

Bluefield High School

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Graded System Grades K- 9

- **A student passes or fails a grade.**
- **Students are evaluated on their average.**
- **An average is calculated by adding the student's marks in all subjects and dividing by the number of subjects.**
- **To pass grade 9 on PEI a student must achieve at least a 60% average and a minimum of 50% in all courses.**
- **Can be placed into, pass or fail the grade**

Credit System Grades 10- 12

- **Students are evaluated on credits they receive.**
- **Credit is received each time a student passes a subject.**
- **Students must complete 20 credits by the end of grade 12 to earn a high school graduation diploma.**
- **Receive credit for a course if you earn 50% or more**



Semester System

- **Each school year has 2 semesters.**
- **Semester 1 – September – February.**
- **Semester 2 – February – June.**
- **Students register to take 4 courses each semester**
- **8 courses each year to complete 8 credits.**
- **In three years, students can complete 24 credits.**



Academic Program

- **Courses prepare the student for university or college programs.**
- **Electives provide opportunities to explore career interests.**



General Program

- **Provides the skills necessary for some 2-year post secondary programs and trades-based careers.**
- **Courses are less theoretical and emphasize practical applications.**
- **Electives provide opportunities to explore career options.**



Essential Skills Program

- **Courses are designed to provide practical applications and skills in numeracy and literacy.**
- **Courses prepare the student for the workplace with essential work skills.**



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Current subject.	Current subject mark.	Discuss registering for the following with school staff.
	Percent Grade	
English	70% or higher	ENG421A (Academic)
	50% - 69%	ENG471C (Literacy)
	49% and lower	ENG471A (Essential Literacy)
Math	70% or higher	MAT421A (Academic)
	50% - 69%	MAT421K (Essential Skills)
	49% and lower	MAT451A (Practical)
Science	70% or higher	SCI421A (Academic)
	50% - 69%	SCI431A (General)
	49% and lower	SCI461A (Practical)
Social Studies	70% or higher	CIV421A/HIS421A/GEO421A/HIS421G (Academic)
	50% - 69%	CAS401A (Open)
	49% and lower	SOC451A (Practical)



WHAT CURRENT GRADE 10 STUDENTS SAY ABOUT COURSES...

- **Very fast pace compared to Grade 9, I can not keep up**
- **A lot more work**
- **I have never had to study before. I never took anything home.**
- **I do not know how to study.**

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Don't try to be
PERFECT.

**Just do your
BEST.**



SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- **Students attend class everyday.**
- **Take ownership of your education.**
- **Students must complete all assignments/projects on time in all classes you are enrolled in.**
- **Inform teacher of medical appointments, sporting events, and family trips in advance so alternate arrangements can be made.**
- **Students conduct themselves in a respectful manner.**



ATTENDANCE

- **We cannot emphasize the critical role that regular attendance plays in a student's academic and personal development.**
- **Consistent attendance is directly linked to academic achievement. Missing classes can result in gaps in understanding that may be challenging to fill later.**
- **Attending school regularly helps build essential life skills. These skills are invaluable for a student's future success, both in their academic pursuits and in the professional world.**



PARTICIPATION IN CLASS

- **Engage actively in class discussions, ask questions and seek clarification when needed in order to:**
 - **Improve understanding**
 - **Boost retention**
 - **Develop critical thinking skills**
 - **Increase confidence**
 - **Increase engagement**
 - **Achieve better grades**



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ORGANIZATION

- **Keep track of assignments, deadlines and important dates using planners or digital tools.**
- **Saying organized reduces stress and helps you stay on top of your responsibilities.**

TIME MANAGEMENT

- **Prioritize tasks, create a schedule and allocate time wisely to balance academics, extra-curricular activities and personal life.**



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EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- **Don't hesitate to ask for help.**
- **Be proactive with teachers when you are going to miss time.**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- **Ensure you get sufficient sleep, balanced nutrition and regular exercise which will all contribute to physical well being, mental alertness and over academic success.**
- **Spend time with friends, pursue hobbies and engage in extra curricular activities.**

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Your Best



Bobcat Learning Center

We have created a space for our Bobcats to support their success at Bluefield. Our Resource credits, EAL credits, Independent Courses, regular course work and credit recovery actively use this space. We also have students coming from different classes to get help/be more productive, to receive one to one assistance with course work, to have private space/scribe while writing tests/assignments and other adaptations as per their learning needs, and to participate in interventions run by Learning Centre Staff.



Extra Curricular Opportunities

Just to name a few:

Musical

Drama

Improv

Yearbook

Student Council

Ski Club

Envirothon

Anime Club

Art Club

Powerlifting Club

Bobcat Relay

Competitive

Sports

Intramural Sports

Chess Club

NSO

Diversity Club

GSA



Registration will occur in late March/early April

You have from now until then to:

- **Maintain the marks that you have now to register for the courses you want.**
- **Increase your work ethic and study habits to attain the marks that you need to be able to register for the courses you want.**