

KENNEBECAS VALLEY HIGH

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 Tech, Health & Phys. Ed, Music and Visual Arts.

In grade 10 the students have a more individualized schedule instead of travelling as a class. This is how it will be in Grades 11 and 12 too.

1. Specialties

At KVHS all students take 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 option is available in Broad Based Technology, Health & Phys. Ed 10, 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 students take FI 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 FDS 110 and one other elective. Students will need to score a 70% on the June Exam to qualify.
- Grade 11 and 12 courses go on your transcript, which is your permanent academic record that is sent to universities and colleges.
- 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 FI Biology 112 for FI students) or Human Physiology 110 are popular electives for Grade 10 students, as it satisfies their science graduation requirement.

It's important to remember that these are requests. Although every effort will be made to get students into the specialties and electives they requested, it's 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 is the only course that runs all year.
- Geometry, Measurement, & Finance 10 and FI students take FI Geometry, Measurement, & Finance.
 - This course is a graduation requirement.
- Numbers, Relations, & Functions 10
 - FI students take FI Numbers, Relations, & Functions 10.
 - This course is a graduation requirement.
- Social Studies 10
 - FI students take FI Social Studies 10.
 - This course is about ancient and medieval history.
- Post-Intensive French 10
 - FI students take FI 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.
 - If you want to take AP Calculus in Grade 12 you must take Foundations in Math 11.
 - 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. He or she 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'll get your schedule on June 23rd with your report card. It will have been checked by a vice principal or a guidance counsellor, but if there is an error in it you should contact your Vice-Principal at that time to get it corrected. Mrs. Jensen sees students with last names A-F, Mr. Atkinson sees students with last names G-M and Mr. Reid sees students with last names N-Z.