

**Saint Thomas Aquinas
Graduation Year
2020 - 2021
Parent Information Meeting**



Graduation Program Requirements

Required Courses	
SUBJECT AREA	Minimum Credits
English 10	4
Composition 11	4
English Studies 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 11 or a Socials Studies 12 course	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 or 12	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4
Career Life Education 10	4
A Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12	4
Total	48
ELECTIVE COURSES	
Students must earn at least 28 elective credits for Grade 10-12 courses	28
Career Life Connections	
Students must earn 4 credits by completing Career Life Connections	4
Overall Total	80
Of the 80 credits for graduation, at least 16 must be at the Grade 12 level, including English Studies 12. Others may be required or elective courses.	



Graduation Credits

- External Credits
 - Musical Instruments, Dance, Sports
- Distributed Learning
 - Courses taken outside of STA (i.e. online, summer school)
- Language Challenge Exam
 - Students who have studied in Canada since grade 9 and have a first language other than English
 - Exams are written through the Delta School District



Career Life Connections

1. Components

- Students will be working on their capstone project throughout the year during advisory blocks
- Resume, Goal Setting, Financial Plans, etc...

2. Presentation of Capstone Project to STA Staff Members

- Presentations take place
May 2021 (exact date TBA)



Required Provincial Graduation Exams

- Numeracy Assessment

Required for all students graduating in June 2021

Assessment score of 1 to 4 is recorded on the ministry transcript.



Post Secondary Admission

- Post Secondary Institution (PSI)
 - Students must authorize the Ministry of Ed. to forward information to PSI's through their BCeID account.
 - Students will set up BCeID accounts in Career Life Connections class in October.
- Check websites of specific PSI's to determine:
 - Admission criteria
 - Admission procedures
 - Course requirements
 - Application deadlines
 - Tuition and Fees



Transcripts

- Hard copies required for some universities and scholarship/bursary applications
- Requests made to Academic Advisor in writing or by e-mail outlining specific criteria and number required
- Be aware of deadlines for transcripts



Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fairs

- Wed, Oct 21st 3:00–7:00 pm
- Sat, Nov 14th Noon-4:00 pm

www.postsecondarybc.ca

- Information Sessions with a variety of PS Institutions including UBC, SFU, UVic, BCIT, Cap U, TWU, CCC, Douglas, Langara etc...



Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fairs

- Visitors can login in at any time during the 4-hour fairs; those institutions doing live presentations will start them at 15-minutes after the hour.
- **Here is a link** to a short 1-minute video that provides a clear introduction on how to use the Virtual Fair platform:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7-Ath_mH2E



Post-Secondary Planning

www.educationplanner.bc.ca

A resource to provide clear, reliable and detailed information about post-secondary programs available in BC.

Using Education Planner can help learners make well-informed decisions about their education and career options.



Scholarships & Bursaries

- Utilize the STA academic advising page for many useful links and tools for Post-Secondary planning, scholarship opportunities, career explorations, etc

www.aquinas.org/index.php/academics/advising

- Follow **@staacademics** on Instagram & Facebook for new postings and announcements.



Academic Advisors

- Provide academic advising, post secondary exploration and course selection
- Available to work with students and parents one-on-one for academic planning and support
 - Available by appointment or e-mail me at:
 - salituro@aquinas.org



Questions & Answers

- Thank-you
- Have a great year
- Congratulations

