New curriculum for Grade 10 starts this year

The Government of Yukon is continuing to implement the new school curriculum this school year. Grade 10 classes will start using the new curriculum this year. Grade 11 and 12 students will start using the new curriculum next year.

Kindergarten to Grade 9 students started using the new curriculum last year, and Grade 9 students will stay in the new curriculum as they move into Grade 10 this year.

Some important highlights of the Grade 10 curriculum include:

- English 10 now offers students more choice with 2 credit courses in English Language Arts and English First Peoples. Topics include literary studies, composition, spoken language, new media, and creative writing. Students can combine 2 credit courses from English Language Arts and English First Peoples courses to obtain their 4 credits.
- Career Education is now separate from the Health Education curriculum to increase focus on getting students prepared for life after school.
- Planning 10 will no longer be available. This year, Career Life Education and Graduation Transitions are the two 4 credit courses available to satisfy the 8 required credits in Career Education. Please refer to the Department of Education’s Graduation requirements web page for more information (link below).
- Students in Grade 10 will be required to complete a self-evaluation of essential skill sets, including critical thinking and analysis, communication, creative thinking and personal and social skills, to be included on their final report card.

New assessments: Schools are continuing the transition to the new provincial numeracy and literacy assessments from the old British Columbia Provincial Exams (BCPE). Students in Grades 10-12 this year will take the new numeracy assessment before graduation. See the Parent/Student Graduation Numeracy Information Brochure for more information on the numeracy assessment.

The new literacy assessment will be available in January 2020.

Students should talk to their teachers or school counsellors to ensure they are registered for the right courses and assessments to satisfy their graduation requirements.

More information: Find out more at the links below:

- Yukon graduation requirements: http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/grad-requirements.html
- Yukon’s BCPE phase out: http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/BCPE.html
• Numeracy Assessment Brochure:

Questions: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.