



**IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**2025 / 2026**

## Differences from Grade 8 to 9

- **Transitions:** Bridging the journey from Middle School to High School
  - 80 Minute Classes
  - Semester System ( 3 “Core” per semester)
    - Full-Year Math and Language Arts (Alternating Days)
  - Expanded choices for options
- Not a sink-or-swim approach – Homeroom Groupings

## Grade 9: Building Capacity

### Taking ownership of learning

- Developing Positive Habits of Learning → How you show up MATTERS!
  - **Punctuality** → In class on time and ready to learn
  - **Positive and Thoughtful Class Contributions**
    - You are NOT a bystander
  - **Organization** → Having what you need and when you need it
  - **Committed to Learning**
    - The work I submit is MINE and reflects my best efforts

# Grade 9: Building Capacity

- **Grade 9 IS NOT Grade 8+**
  - Courses are more rigorous and have greater expectations for engagement
  - Final marks and subject matter competence will have impact on future pathways for programming in Grades 10-12
- **Utilizing CORE Time**
  - Building connection with teachers – self advocacy
  - Staying on top of course content and assignments

## Differences from Grade 9 to 10

- You will start earning **CREDITS** to earn your high school diploma
- The Alberta Government grants a **DIPLOMA** based on their requirements
- Courses at the grade 10 level are designated as “10/14/15”
- Course at the grade 11 level are designated as “20/24/25”
- Courses at the grade 12 level are designated as “30/35”

# How do I earn a High School Diploma?

- You must earn a minimum of **100 credits**
- **Core** classes are 5 credits
- **Elective** classes (“Options”) can be 3, 5 or more credits
- **English** to the 30 level
- **Social** to the 30 level
- **Mathematics** and **Science** at 20 level (*Minimum*)
- Other electives that you can take to the 30 level

These are the **minimum requirements** to earn your **high school diploma**. If you have goals specific to a profession, or attending college or university, we will help you look at other requirements.

Required Credit Courses @ Immanuel Christian Secondary			
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Minimum Credits
English 10-1 or English 10-2	English 20-1 or English 20-2	English 30-1 or English 30-2	15
Social 10-1 or Social 10-2	Social 20-1 or Social 20-2	Social 30-1 or Social 30-2	15
Math 10C or Math 10-3	Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3		10
Science 10 or Science 14	Biology 20 and/or Chemistry 20 and/or Physics 20 or Science 24		10
Physical Education 10			3
CALM 20			3
Bible 10			3
	Religious Meanings 20		3
		Sociology 30	3
10 credits in Career and Technology Studies (CTS), or Fine Arts or Second Languages, Locally Authorized Courses, or Phys. Ed. 20 and/or Phys. Ed. 30			10
10 credits in any 30 level courses other than English and Social Studies (Students may use Work Experience 35)			7
The final 18 credits required can be from any combination of 10, 20 or 30 level courses not already accounted for.			<u>82</u>
<b>Total Credits Required for a Diploma = 100</b>			

# Differences from Grade 9 to 10

- No longer part of a class grouping or homeroom
- **‘Main Stream’** are “-2”, “-3” course sequences
  - **“-2” Course Sequence** – Designed for students who intend to enter College/Polytechnic programs, selected Trades programs and specific University programs
  - **“-3” Course Sequence** – Designed for students entering the Workforce and selected Trades programs
- These sequences focus on literal, concrete and practical applications of curriculum and learning



# Differences from Grade 9 to 10

- **‘Academic Stream’** are “-1 level” course sequences
  - “-1” Course Sequence – Designed for students who intend to enter a University program and selected College/Polytechnic programs
  - This sequence focuses on abstract, analytical and critical approaches to curriculum and learning
  - Requires an increased level of desire, commitment, work
- **Grade 10 Course Selection** is based on Grade 9 reports/recommendations – **ICSS Streaming Policy**
- You do not advance to the next level unless you pass and get credits in the current course (advancement is course by course)

# Apprenticeship and Industry Training

## Apprenticeship Education Entrance Requirements

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of the following courses:

**CATEGORY A**

English 10-2  
Math 10-3  
OR  
A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) or Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) tests\*  
OR  
Entrance Exam

**CATEGORY B**

English 20-2  
Math 20-3  
Science 10  
OR  
A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) or Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) tests\*  
OR  
Entrance Exam

**CATEGORY C**

English 10-2  
Math 10-3  
Science 10  
OR  
A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) or Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) tests\*  
OR  
Entrance Exam

### RECOMMENDED PATH

Alberta High School Diploma that includes the following courses:

English 30-2  
Math 30-3  
Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20  
Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

English 30-2  
Math 30-3  
Physics 30 OR Chemistry 30 OR Science 30  
Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

English 30-2  
Math 30-3  
Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20  
Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

**CATEGORY A**

Baker  
Barber  
Bricklayer  
Cabinetmaker  
Carpenter  
Concrete Finisher  
Cook  
Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator  
Floor Covering Installer  
Glazier  
Hairstylist  
Insulator (Heat and Frost)  
Ironworker  
Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)  
Locksmith  
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)  
Painter and Decorator  
Parts Technician  
Water Well Driller  
Welder

**CATEGORY B**

Agricultural Equipment Technician  
Appliance Service Technician  
Automotive Service Technician  
Boilermaker  
Communication Technician  
Electric Motor Systems Technician  
Electrician  
Elevator Constructor  
Gasfitter  
Heavy Equipment Technician  
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)  
Motorcycle Mechanic  
Natural Gas Compression Technician  
Plumber  
Power System Electrician  
Powerline Technician  
Sheet Metal Worker  
Sprinkler Systems Installer  
Steamfitter-Pipefitter  
Transport Refrigeration Technician

**CATEGORY C**

Auto Body Technician  
Landscape Horticulturist  
Machinist  
Outdoor Power Equipment Technician  
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician

**CATEGORY D\***

Roofer  
Instrumentation and Control Technician  
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

\* See the Individual trades on [tradesecrets.alberta.ca](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca) for Category D trade entrance requirements.

Equivalencies will be considered for entrance requirements.

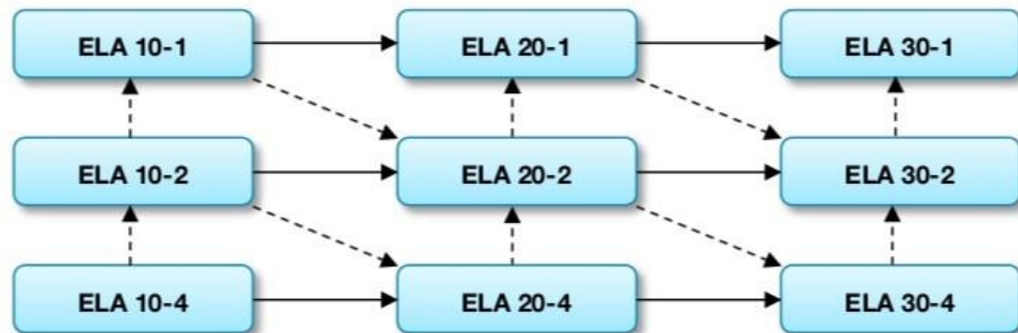
\* Applicants can use a combination of GED and CAEC tests to meet the requirement. Either the GED or the CAEC test must be completed in each of the five subjects.

# Alberta Apprenticeship Requirements

## PROGRAM PLANNING

### Courses and Programs

#### English Language Arts (ELA) Program



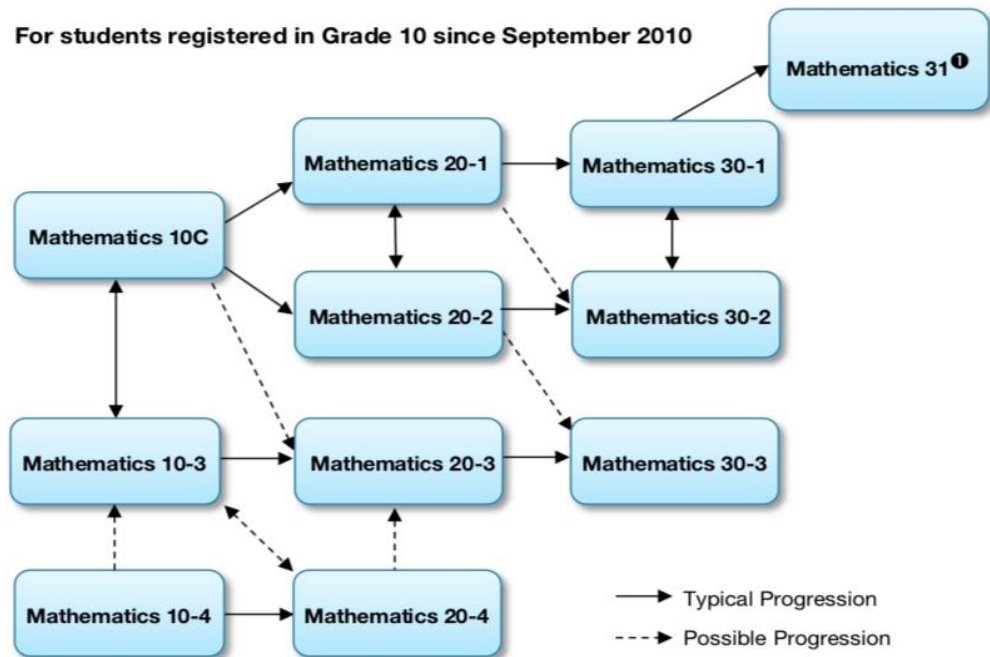
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—> Typical Progression  
- - -> Possible Progression

## Mathematics Program

### Possible Sequences—Mathematics Course Sequences

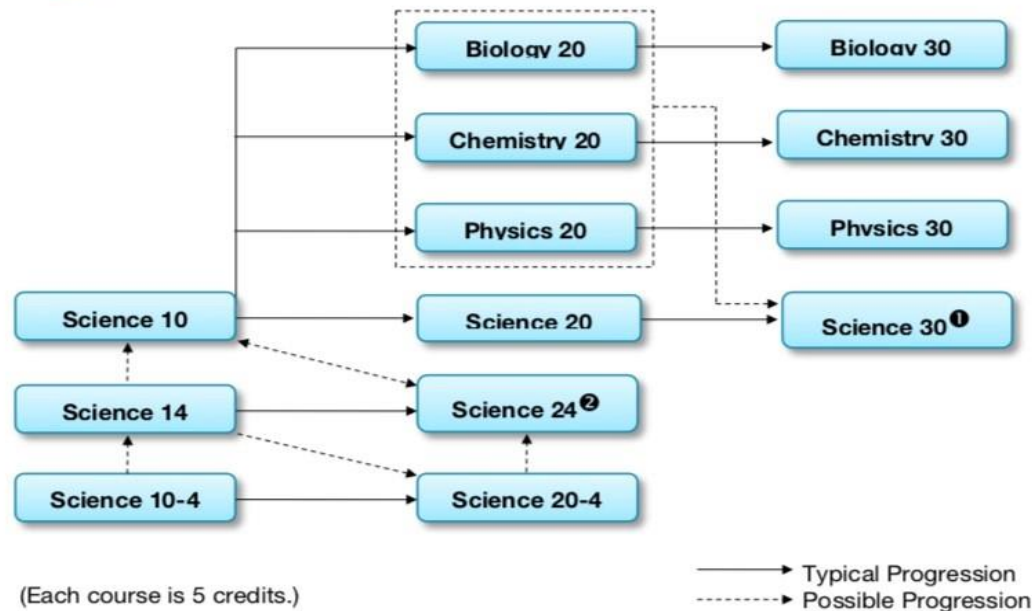
For students registered in Grade 10 since September 2010



(Each course is 5 credits.)

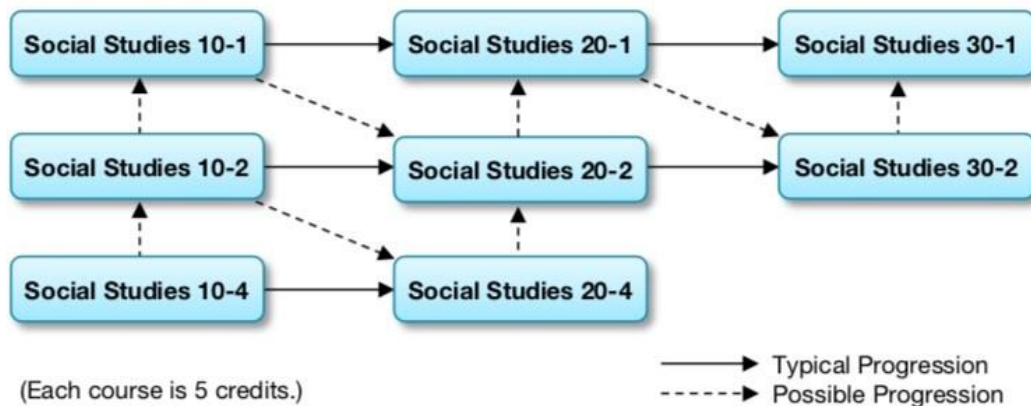
❶ Mathematics 30-1 is a prerequisite or corequisite for Mathematics 31.

## Science Program



- ❶ Students who have achieved a final mark of 50% or greater in Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Physics 20 or Science 20 may enroll in Science 30.
- ❷ Although the recommended transfer point from Science 24 is to Science 10, in exceptional cases, students may be placed by the principal in 20-level courses, as serves the student's best

## Social Studies Program



**Note:** Students generally take the prerequisite in a course sequence (e.g., English Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 30-1). This route is designated by solid arrows. However, Alberta Education recognizes that students may transfer between course sequences and these recommended routes are designated by broken arrows.

The school authority shall have a policy that clearly states the criteria to be met by a student who wishes to change program routes.

# General Information

## Course Load Policy

When selecting courses, students need to note the following:

- **Grade 10 Students** are expected to fill a full course load (8 Courses x 5 Credits = 40 Credits)
- **Grade 11 Students** are expected to register for a minimum of 35 credits of on campus courses (Allowed one (1) “spare”)
- **Grade 12 Students** are expected to register for a minimum of 30 credits of on-campus courses (Allowed two (2) “spares”)

There may be good reasons for not taking a full course load at ICSS and therefore exceptions may be granted upon application to the Principal or Vice-Principal for approval

# Options/Elective Courses

- **Grade 9** - CTF (No credits awarded)
- **Grades 10-12** – CTS (Credits awarded)
  - Module-Based (1 credit/per module)
  - Students will typically gain 3-5 credits per Elective/Option section
- **Electives/Options Offered** (Courses may be blended with Grade 9-12 students together)
  - Woodshop / Mechanics
  - Music – Band and Choir
  - Foods and Fashions
  - Digital Communications
  - Art
  - Outdoor Education
  - Cosmetology - NEW



# Off-Campus Education

- **Work Experience (Grades 10-12)**
  - Students can work and earn credits (How sweet is that?!)
  - Can earn a maximum of 30 credits total at the 15/25/35 level (15 Diploma Max)
  - Must complete HCS 3000 prior to accumulating hours
- **RAP (Grade 10 and 15 years old)**
  - Work with a journeyman to gain first year apprenticeship hours
  - Can earn up to 40 high school credits
- **Green Certificate (Grades 10-12)**
  - Gain hands-on training on a farm, ranch or greenhouse
  - Allows Grade 10-12 students to earn up to 16 high school credits
  - Must Complete AG 3000 prior to commencing certificate work

# Personal Goals for Grade 10

- **Self-Reflection** – Noticing if you avoid, procrastinate, do better with support, can you ask for help when needed
- **Learning Support/Wellness** – CORE Time
- Everyone's path to a diploma is different!
- **Ownership** over your progress towards a diploma
- **Acknowledging** your successes, growth, challenges

# Academic Goals for Grade 10

- **Earn 42 Credits!**
- 4 courses each semester (no spares)
- Required Courses:
  - P.E. 10, CALM 20, Bible 10
- Complete HCS 3000 – Pre-requisite for Work Experience
- **No decision** you make is final or fatal to your life/career/academic goals

# KEEPING INFORMED



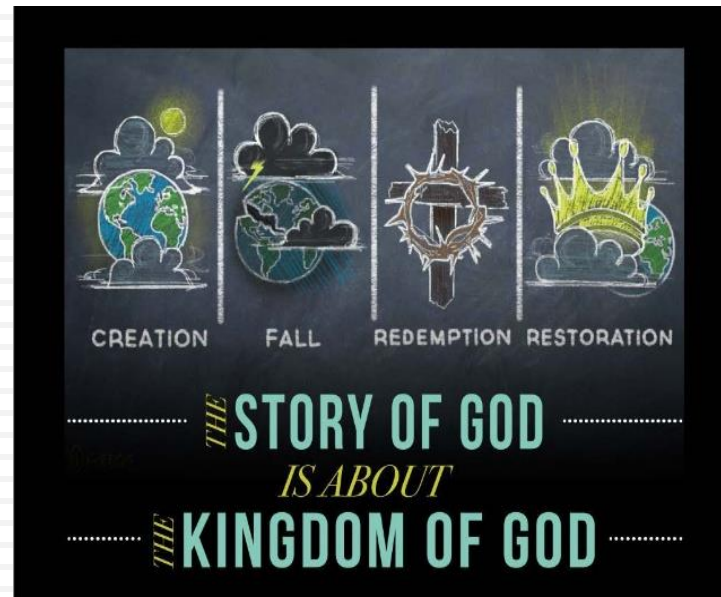
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# Teaching *for* TRANSFORMATION

*“The primary goal of Christian education is the formation of a peculiar people – a people who desire the kingdom of God and thus undertake their life’s expression of that desire.”*  
(James K.A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*)

- Bible 9
- Bible 10
- Religious Meanings 20
- Sociology 30





# ATHLETICS

- ICSS Athletics Policy can be found on our school website
- **Sports Offered:** Golf, Cross-Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field
- Tryouts occur prior to season and may involve team selection (ie. “cuts”) should we see large numbers of students trying out for a given team

# How do I register for my Grade 10 Year?

## **Thursday, April 10 – Teacher/Student Advisory**

- ❖ Get PowerSchool login from front office
- ❖ Video to show how to register on the website/advisor team
- ❖ Work with your advisor to pick courses for grade 10
- ❖ Consider your choices carefully; speak with your teachers about recommendations for Grade 10 and with family about what is best

## **Thursday, April 10 – Course Selection Opens on PowerSchool**

- ❖ Must use a desktop computer or web browser. PowerSchool App will not work
- ❖ Closes Friday, April 17

**If you have difficulties, please contact Miss Witten, Mr. Bekkering or our Front Office – 403-328-4783**

# QUESTIONS?

