



Pathways to School Completion

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Evergreen Certificate

The [School Completion \("Evergreen"\) Certificate](#) celebrates success in learning that is not recognized in a Certificate of Graduation ([Dogwood Diploma](#)).

It recognizes accomplishments of certain students with special needs and an [Individual Education Plan \(IEP\)](#), who have met the goals of their personalized education program.

Important Note: The Evergreen Certificate is not a graduation credential; students who receive an Evergreen have not graduated.

It is important that students and their parents clearly understand that the Evergreen represents the completion of personal learning goals but does not represent graduation.

Due to the flexible nature of the [revised curriculum](#), Evergreen's are becoming increasingly rare and should only be considered once all other school completion pathways have been considered. Additionally, not all students with special needs need to be on an Evergreen path.

The decision to put a student in the SCCP should be carefully and thoughtfully made in consultation with parents/guardians, school staff, and where appropriate the student. This decision should consider the long term educational, career and life goals for the specific student, and does not need to occur until Grade 10.

Adult Dogwood Diploma

The [British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma](#) or "Adult Dogwood" is for adult learners (18 years and older) who want to complete high school and obtain their adult high school diploma.

Adult students must take at least three courses, either through enrolment or a [prior learning assessment](#). Only two courses taken before one's 18th birthday are eligible.

To graduate with an Adult Dogwood, one must complete:

- [English Studies 12](#) or [English First Peoples 12](#) (4 credits)
- A [Math 11](#) or [Math 12](#) course (4 credits)
- At least three additional Grade 12 electives or a [Social Studies 11](#) course and two additional Grade 12 electives (4 credits each).

[Board/Authority Authorized \(BAA\)](#) courses do not meet this requirement.

Courses and credits can be counted from the B.C. school and post-secondary systems provided they have met the criteria for [equivalency](#). Adult learners may also get credit recognition for current and/or past work skills or for post-secondary courses they have completed.

Adult learners are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy Assessments.



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Dogwood Diploma

The British Columbia Certificate of Graduation or "[Dogwood Diploma](#)" is issued upon successful completion of the provincial graduation requirements. Students require a minimum of 80 credits to graduate.

These 80 credits include:

- ❑ 28 credits of elective courses, 16 at the Grade 12 level.
- ❑ [Career-Life Education](#), [Career-Life Connections](#), including a [Capstone Project](#)
- ❑ [Physical and Health Education 10](#)
- ❑ [Science 10](#)
- ❑ A [Science 11](#) or [Science 12](#)
- ❑ [Social Studies 10](#)
- ❑ [Social Studies 11](#) or [Social Studies 12](#)
- ❑ A [Math 10](#)
- ❑ A [Math 11](#) or [Math 12](#)
- ❑ An [English Language Arts \(ELA\) 10](#) and [ELA 11](#)
- ❑ [English Studies 12](#) or [English First Peoples 12](#)
- ❑ An [Arts Education 10, 11, or 12](#) or an [Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12](#)

Students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

1. [Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment](#)
2. [Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment](#)
3. [Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment](#)

These assessments are scored on a proficiency scale. Students may rewrite the assessments and the best outcome for each will be recorded on the final transcript.

All secondary courses are now fully assessed in the classroom. There are no longer any provincial standardized exams.

French Immersion

A student who graduates from a French Immersion program will receive both the Dogwood Diploma and the French Dogwood Diploma.

To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the [Dogwood Diploma](#) and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- ❑ 16 credits Grade 12 level credits
- ❑ [Français langue seconde - immersion 10](#)
- ❑ A [Français langue seconde 11](#) course or [IB French A2 \(SL\) 11](#).
- ❑ [Français langue seconde - immersion 12](#)
- ❑ 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, French Immersion students must also complete an additional, fourth Provincial Graduation Assessment, the [Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année](#).

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