theory, conditional statements, probability, binomial theorem, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic & sinusoidal functions.

Opens doors to programs such as:

College diplomas: Engineering Technology, Computer Technician, Pharmacy Technology

Bachelor degrees: Nursing, Kinesiology, Business Administration, Economics, Psychology

Pre-Calculus A 120

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisite:

Pre-Calculus 110

Topics: graphs of functions & related equations, inverse, radical, exponential & logarithmic functions, angles in standard position in degrees & radians, unit circle, trigonometric ratios & sine, cosine and tangent equations to solve problems, trigonometric identities.

***Most post-secondary programs that require Pre-Calculus A 120, also require Pre-Calculus B 120**

Pre-Calculus B 120

Length: 1 semester

Pre- or Co-requisite:

Pre-Calculus A 120

Topics: arithmetic & geometric sequences & series, polynomial factoring & functions, reciprocal and rational functions, function toolkit permutations, combinations & binomial theorem, limits & continuity of functions.

Opens doors to programs such as:

Bachelor degrees: Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics

Calculus 120

Length: 1 semester

Pre-requisites:

Pre-Calculus A 120 and Pre-Calculus B 120

Topics: rates of change, derivatives of functions, derivative rules, inverse trig functions, optimization problems, definite, integrals, antiderivatives, application of integrals

Supports:

Bachelor degrees: Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics

It is important to confirm entrance requirements for the specific program(s) in which you are interested as these requirements can vary between institutions and programs of study.

