

Class of 2023

SCHOOL COUNSELLORS:

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Credit Checks

- ▶ The first round of credit checks for all Grade 12 students will be completed by Sept 19th (for graduation NOT post-secondary requirements).

Ultimately, **students are responsible** for ensuring they have met any specific requirements post-secondary institutions may have.

- ▶ A potential graduation list will be posted outside the main office on October 3, 2022. Students should check that they are on it and that their legal names are spelled correctly.
- ▶ Students will be provided with a personalized credit check and transcript form later this week.



Halifax West High
Student Services

Graduation Application & Credit Check

**For students who started
grade 10 in 2017-18 or later**

DOB: _____ HR: _____

**Total Earned
Credits: 15.0**

18-19			
CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY 10	10	1.00	
ENGLISH 10	10	1.00	
CORE FRENCH 10	10	1.00	
MATHEMATICS 10	10	2.00	
MUSIC 10	10	1.00	
PHYSICALLY ACTIVE LIVING 11	11	1.00	
SCIENCE 10	10	1.00	
19-20			
ACCOUNTING 11 ACADEMIC	11	1.00	
AFRICAN CANADIAN STUDIES 11	11	1.00	
ENGLISH 11	11	1.00	
MATHEMATICS 11	11	1.00	
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY 11	11	1.00	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 11	11	1.00	
PHYSICS 11	11	1.00	

20-21 Halifax West High			
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY 11	11	/Final	
ENGLISH 12	12	/Final	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12	12	/Final	
GLOBAL GEOGRAPHY 12	12	/Final	
MATHEMATICS 12	12	/Final	
PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY 12	12	/Final	

For Office Use Only

English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Math	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fine Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	PE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can.Stud	<input type="checkbox"/>	Global	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tech/Math/Sci	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Potential Credits: _____
 No more than 7 Gr.10 Credits? _____
 Has 5 Gr.12 Courses?: _____

Total Potential Credits Verified by

Date: _____

All students MUST complete the following information. The form will be verified by a counsellor, and student names will be on the Grad List. Students will be advised of any problems found. If you change any of the above courses, you MUST fill out a new form.

1. Is the above information complete & correct in every detail? Yes ___ No ___. If No, please identify the problem _____
2. Have you received High School Credits not listed Above? Yes ___ No ___. IF Yes, name other school(s) you have attended _____ and the years _____
3. Are you planning to receive new credits from another source (night school, correspondence, etc)? Yes ___ No ___. If Yes, name the source _____ and the course(s) _____
4. Please Tell us any other information which you feel will affect your ability to graduate next June.

I certify this information to be correct, sign _____, dated _____.

Graduation Requirements

TOTAL OF 18 CREDITS

- ▶ 3 ENGLISH 10,11, and 12
- ▶ 3 MATH*
- ▶ 2 SCIENCE (Sci10 or Bio11 or Phy11 or Chem 11) plus one
- ▶ 1 OTHER (Math, Science OR Tech)
- ▶ 1 CANADIAN STUDIES (MKS11,CHS11,ACS11)
- ▶ 1 GLOBAL STUDIES (GGS12/HGS12)
- ▶ 1 FINE ARTS (Art, Music or Drama)
- ▶ 1 PAL, PE or Yoga
- ▶ No more than 7 grade 10 credits towards 18 mandatory credits
- ▶ Min. 5 grade 12 credits

French Immersion

FI Certificate Requirements

- ▶ Successfully complete the French Immersion language arts courses in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- ▶ Successfully complete, each year, a minimum of 2 courses in which the language of instruction is French (excluding core French or extended core French)
- ▶ Successfully complete a total of 9 courses in which the language of instruction is French (*HW offers 10 FI courses)

<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>
Arts Dramatiques 10 Français 10 FI Sciences 10 FI Mode de vie Actif 11	Biologie 11 FI Français 11 FI Histoire du Canada 11	Biologie 12 FI Français 12 FI Histoire Planétaire (Globale) 12 FI

myBlueprint

- ▶ What is myBlueprint?
- ▶ Student portfolios and career planning resources
- ▶ Student GNSPES Launch Page
- ▶ Visit the link on HWHS home page or go to <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- ▶ From there you can set up an account



What next?

Work

- ▶ [Social Insurance #](#)
- ▶ [Resume](#)
- ▶ [References](#)
- ▶ [Benefits \(medical, dental, paid time off, pension plan\)](#)
- ▶ [Opportunities for Training and Advancement](#)
 - ▶ (example: some companies offer tuition support)

Apprenticeship

- ▶ [Nova Scotia Apprenticeship](#)

What next?

College

- ▶ Diplomas or Certificates – one or two year programs
- ▶ Generally have CO-OP placements or internships
- ▶ NSCC, NBCC, Ontario Colleges (OCAS), numerous colleges across Canada
- ▶ Private institutions

NSCC

- ▶ To apply: Current high school students can provide NS Student ID Number, which can be found on your high school transcript or in PowerSchool (10-digit number that starts with a 3).
- ▶ Apply ASAP, don't wait! Typically, it is a first-come first-served basis for admission and many programs get wait-listed.
- ▶ Students can **apply for free** during their Open House planned for October 27th). Application fees are typically \$25 for domestic applicants and \$75 for international applicants.
- ▶ Admission requirements vary by program. Typically require high school completion (no minimum average), others require specific high school courses and grades.
- ▶ Details can be found under the Admission Requirements section
- ▶ https://www.nsc.ca/admissions/applying/admission_requirements.asp
- ▶ Programs can be found here:
- ▶ https://www.nsc.ca/learning_programs/programs/programs-by-area-of-interest/index.asp

Gap Year

What is a gap year?

- ▶ According to the Gap Year Association:
- ▶ “A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one’s practical, professional, and personal awareness.”
- ▶ Ask yourself:
 - ★ Am I ready to choose a major?
 - ★ Travel, experience other cultures?
 - ★ Learn a new language?
 - ★ Gain work experience before post-secondary?
- ▶ **School of Life:**
 - ▶ Growth, self-discovery, step outside your comfort zone
 - ▶ Can help you clarify career path.
 - ▶ Prepares you for higher learning (some schools encourage gap years)
 - ▶ Reduces academic burnout

What Next?

University

- ▶ 4 year Undergraduate (Bachelor) Degree (BA, BSc, BComm, BEng, etc)
- ▶ Majors, minors, concentration
- ▶ CO-OP
- ▶ Can transfer some credits and switch degrees
- ▶ Scholarship decisions and entrance to limited programs will be based on grade 11 marks (predictors) and first semester marks this year

Application Process

- ▶ Online
- ▶ Many institutions within the Atlantic provinces have a March 1st or 15th 2023 deadline to be considered for Entrance Scholarships based on marks. Please note there are universities with deadlines in mid January for limited entry programs.
- ▶ Outside the Atlantic provinces, the date varies, usually earlier than above. It is the student's responsibility to check with the school of their choice.
- ▶ Early Admissions - based on gr. 11 marks; usually for strong students
- ▶ NSCC –Apply NOW! Online or Paper

MyTranscript

- ▶ Universities in Nova Scotia and NSCC can access student transcripts if the provincial 300# found on Powerschool and ID cards is provided on applications with consent to access.
- ▶ Students with transfer credits may be required to show original documents from schools outside Nova Scotia.
- ▶ Students applying to schools outside of NS can order transcripts from Student Services (Secretary, Ms. Gibbons). These are ready in 2-3 business days.

University Prep Courses

- ▶ **DAL: Faculty of Open Learning & Development (formerly Continuing Education)**

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/open.html>

- ▶ **SMU**

<https://www.smu.ca/uprep/welcome.html>

- ▶ **ST.FX**

<https://www.mystfx.ca/continuingeducation/university-preparation-courses>

- ▶ **NSCC**

https://www.nsc.ca/learning_programs/programs/plandescr.aspx?prg=ACC&pln=ACCONNECT

- ▶ **ACADIA**

<https://www2.acadiau.ca/academics-overview/online/courses/pre-university-courses.html>

Financing Your Education

- ▶ Register with online scholarship/awards search sites such as Scholarships Canada and Scholar Tree.
- ▶ Check with parents' employment /union, students' employers and community organizations if you are involved
 - ▶ (i.e. Boys and Girls Club, Church, Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides, etc).
- ▶ Announcements at HWHS (available on HWHS homepage)
- ▶ Many scholarship, bursary and award opportunities are updated on a regular basis on the [guidance website](#)

Admission Requirements & Acceptable Courses

- ▶ **Dal Admission Requirements**

https://www.dal.ca/admissions/undergraduate/hs_applicants.html

- ▶ **MSVU Admission Requirements**

<https://www.msvu.ca/future-students/admission-requirements/high-school-students/>

- ▶ **SMU Admission Requirements**

<https://www.smu.ca/future-students/cs-admission-requirements.html>

- ▶ **Carleton University - Acceptable Gr. 12 Courses**

<https://admissions.carleton.ca/requirements/nova-scotia/acceptable-nova-scotia-grade-12-courses/>

- ▶ **Queen's University - Acceptable Gr. 12 Courses**

<https://www.queensu.ca/admission/content/nova-scotia>

Bachelor of Science

Schools have different minimum mark requirements and different acceptance averages

- ▶ MSVU – English 12, Math 12 or Pre Cal 12, 1 Science + 2 other academic Gr 12s
- ▶ SMU – English 12, Pre Cal 12, 1 Science, + 2 other academic Gr 12s
- ▶ DAL – English 12, Pre Cal 12 + 3 other academic Gr 12s

Application vs Acceptance Averages

- ▶ McGill admission averages

<https://www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/apply/requirements/canadian>

- ▶ Guelph admission grades

<https://admission.uoguelph.ca/canadian/cutoffs>

Do the Research

- ▶ Costs (travel, tuition, textbooks, supplies, residence/apartment, etc)
- ▶ Meal Plans
- ▶ Employability in the field
- ▶ Campus Activities and/or work opportunities
- ▶ Class size for first year classes
- ▶ Supports Available
- ▶ Talk to current/former students
- ▶ DEADLINES (Admission, scholarship, residence, etc)
- ▶ In-person vs Online (Synchronous/Asynchronous)

IB Students

- ▶ MUN & IB Credits

<https://www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/international-baccalaureate-transfer-credits/>

- ▶ Dal & IB Credits

<https://www.dal.ca/admissions/undergraduate/specific-course-requirements/ib.html>

- ▶ There will be additional information for IB Students/Parents from IB Coordinator. *TBA

Online Applications

- ▶ **Dalhousie**
https://www.dal.ca/admissions/apply/applying_for_undergraduate_studies.html
- ▶ **King's**
<https://ukings.ca/admissions/apply-to-kings/undergraduate/>
- ▶ **MSVU Application**
<https://www.msvu.ca/future-students/apply-now/undergraduate-application/>
- ▶ **SMU**
<https://www.smu.ca/future-students/cs-apply-online.html>
- ▶ **NSCC**
<https://www.nsc.ca/admissions/applying/index.asp>

Ontario Schools

Ontario Universities:

- ▶ Central Application OUAC

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

- ▶ \$156 for first three; \$50 for each additional school; plus supplementary fees ranging from \$69 (Carleton University) to \$90 (U of T) , supplemental fees from \$40-60 for specific programs
- ▶ Send transcripts directly to the institutions (request them from HWHS guidance office)

Ontario Colleges:

- ▶ Central Application

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/>

U.S.A. Schools

- ▶ SAT/ACT www.collegeboard.com has all pertinent information and registration
- ▶ SAT Registration # -825400
- ▶ See SAT website for local test dates (register well in advance)
- ▶ Walk in (if space available, extra)

Private Post Secondary Institutions

Examples:

- ▶ Centre for Arts and Technology
- ▶ Hair Design Centre
- ▶ Atlantic Flight Attendant Academy Limited
- ▶ Canadian College of Massage Hydrotherapy
- ▶ Carpenter Millwright Trades College (CMTC) Inc.
- ▶ ICT ® Northumberland College
- ▶ Maritime School of Paramedicine
- ▶ Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education Society
- ▶ Nova Scotia Firefighters School
- ▶ Ravensberg College (police cadet training)

Entrance Awards

- ▶ Check individual post-secondary institution websites for Named Entrance Awards (and deadline dates!).
 - ▶ Some require a separate application.
- ▶ Dal Money Matters
- ▶ SMU Money Matters
- ▶ MSVU Money Matters

HWHS School-Based Awards/Prizes

- ▶ \$100 to \$1500
- ▶ These awards are given out at the graduation ceremony.
- ▶ Most are sponsored by community groups such as the Freemasons, Lion's Club, political parties, etc.
- ▶ Different criteria: financial need, disability, post-secondary program or institution, where you live, extra-curricular involvement.
- ▶ Complete a Student Awards Application online in December. Only students who have completed the online database will be considered.
- ▶ DEADLINE: April 1st, 2023

Nova Scotia Student Assistance (Student Loans)

- ▶ Applications for September 2023 will be available online May 2023
- ▶ <https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance>
- ▶ **NS Student Assistance** (student loans) has changed a lot over the years. Which is really good news for you! Many opportunities for grants and loan forgiveness (i.e. free money)

Student Credit Lines

Student Line of Credit

- ▶ Secured through bank
 - ▶ Draw only what funds you need (interest starts the moment you take the money out)
- ▶ Requires a credit application and a co-signer

Student Loan

- ▶ Interest starts 6 months after you graduate

Upcoming Post-Secondary Open Houses & Information sessions

- ▶ Dalhousie Oct. 22 [Register](#)
- ▶ University King's College Oct. 15 [Register](#)
- ▶ SMU Oct. 29 [For more info.](#)
- ▶ MSVU: Nov.18
- ▶ Acadia University: TBA
- ▶ ST. FX: Oct. 22 [Register – Application fee waived Oct 3-31](#)
- ▶ NSCC: Oct. 27 [Information](#)



AARAO: Atlantic Associations of Registrars & Admissions Officers

AARAO hosts post-secondary opportunities fairs for students and their supporters to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location.

AARAO will be visiting **Halifax West** on Thursday **October 6**, 2022 from 10:40 am - 12:20 pm

This year they are also hosting a **Parent Night** scheduled at **Pier 21** on Tuesday **October 4th** from 6pm - 8pm

A great place to get lots of information and to get some of your questions answers by post-secondary admissions officers and recruiters.

Post-Secondary Information Sessions

- ▶ To accommodate nearly 500 graduates, we are offering post-secondary information sessions on a variety of topics. Once a student has attended an initial group session, they can then book an individual appointment with their counsellor (if required)
- ▶ Starting in October
- ▶ Each session will be offered once in all blocks (A, B, C, D) over the month.
- ▶ Sign up in Student Services
- ▶ Topics: University Applications, Financing your education, Engineering, Nursing & Science, Programs, Commerce and Arts, GAP year.
- ▶ An in-class presentation will be scheduled for students interested in NSCC.