

English Information Sheet

	COMPREHENSIVE FOCUS	LITERARY FOCUS	TRANSACTIONAL FOCUS
GRADE 10 (S2)	There is one grade 10 English course that all students take. It is a comprehensive course.		
<p>GRADE 11 (S3)</p> <p>Students need at least one, and can get up to three, English credits in grade 11. Students' choice of grade 11 courses does not restrict their choices when they select grade 12 courses.</p> <p>Note that the comprehensive course is the foundation course for grade 12 courses. Students should register for the comprehensive course, plus the literary or transactional courses if they wish.</p>	<p>The comprehensive course focuses on reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Students explore a variety of purposes and forms for writing. This course is the foundation course for the grade 12 (S4) English courses.</p>	<p>The literary course focuses on reading texts that are creative and expressive, such as novels, poetry, short stories, and plays. In both reading and writing, students consider how language can be used creatively to enhance the impact of a text.</p>	<p>The transactional course focuses on reading and writing informative, persuasive, and analytical texts, such as articles, essays, and presentations.</p>
<p>GRADE 12 (S4)</p> <p>Students need at least one grade 12 English credits. Students are strongly encouraged to take two English credits: the comprehensive course in semester 1, and one of the literary or transactional courses in semester 2.</p>	<p>The comprehensive course focuses on reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Students explore a variety of purposes and forms for writing. <i>This course best prepares students to write the provincial standards test.</i></p>	<p>The literary course focuses on reading texts that are creative and expressive, such as novels, poetry, short stories, and plays. In both reading and writing, students consider how language can be used creatively to enhance the impact of a text.</p>	<p>The transactional course focuses on reading and writing informative, persuasive, and analytical texts, such as articles, essays, and presentations.</p>
	<p>Students are strongly encouraged to take the comprehensive course plus one of either the literary or transactional courses.</p>		
	<p>All grade 12 students must write the provincial standards test, which counts for 30% of the final grade of one grade 12 English course. Students who write the test in January have the option to write again in May/June, and the higher mark will be retained. There are no other school-based exams for these courses.</p>		