



## Area 6 Office

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Questions and responses provided during the parent meeting at Griffith Woods School on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Q: How do you decide if students can move from 10-2 to 10-1?*

A: Decisions made regarding student placement take place in consultation/collaboration with the student, family and student learning team. Consideration is given to a variety of factors and variables that are unique to each student's learning profile.

*Q: Is it possible to move from 10-2 to 10-1?*

A: The short answer is that 'Yes' this can happen. This would be a collaborative conversation between the student, family, teacher and guidance counsellor.

*Q: Can you move between streams during the course?*

A: Yes, we look to schedule courses at the same time so that students who require a change can access this during the semester.

*Q: When does the scheduling start to happen?*

A: Scheduling may not happen until late June. The school receives and compiles all scheduling requests from students. Planning for the upcoming school year takes place each spring upon receiving projections (from our Planning Department) and Budget (from Finance).

### [CBE Advanced Placement Info](#)

*Q: In Advanced Placement (AP), do you write separate exams from the Diplomas?*

A: In grade 12, students are required to write Diploma Exams and the AP exams.

*Q: How is AP different from IB?*

A: Please use the [link](#) for information regarding IB information, courses and frequently asked questions.

*Q: Advanced Placement (AP): Is there a real benefit?*

A: Please use the link above for information regarding AP information, courses and frequently asked questions.

*Q: Can you do any of the courses in the summer? It was my understanding that Ernest Manning offers summer courses. Is it the same as Ernest Manning?*

A: It is our understanding that all summer courses will be available through Chinook Learning Services. Students would apply to take the course at one of their sites. We believe that would be the same for students attending Ernest Manning. Ernest Manning will be a Chinook Learning site for summer school.

*Q: Can you take the 'STEMester' and be in band?*

A: As this is a new pilot project (and runs for one semester), no decision has been made regarding this possibility. There is interest on the part of staff to support this work so that students can access both. Any student interested in participating would have their timetable impacted for one semester.

*Q: Does every child take CALM? And do you do that at the same time as PE 10?*

A: Yes, it is a student requirement to take this course in order to graduate from high school. It is preferred that students take the course in grade 11 or 12 as it matches better with student maturity level. Our CALM course is also offered out in the mountains during August. This option is popular with our students.

*Q: If students want to take band, where do they put that on their form and what do they write down?*

A: It was shared where to request band on the 'Complementary Course Selection' form and that band rehearsals fall outside of the regular timetable (7:30 am Monday and Wednesday). It was shared that band is also one class within the timetable each week.

*Q: Where can we find all the information shared tonight?*

A: The slideshow and Q/A session will be posted on the websites for Vincent Massey, Griffith Woods, and Central Memorial School.

*Q: What do you do if your child is lazy?*

A: The school works closely with each student to ensure they are in the right courses to support the conditions for success. Our Student Services team works closely with students and teachers in supporting student 'readiness to learn' and personalizing for student engagement.

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