



Category: Student Services	Responsible Owner: Head of High School	Effective Date: November 14, 2024
Policy Number: 2.20	Approval Body: Board of Governors	Policy Name: International Student Graduation Credit (High School)

A. POLICY:

PURPOSE/COMMITMENT:

This policy applies to international students studying at Columbia College High School who wish to earn a Dogwood Diploma and who have not had their educational program instructed in English for at least two years prior to arriving in British Columbia.

This policy provides the High School with the flexibility to offer programs that meet the needs of international students who intend to earn the Dogwood Diploma while also ensuring that international students who intend to earn the Dogwood Diploma satisfactorily complete the specific courses in British Columbia's Graduation Program and do not earn credits through an **Equivalency** review or **Challenge** process.

This policy requires that international students earn credit for many core courses in the Graduation Program through enrolment in British Columbia schools. Only a limited number of course in the Graduation Program level may be credited through challenge or equivalency assessments to ensure the international credibility of the Dogwood Diploma. Regardless of when students begin their graduation programs, international students must meet all graduation requirements set out in this policy in ways that ensure competence in English in order to obtain a Dogwood Diploma.

To earn a Dogwood Diploma, all international students must meet all graduation requirements, including all required exams and assessments. International students whose educational program was not instructed in English for at least two years prior to arriving in British Columbia must earn credits through instruction from a British Columbia-certified teacher (not through Equivalency review or Challenge process) for the following courses:

- A Language Arts course at the Grade 11 level,
- English First Peoples 12,
- A Science course at the Grade 11 or 12 level'
- A Mathematics course at the Grade 11 or 12 level,
- A Social Studies course at the Grade 11 or 12 level,
- Career-Life Education, and
- Career-Life Connections

SCOPE: This policy applies to all international students enrolled in the high school who have not had their educational program instructed in English for at least two years prior to arriving in British Columbia.

B. PROCEDURES:

As part of course planning, High School Academic Advisors will advise international students who have not been instructed in English for at least two years prior to arriving in British Columbia and who wish to earn the Dogwood Diploma of these course requirements.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- International Student Graduation Credit
- British Columbia Graduation Program
- Earning Credit through Equivalency, Challenge, External Credentials, Post-Secondary Credit and Independent Directed Studies

C. APPROVALS:**WHERE APPLICABLE:**

Chair, Academic Board Jeff Warren, VP Academic	Date:
Chair, Marketing and Recruitment Committee: N/A	Date:
Chair, Finance Committee: N/A	Date:

APPROVAL FOR ALL POLICIES:

Responsible Owner: Patricia Dawson, Acting Head of High School	Date:
Principal or Designate: Matt Wadsworth	Date:
Chair, Board of Governors: Ana Culibrk	Date:

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