



2026 Course
Selection
Information

Grade 8 Parent Event



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Grade 9!!!

How is high school
different than middle
school?

The Semester System

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
September - January	February - June
5 credits	5 credits

- Semesters divide the year in two halves
- Students start different classes in February
- Generally, for each course students earn one credit per semester



Daily Schedule

- Five periods in a day
- No homeroom classes
- Students move from one class to another (different teacher for each class)

Period 1	9:00 – 10:05
Period 2	10:15 – 11:20
Period 3	11:25 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:30
Period 4	1:30 – 2:35
Period 5	2:45 – 3:50



The Credit System

- In general, one class = one credit
- Earn credits towards graduation
- Certain number of compulsory and elective credits needed for graduation.

Grade 9	English	Math	Phys Ed	Social Studies	Science	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option
Grade 10	English	Math	Phys Ed	Geography	Science	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option
Grade 11	English	Math	Phys Ed	History	Required Optional	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option
Grade 12	English	Math	Phys Ed	Required Optional	Required Optional	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option
17 Compulsory						13 Optional				



Graduation Options

Manitoba Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 30 credits (including 17 compulsory)• No less than five 40 level courses
Western Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 32 credits (including 17 compulsory)• One 30 level Science credit• No less than five 40 level courses
French Immersion Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 30 credits (including 17 compulsory)• No less than five 40 level courses• At least 15 credits taught in the language of French (students in grade 11 or 12 need 14)



LIVE access to...

- Class Schedules
- Attendance records
- Grades (including assignment marks, missing assignments, etc.)

What does this look like on **POWERSCHOOL!**

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Username

Password

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

Sign In

Must CREATE AN ACCOUNT before signing in.

Course	T1	T2	E1	S1	T3	T4	E2	S2	Y1	Absences		Tardies	
										S2	25-26	S2	25-26
Physical Education/Health 10F Gerbrandt, C. - Rm: GYM 4					70 70	70 70	[i]	70 70		3	3	0	0
Transitional Math 10F Cano, E. - Rm: 002	91 91	95 95			95 95	95 95	[i]		95 95	2	3	1	2
Mathematics 10F Cano, E. - Rm: 002	90 90	91 91			91 91	91 91	[i]		91 91	1	3	0	0
Visual Arts 10S Rigaux, D. - Rm: 117					[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]		3	3	0	0
English Language Arts 10F Minnelli, Adam - Rm: 205					84 84	84 84	[i]	84 84		2	2	1	1
Study Period - Semester 2 Addison, H - Rm: 111					[i]	[i]	[i]	[i]		3	3	0	0
Attendance Totals										14	17	2	3



COMPULSORY Courses

Math, English, Phys-Ed, Science, Social Studies

Grade 9 Compulsory Courses

English Program	French Immersion
English 10	English 10
Mathematics 10 and Transitional Math 10 (2 credits)	Mathématique 10 et Mathématique de Transition 10 (2 credits)
Science 10	Sciences de la nature 10
Social Studies 10	Sciences humaines 10
Physical Education 10	Physical Education 10
	Français langue seconde

Grade 9 students have very few choices in their compulsory courses. However, this will change as they move up into the higher grades.



Course Codes

- Each grade is given a course LEVEL
 - Grade 9 = 10
 - Grade 10 = 20
 - Grade 11 = 30
 - Grade 12 = 40
- So, the three required Social Studies courses are...
 - Social Studies 10F
 - Geography 20F
 - History 30F



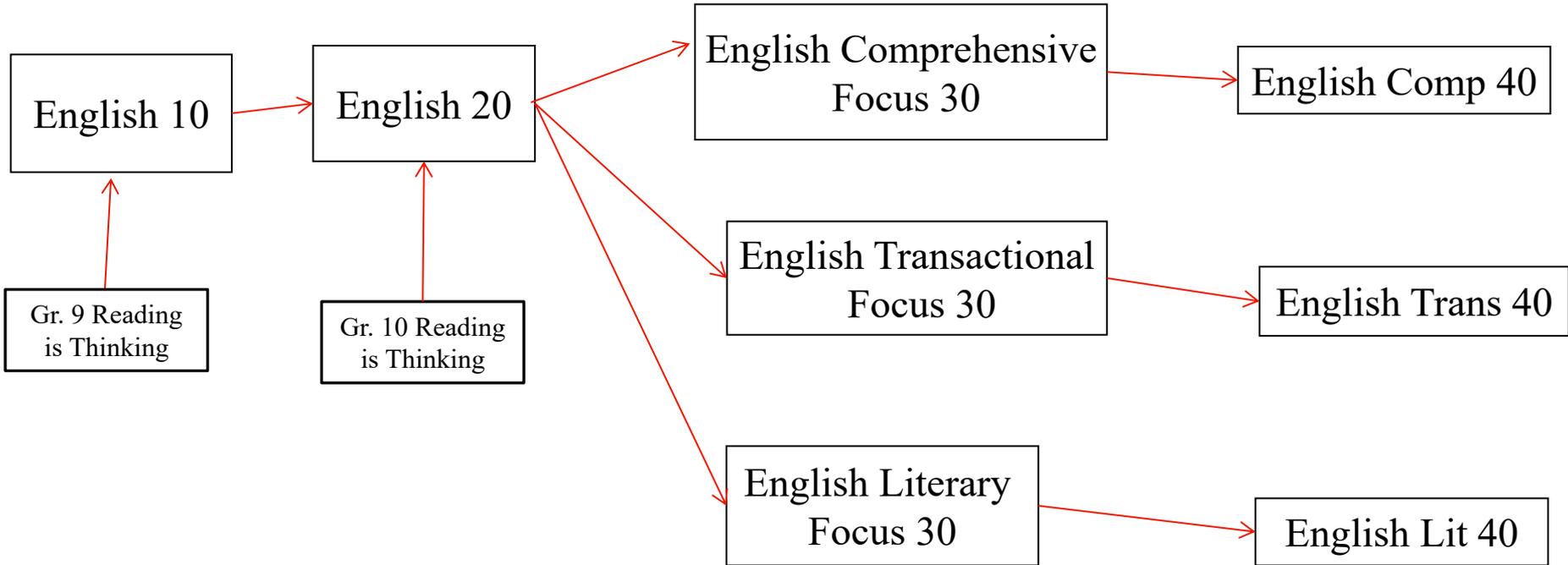
English Language Arts Options

Gr.9

Gr.10

Gr.11

Gr.12



Students can register for more than one English in grade 11 & 12.
Students are recommended to follow their ELA course path.



Math Options

Gr.9

Gr.10

Gr.11

Gr.12

Mathematics 10F &
Transitional Math. 10F
or FI Mathématiques 10F
& Math.de Trans10F

Essential Math 20
Mathé. au quotidien

Essential Math 30
Mathé. au quotidien

Essential Math 40
Mathé. au quotidien

Introduction
to Applied
&
Pre-calculus
Math 20
Intro. aux Mathé.
appl. et pré-calcul

Applied Math 30

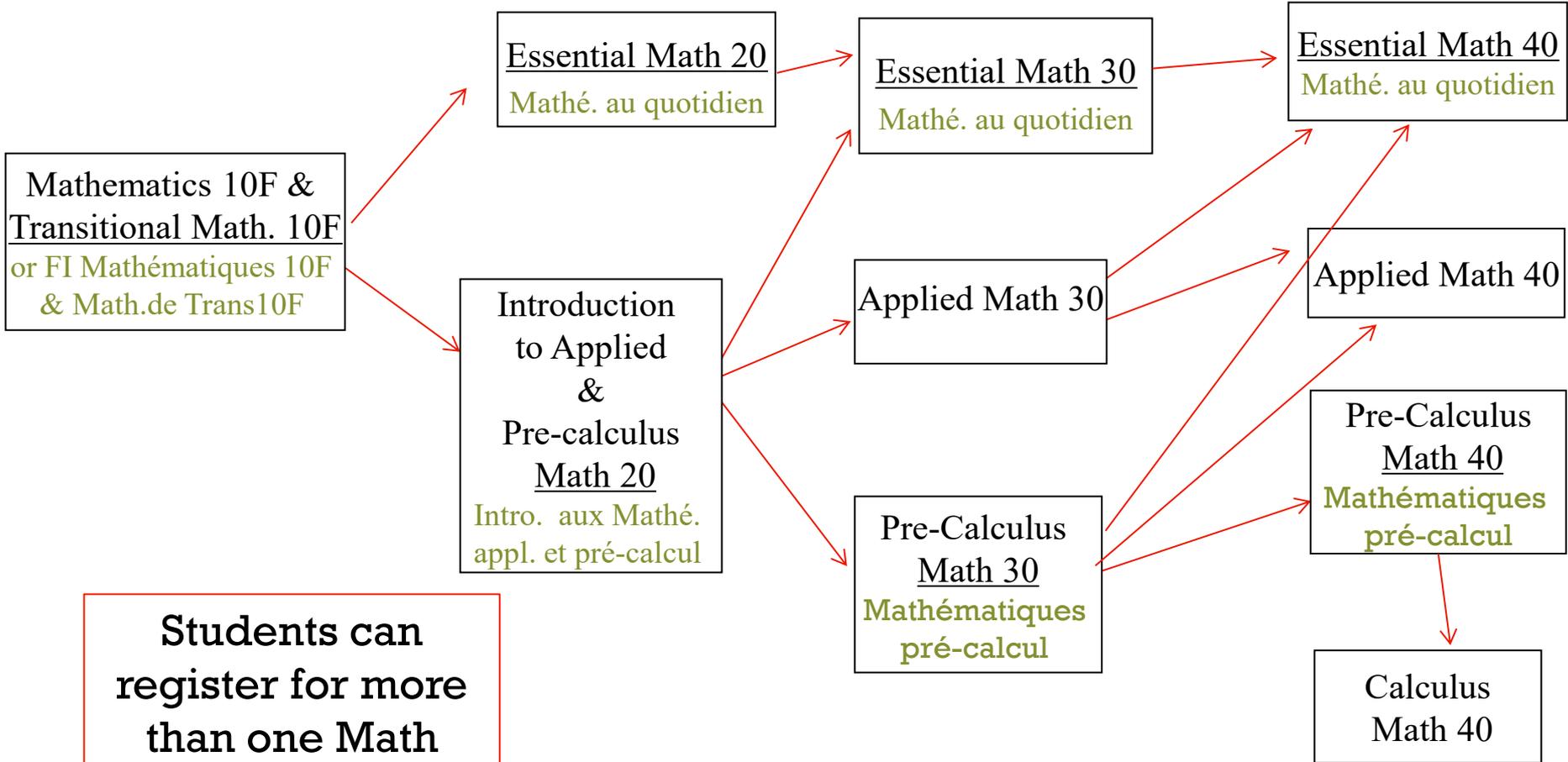
Applied Math 40

Pre-Calculus
Math 30
Mathématiques
pré-calcul

Pre-Calculus
Math 40
Mathématiques
pré-calcul

Calculus
Math 40

Students can
register for more
than one Math





Science Options

Gr.9

Gr.10

Gr.11

Gr.12

Science 10
Sciences de la nature 10

Students can register for more than one Science.

PLEASE NOTE:
Intro-Pre Cal & Applied Math 20 is recommended for both Chemistry & Physics

Science 20
Sciences de la nature 20

Computer Science 20

Current Topics in Science 30

Biology 30
Biologie 30

Chemistry 30
Chimie 30

Physics 30
Physique 30

Computer Science 30

Biology 40
Biologie 40

Exercise Science 40

Chemistry 40
Chimie 40

Physics 40
Physique 40

Computer Science 40

AP Biology 40



Social Studies

Gr.9

Social Studies 10
**Sciences
Humaine 10**

Gr.10

Geography 20
**Sciences
Humaines 20**

Gr.11

History 30
Histoire 30

American
History 20

Global Issues 40
Enjeux Mondiaux 40

Cinema as a Witness
to Modern History 40

Current Topics in First
Nation, Metis and Inuit
Studies 40

Students can 'reach up' to higher level social studies courses as long as they have the previous level first.



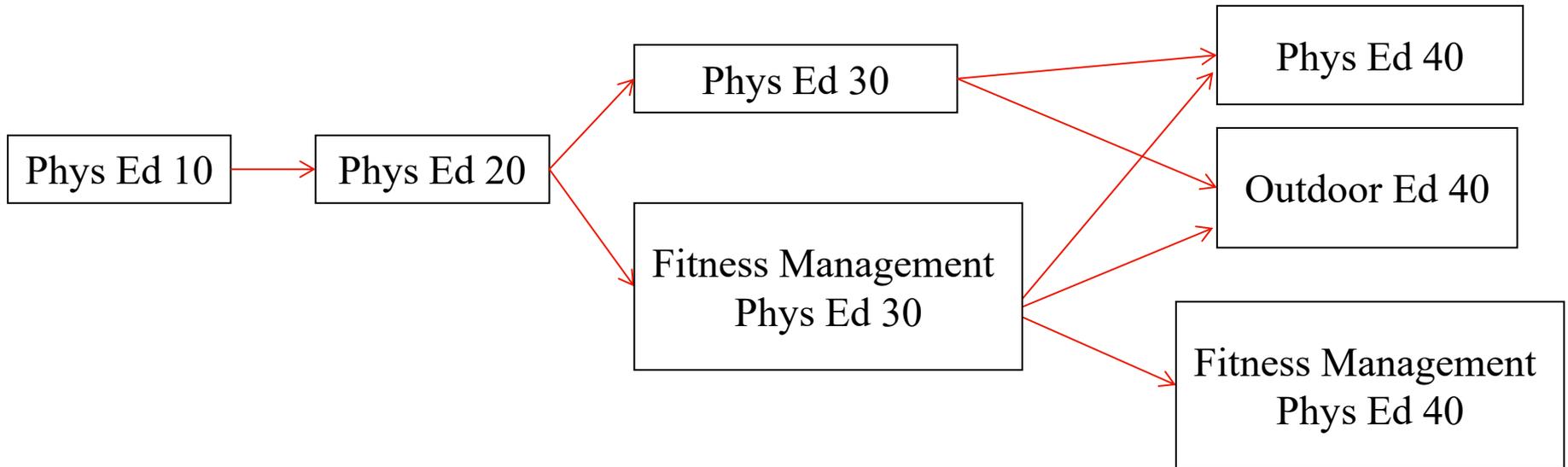
Physical Education/Health

Gr.9

Gr.10

Gr.11

Gr.12



Students can only register for one phys-ed class per grade level



Elective Courses

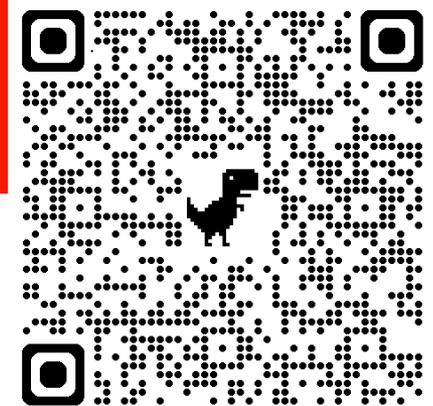
Grade 9 Elective Courses

Choose your top **FOUR** Elective Courses:

Number the courses in the order of interest. (1=the course you want the most, 2=second choice, etc.)

- ___ Business Innovations 10F
- ___ Career Education 10S
- ___ Concert Band 10S/Jazz Band 10S
- ___ Concert Choir 10S /Vocal Jazz Choir 10S
- ___ Dramatic Arts 10S/Arts Dramatiques 10S
- ___ English as an Additional Language 10S
- ___ Food and Nutrition 10S
- ___ (Basic) French 10F
- ___ Hockey Skills Academy 11G *\$250 course fee and consent form required before enrolled.
- ___ Information Communication Tech 10F
- ___ Reading is Thinking 10S
- ___ Spanish 10S
- ___ Textile Arts and Design 10S
- ___ Technical Theatre 10S
- ___ Theatre Production 10S *(after school)*
- ___ Visual Arts 10S
- ___ Woodworking Technology 10G

*** NOTE: Some courses have supply fees (for example the cost for Hockey Skills is \$250/student and a consent form is required).**



Link to course descriptions



Choosing the right electives...



Our timetable is created based on the electives that students select! Be sure to select the electives that are right for YOU!

- RESEARCH what the course is about!
 - My Blue Print Course Descriptions
 - MCI Website Course Descriptions
 - Talk to teachers/friends
 - What courses are needed for university?
- Try courses that you MIGHT be interested in – it could lead you into a new field of interest.
- DON'T choose your electives based on your friends/friends' interests!

Note: There are opportunities for students to request schedule changes – this is not meant for them to change their mind about what electives they are taking. Schedule changes are meant to FIX problems in the schedule.



Grade 9 Registration



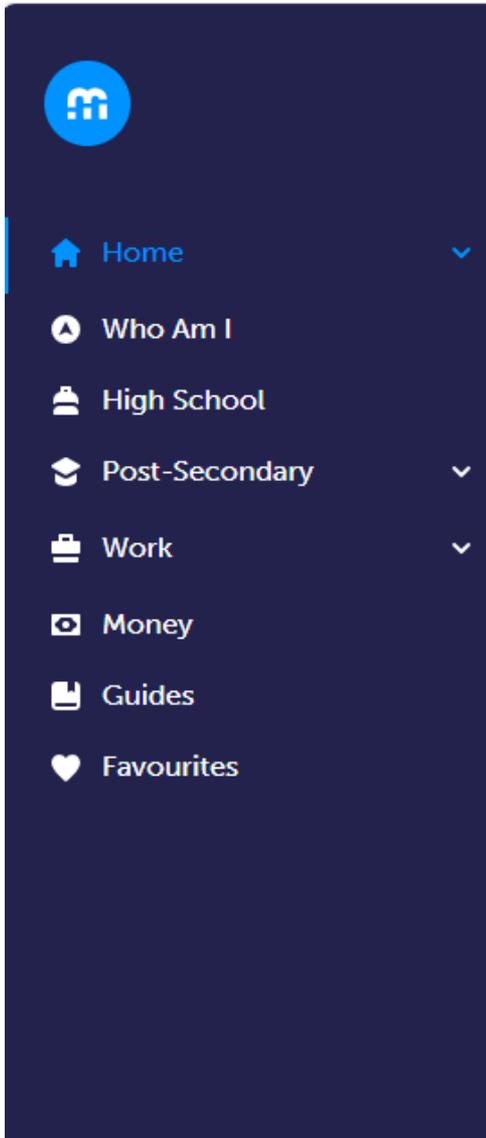
Registration Timeline

Date	Event
Tue, March 3 rd (7:30pm)	Gr 8 Parent Info Evening
March 11 – 13 th	Grade 8 registrations at EMMS - MCI guidance will visit their EMMS to help students register

NOTE: Grade 8 students are asked to have their course selection forms handed in to their EMMS homeroom teacher BY March 10th.



So what now?



1. Talk to your child about their elective options for next year.
2. MCI guidance team will visit the grade 8 classes next week to help them register for My Blueprint...
3. They will need help to finalize their course choices. Send their forms to their homeroom teacher before March 11th.
4. Approve their course requests (email verification).

QUESTIONS? Reach out to guidance!



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