



GRADUATION POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to meet graduation requirements and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 credits. These must include 48 credits for required courses, a minimum of 28 elective credits, and 4 credits for Graduation Transitions.

DEFINITIONS

Dogwood Diploma: is the certificate of graduation that is granted to a student who completes the Ministry of Education's provincial graduation requirements. It signifies that the student has met the requirements for graduation as set out in the Graduation Program Order.

Numeracy Assessment: Numeracy is the ability, willingness, and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in contextualized situations, and to analyze and communicate these solutions in ways relevant to the given context.

Literacy Assessment: Literacy is the ability and willingness to make meaning from text and express oneself in a variety of modes and for a variety of purposes. Literacy includes making connections, analyzing critically, comprehending, creating, and communicating.

OBJECTIVES

This policy ensures that students are aware of the requirements to graduate from St. John's Academy School with a Dogwood diploma. SJA School will work closely with each student to ensure high school graduation requirements are met.

REQUIREMENTS

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

Students entering Grade 10 or 11 in 2017/18 are in the 2018 Graduation Program. To graduate, students will require 80 credits total – with a minimum of 16 at the grade 12 level, and 28 elective course credits. 52 credits are required from the following:

→ Two Career Education courses (8 credits total) (replaces Planning 10 and Graduation Transitions) → Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits) → Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits) → Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) → A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits) → A Language Arts 10, 11 & 12 (12 credits) → An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits) → The new numeracy assessment will be introduced in 2018 → The new literacy assessment will be introduced in January 2020 → The new Grades 11 & 12 curriculum will take effect in July 1, 2019 →

EXCLUSIONS There are no exclusions to this policy.