



Information for students going into Grade 10

What's different about Grade 10 from Grade 9?

The biggest difference from Grade 9 is that you get to make two requests. Students will have limited choice in which elective you will take and will make a choice for the hours of specialties that they would take in grade 10. All students are required to take a minimum of 45 hours in one specialty, 90-hours in two specialties and 135 hours in the other specialty over grade 9 and 10. The four specialties are Broad Based Technology, Health & Physical Education, Music and Visual Arts.

In grade 10, the students have limited choice in the courses that they take. They get to choose 3 of 4 specialties and they get to choose one grade 11/12 elective that counts towards graduation. In grade 11 and 12 there is even more choice.

1. Specialties

At KVHS all students take at least 45-hours of instruction in each of the four specialties mentioned above. In grade 10 students request one 90-hour specialty and two 45-hour specialties. The 90-hour and 45-hour options available are: Broad Based Technology, Music 10, and Visual Arts 10.

2. Electives

Grade 10 students are allowed to request one elective at the Grade 11 level. There are a few things to remember when requesting a course.

- Students who want to be able to take AP Calculus 120 in Grade 12 have to choose Foundations (FDS) Math 11 as their elective (FI/FSL students take F/FSL Foundations (FDS) 11). This option should only be for students who are strong in math. Students will take Geometry, Measurements & Functions (GMF) 10 and Numbers Relations & Functions (NRF) 10 plus Foundations 11. This choice will be IN ADDITION to their Grade 11 elective choice.
- Grade 11 and 12 courses go on your transcript, which is your permanent academic record that is sent to universities and colleges.
- Some elective courses have a three-digit number indicating how academically challenging the course is. For example, Biology 112 is a "Level 2" course which is the regular college prep level. "Biology 111" is a "Level 1" course, which meets the same outcomes as a "Level 2" course but moves at a quicker pace, goes into greater depth, and is intended for students with a strong aptitude and ability in the subject area. A course that is 113 is a "Level 3" course, which means it is NOT a college prep course but rather is intended for students who plan to go directly into the workforce after graduation or perhaps into certain one-year college programs. A "Zero Level" course, like Introduction to Electronics 110, simply indicates that the course is only offered at one academic level.
- Biology 112 or Human Physiology 110 are popular electives for Grade 10 students, as it satisfies their science graduation requirement.

It is important to remember that these are requests. Although every effort will be made to get students into the specialties and electives they requested, it is not always possible.

What do I take in Grade 10?

The Grade 10 program of study is very much like Grade 9. You take the following:

- English Language Arts 10
 - This course is divided into two sections: English Language Arts 10 Literary Texts and English Language Arts 10 Informational Texts. You will take one each semester and are required to pass both before moving into Grade 11 English Language Arts.
- Geometry, Measurement, & Finance 10 (GMF 10)
 - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Geometry, Measurement, & Finance (FI/FSL GMF 10).
 - This course is a graduation requirement.
- Numbers, Relations, & Functions 10 (NRF 10)
 - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Numbers, Relations, & Functions 10 (FI/FSL NRF 10).
 - This course is a graduation requirement.
- Science 10
 - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Science 10.
 - This course has one introductory unit to Chemistry and one introductory unit to Physics.
- Civics 10
 - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Civics 10.
 - This course is about citizenship, democratic processes, and fundamental human rights and freedoms.
- Post-Intensive French 10
 - FI/FSL students take FI/FSL Language Arts 10 (either Early or Late).
- Specialties.
 - You take a total of over 180 hours of specialties over the year.
 - The students take a combination of Broad Based Technology, Health & Phys Ed, Music, and Visual Arts. The exact combination is dependent on your requests and the availability of the courses.
- One Elective at the Grade 11 level
 - This is a credit course and will be on your final transcript

What if I have questions?

The first and best resource for you is your advisory teacher. They can direct you to other teachers or guidance counsellors if necessary, or find out answers and get back to you.

When do I get my schedule for Grade 10?

You will receive your schedule on the first day of classes in September. If you have any questions, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Walsh see students with last names A-G, Mr. Dobson and Mme. Stevens see students with last names H-M and Mr. Reid and Mrs. Price see students with last names N-Z.