2022 Student Summer Learning Program



The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is offering a **free** summer learning program for students. It is

NEW BRUNSWICK VIRTUAL LEARNING CENTRE

open to students entering grade 10, 11, or 12 in the upcoming school year and to those who graduate in June 2022. To be eligible, you need to be registered in a New Brunswick high school, in June of this year, in one of the four Anglophone districts.

This program allows you to earn a mark that will be added to your regular school transcript. These are full courses and take a significant amount of time to complete (3-4 hours each day). If you want to improve a mark or get ahead in a course, and you have the time to commit, this program might be for you.

This program requires daily attendance and participation. Your activity and submissions are monitored. Students who fall behind or miss deadlines can be removed from the course. If you are unable to commit the required time, this program may not be for you. All of these courses will be available online in the fall as well.

Key Dates

Registration opens	June 1 st	Courses begin	June 29 th	
Last day to register	June 24 th	Last day of courses	July 28 th	

Courses Offered

English Language Arts

- English Language Arts 10: Literary Texts
- English Language Arts 112: Literary Texts
- English Language Arts 112: Informational Texts
- English 122

Mathematics

- Number, Relations, and Functions 10
- Financial Workplace Math 110
- Foundations of Math 110
- Pre-Calculus 110
- Pre-Calculus A 120
- Pre-Calculus B 120

Humanities

- Modern History 112/113
- Media Studies 120

Sciences

- Biology 112/Biology 122
- Chemistry 112/Chemistry 122
- Physics 112/Physics 122
- Physical Geography 110

French

• Techniques de communication orale 120

Students entering Grade 10 are only eligible to take *either* English Language Arts 10: Literary Texts *or* Number, Relations and Functions 10.

Techniques de communication orale 120 consists mainly of live, interactive classes with other students. This means you must be able to commit to being available for classes between 9-12 in the morning each day.

To Register

Registration will take place through your school, in the same way as regular online courses. Check with guidance or administration at your school for information. Courses may need to meet a minimum enrollment threshold to be offered. Schools will be notified of any changes to the course list and other information.

Information for students and families

Q. How many courses can I take?

A. In the time available it isn't possible to do more than a single course. Students can enroll in a maximum of one course.

Q. What's the workload like?

A. It's an 18-week course being done over one month. You can expect to be putting in a several hours each day. While you can work at your own pace, if you fall too far behind you may be unable to complete the course.

Q. How is the course offered? Who teaches it?

A. Courses will be offered in D2L Brightspace, the same platform as regular distance learning courses. Courses are taught by online teachers from NB schools. You can sign in from home. https://nbvlc.nbed.nb.ca

Q. Do I need to have taken the course before, like with regular summer school?

A. No, it's not necessary. You can take a newcourse for the experience or to free up your schedule. You do need to have the necessary prerequisites to be enrolled.

Q. I'm going into grade 10 in the fall, what can I take?
A. Students entering grade 10 are eligible to take the Number, Relations and Functions 10 math course or English Language Arts 10: Literary Texts.

Q. Do I need to be available each day? When do I need to be online? A. Yes. You need to demonstrate evidence of working each day. While there is some flexibility about when you do your work, teachers will be available in the morning (9-12), and possibly other times by special arrangement.

Q. How is my mark recorded? What if I don't pass?

A. At the end of the course, we will send your final mark to your school. They will update your transcript. If you are unsuccessful, or you earn a lower mark on a repeat attempt of a course, it won't be recorded.

Q. What do I need for equipment and internet? A. You will need a computer to complete the course (PC or Mac). Where all content is online, internet access is required. For software, you need an up to date browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Safari).

Q. What information do I need to sign in? How will I know how to start?

A. You'll use your regular NBSS username and password. Before the course starts, you'll receive an email from the teacher with info about how to get started. The courses will open automatically on June 29th.

Q. Why am I being asked to provide a phone number and/or outside email address?

A. Where it's in the summer, if we need to get in touch with you, this will make sure we can do that. Every day will matter, so if you have account issues or other challenges, we need to get in touch.

Q. Do I have to submit assignments and complete activities every day?

A. Just about... each day in this course will be like four regular days of class. It will go quickly.

Q. This isn't what I expected / I found a summer job / I'm falling behind / I no longer need to take this course... now what?

A. While we hope you only sign up if you plan to



complete the course, we understand that things can happen. If they do, the best plan is to talk with the online teacher to let them know you're not going to continue.

Q. Why might I be dropped from my course? A. We want to make sure the course is preparing you for what comes next; if you're not active, not submitting work, or otherwise not putting in the required time, it's probably better for you to try the course in the fall.

Q. I still have questions!

A. Throughout the semester we'll be updating schools with more information. You can also email <u>distance.learning@nbed.nb.ca</u> with questions. Please include some specifics so we know how to best answer your questions.

