

Grade 8 Student & Family Information Night



'Harmonious' Territory Acknowledgement-Artist Connie Watts

Tonight's Goals:

- Highlight our focus on communication, relationships, support and learning
- Outline the Grad Program: Grades 10-12
- Share course selection process
- Provide an opportunity to get to know your school





Student Support

Leadership Team

Principal – L. Fulton (she/her)

Vice-Principal	Students' Last Names	Counsellor
M. Horner (she/her)	A – Gh	*S. Pettigrew (she/her)
C. Smith (he/him)	Gi – N	M. Kiefert (she/her)
S. McHugh (he/him)	O – Z	R. Sandberg (she/her)

*T. Robertson (He/Him) for 2023/2024 School Year

Communication

Healthy communication & relationships are essential for student success.

- *Teachers*: First point of contact. They see your student every day!
- *Counsellors*: Primary contact for timetable info and social-emotional support
- *Case Managers*: Key contact point for families of students with IEPs.
- *Vice Principals*: Primary contact regarding any other questions or concerns.
- *Clerical Staff*: General inquiries, attendance etc.

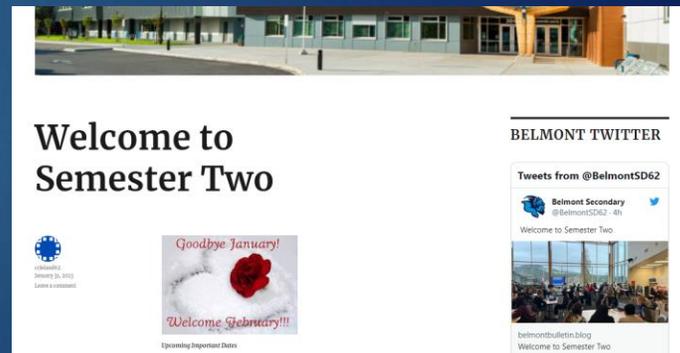
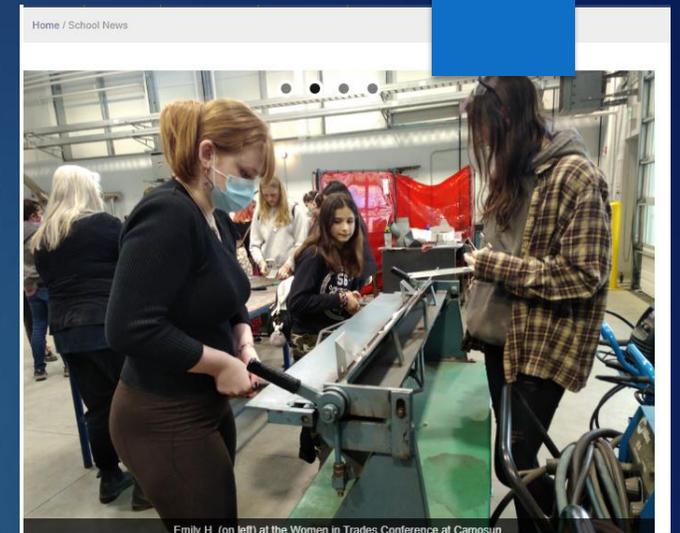
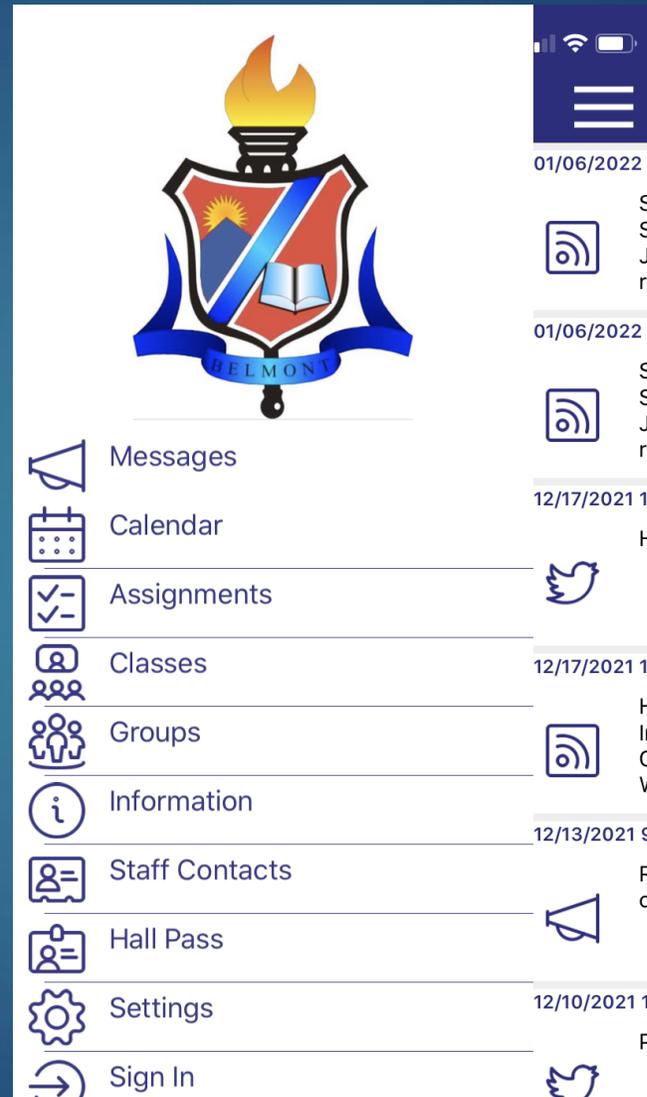
- <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/resolvingconcerns>



Communication

Stay connected through our website, school app, email notifications, and school blog – Belmont Bulletin

Our Course Selection Booklets and Forms are on our website under the ‘Students’ top tab



VIHA: Wellness Centre @ Belmont

The VIHA drop-in clinic is for students, community children and youth to access for their health needs.

Open 4 days a week through the school day and is operated by VIHA staff including Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Doctors, and Counsellors.





Graduation Program & Course Selection

BC's Grad Program

All students must take a certain set of Grade 10-12 courses to graduate. The Ministry of Education's [Grad Program](#).

Grade 9 courses are required to prepare students for the grad program.

Graduation Assessments:

Grade 10: Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10

Grade 12: Literacy 12 (English or French)

Inspired, Acknowledged, Supported - Belmont

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements (Dogwood Diploma)

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Required: minimum 52 credits			
English Language Arts	Choose two 2-credit courses: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Spoken Language 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12
Mathematics	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> History of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 11	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 12
Science	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12
Social Studies	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone History and Culture 11	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> B.C. First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12

Timetables

Students take 8 courses in a year.

Our typical schedule is a semester system; 4 classes in each semester:

- Semester 1: September–January
- Semester 2: January – June

Some courses are offered as linear, year-long classes (AVID & Music)



Day in the life

Monday- Thursday

9:00-11:50: Blocks A/B

11:50-12:30: Lunch

12:30-3:20 Blocks C/D

Friday

9:00-11:22: Blocks A/B

11:22-12:02: Lunch

12:02-2:25 Blocks C/D

- Belmont is an open campus and students are able to leave at lunch but there are many activities students can take part in over the break.
- The culinary arts program sells lunch Monday-Thursday throughout most of the year.
- Food options off-campus are difficult to walk to and return on time for class.

Grade 9 Program

All Grade 9 students study:

1. Career Life Education 9 & Social Studies 9 (Combined)
2. English Language Arts 9
3. Mathematics 9
4. Physical Health Education 9
5. Science 9
6. Elective Choice 1 (Or Alternate Choice)
7. Elective Choice 2 (Or Alternate Choice)
8. Elective Choice 3 (Or Alternate Choice)

Elective Choice

Check out our Course Selection Booklets under the ‘Students’ top tab on our website.

Choices increase as students move to successive grades

- **Not all** course combinations work with the schedule.
- If there is a course or program that does not fit with your schedule, you can most likely take it the following year.



Performing Arts

Ms. Glynis Dawson/Mr. Danny Martin



Course Selection Process

After an initial visit to Middle Schools, we will be assisting our Grade 8s with completing their course selections via the MyEd student portal.

Week of 13th – 17th: Visits to Middle Schools to intro Gr 9 Courses

Tue 21st: Course Selection Window **Opens**

Week of 21st – 24th: Visits to Middle School to complete course selections

Tue 28th: Course Selection Window **Closes**



Course Selection Process

- Choose your courses carefully.
- Courses chosen determine the timetable for the following school year.
- It is difficult to make changes once the timetable is built this spring.
- MyEd Student/Family Portal:
 - Report cards
 - Attendance
 - Course selection

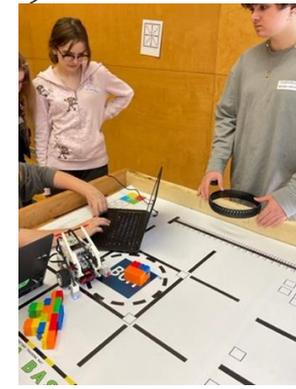


Special Programs

In addition to our core and elective courses,
Belmont offers several special programs.

Blended Learning

- Combines online learning with the best parts of in person learning.
- Students attend online classes from home 4 days per week and are on-site for in person learning activities 1 day per week.
- Activity days emphasize community connections, land based and social emotional learning.





Make the road to post-
secondary easier...



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a post-secondary preparation program for middle of the road academic learners (A/B to C...Proficient to Developing).

AVID

We teach strategies for reading, writing, thinking, and speaking.

We seek to create post-secondary and career-ready students by focusing on the “soft skills.”

- Organizational skills
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Character Development
- Work Ethic & Persistence
- Public Speaking

SD 62 Academies

- ▶ 1400 Students
- ▶ 18 Academies

Middle School Academy Programs 2022/23

Dunsmuir Middle School

Dance 6,7,8
Soccer 7,8

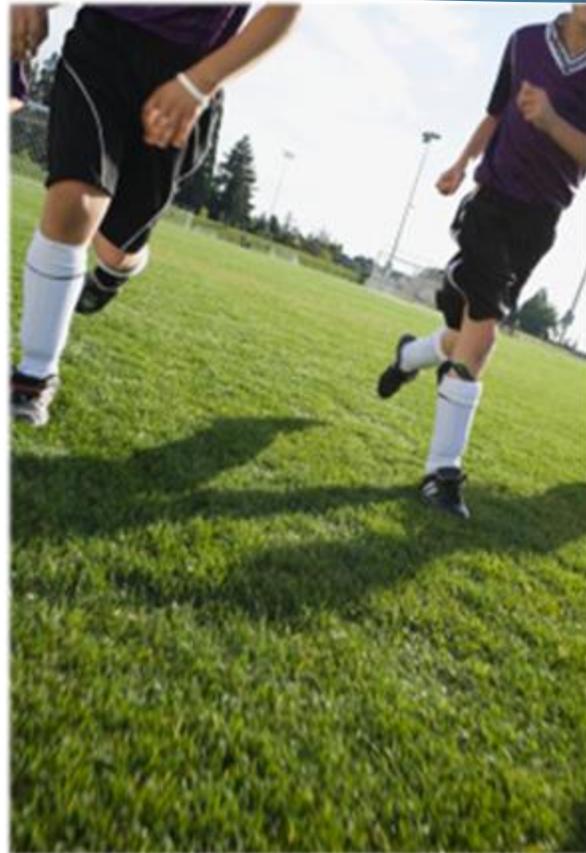
Journey Middle School

Hockey 6,7,8

Spencer Middle School

Hockey 6,7,8

SD62 District Academies



Belmont

Hockey
Baseball/Softball
Climbing

Royal Bay

Soccer
Dance
Lacrosse Boys/Girls

EMCS

Soccer
Hockey
Eco- Community

District-Wide Academies

Grade 9-12 Academies

(Belmont, Westshore, EMCS, Royal Bay)

- ▶ *Mountain Bike Academy
- ▶ Golf Academy
- ▶ Equestrian Academy

All Grade Academies

- ▶ PACE Musical Theatre Academy

* Proposed and pending approval

Registration →

New to the district? Learn more about our registration process and offerings.

[Academies](#)[Inclusive Education](#)[Curriculum
Transformation](#)[International Program](#)[Early Learning](#)[Na'tsa'maht Indigenous
Education](#)[English Language Learners](#)[Pathways & Choice](#)[French Programs](#)[Safe and Healthy Schools](#)

Registration



Dates

2023/24 Academy Registration Dates

Secondary (Grade 9-12) opens February 6, 2023, at 6:00 AM

Middle (Grade 6-8) opens March 6, 2023, at 6:00 AM

[2023-24 BROCHURE](#)

Note: Before you register for an Academy Program, please sign [the online consent](#) for School Cash Online if you already done so. It is required to process Academy payments.

International Student Registrations for Academies

All International Students must contact the International Program Office for any Academy Program Registration. For more information, contact sookeschools@sd62.bc.ca or call ~~250~~474-9818.

Assistance or Questions about Academies?

Please [email](#) or call 250-391-9006 for assistance.

School Academy Programs

If you are registering a student in an Academy Program please select from the list below.

+ [Eco Academy](#)

+ [Hockey](#)

+ [Soccer](#)

Bursary Programs

- 1) KidSport – Victoria chapter provides up to \$400 per child to assist with academy fees.
- 2) Jumpstart – Victoria chapter can provide up to \$300 per child to assist with academy fees
- 3) Sport Assist – Langford based. Provides assistance for students attending SD 62 Schools.

Want to learn more?

Departments and District teams present in the Social Commons for conversations:

- Languages, English Language Learners, Home Economics, Visual Arts
- Career Education
- Academies



Continue the conversation

- Departments and district teams available in Social Commons for questions.
- Leadership students available to guide tours or answer questions about student life.
- PVP available for questions.

Career Education

Employment, Post Secondary, Skilled Trades

Grade 8 Parent Info Evening



Carpentry TASK during their 1st ever week-long Forestry Unit

SD62 Career Education Team



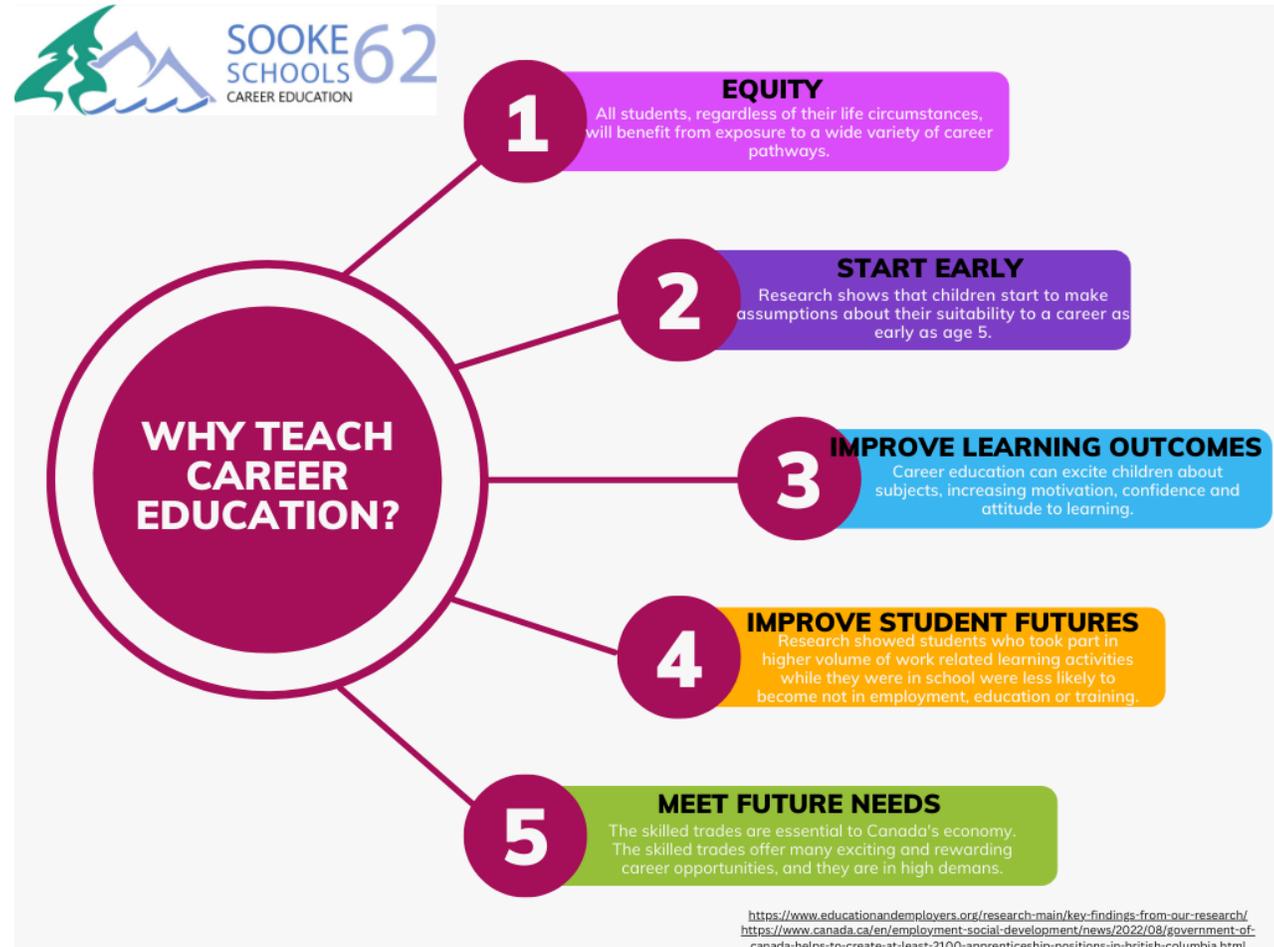
Nicole Wallace – K-8 Career Education Lead
Dante Di Ponio – District Career Education Lead
Jim Lamond – District Principal, Pathways & Choice
Brian Hotovy - District Youth Work in Trades Lead
Kristy Caldwell – District Career Coordinator Clerk

The Educated Citizen – the 3 overarching goals of Education in BC

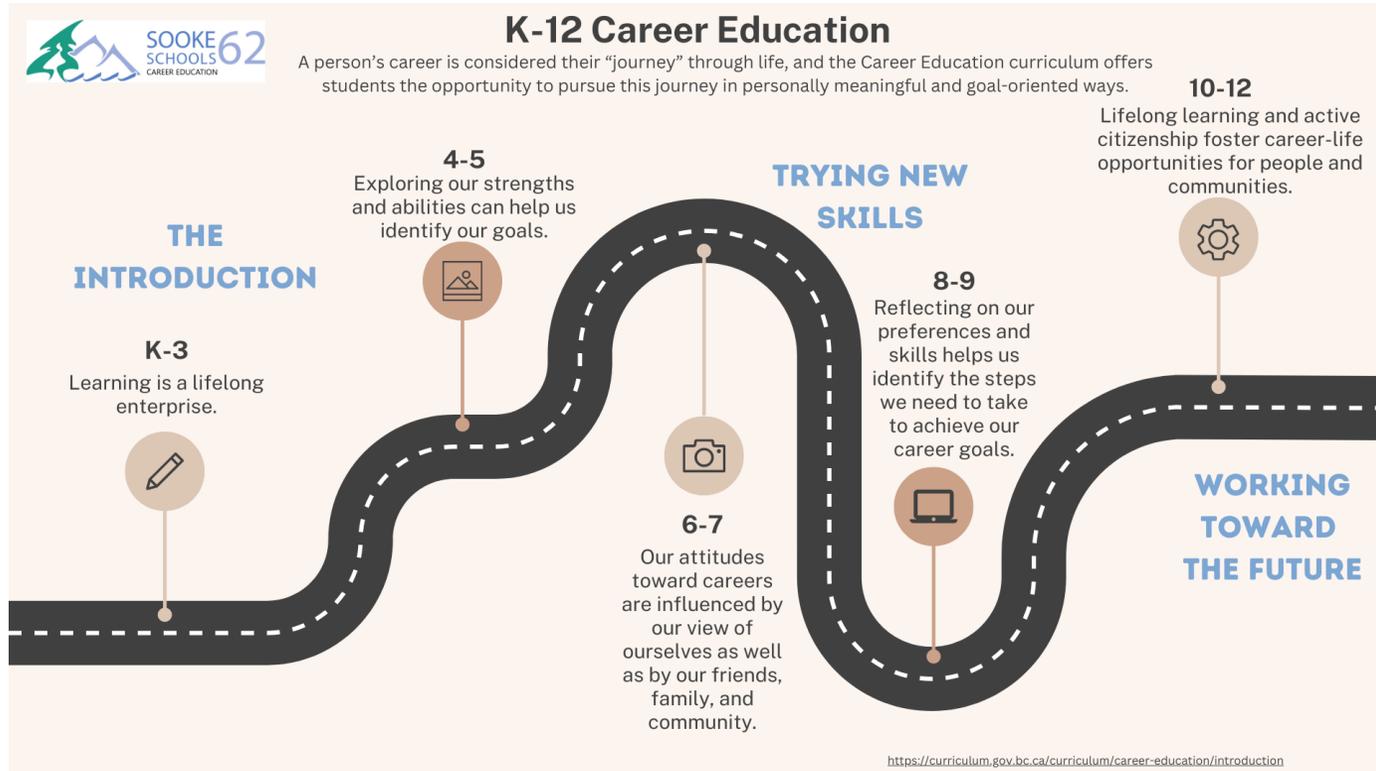
1. *Intellectual Development*

2. *Human & Social Development*

3. *Career Development*



Career Education K-12 Roadmap



Ed Planner BC

Know before you go!



EducationPlannerBC

PLAN

SEARCH

APPLY

HELP

Search EducationPlannerBC



Site Programs

PLAN

Advice, information & resources to help you plan your educational journey.

Plan Your Education

SEARCH

Know what program you're interested in? Let's find it!

Enter search term or community...

Search



APPLY

Create one account and apply to multiple post - secondary institutions.

Apply Online



Dual Credit Programs & South Island Partnerships

Grades 11 & 12

DUAL CREDIT

Why become a dual credit student?

- ◆ Start post secondary while in high school & have your tuition sponsored by your school district.
- ◆ Dual credit courses & programs let you earn high school and college credits at the same time.
- ◆ Gain skills, knowledge & experience that will lead you directly to employment

For more information talk with your school based Career Coordinators, or visit camosun.ca/dual-credit

South Island Partnership



TASK - Trades, Awareness, Skills, Knowledge Grades 10-11

Auto, Carpentry, Metal

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EXPLORE

**TRY OUT DIFFERENT TRADES AND BUILD
YOUR SKILLS IN MULTIPLE TRADES**

Want to try out a few trades and see what they're like?
Youth Explore Programs are for students in grade 10-12
who want to learn about trades and get some hands-on
experience in different trades.



Work Experience (WEX)

Grades 10 - 12



Youth Train in Trades

Grads 11-12

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TRAIN

**GET A HEAD START ON YOUR TECHNICAL
TRADES TRAINING**

Are you keen to build your skills and experience in one specific trade? Do you want to start your training while you're still in high school? The Youth Train in Trades Program can give you a head start on your future in trades.



Learning, Engagement, Growth

Youth Work in Trades

Grads 11-12



GET ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AS A YOUTH APPRENTICE

Do you want to get on-the-job experience in your favourite trade? The Youth Work in Trades Program can give you the trade skills to land a job and earn a paycheque while you're still in high school.



Community Partnerships

- ▶ **South Island Partnership (SIP) at Camosun College (SDs 61, 62, 63, 64, 79)**
- ▶ **Mid Island Partnership (MIP)**
- ▶ **Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB)**
- ▶ **Skills Canada**
- ▶ **Skilled Trades BC (formerly ITA)**
- ▶ **Dozens of local businesses & associations**