



CHOICES FOR STUDENTS

Optional Courses

- Province of Manitoba Optional Courses are approved courses in the areas of music, art, technology, home economics, industrial arts, languages, etc. in all grade levels from Senior 1 to Senior 4.

Locally Developed Curricula (SICs and SIPs)

- School-Initiated Courses (SICs) are curricula that have been developed and approved by schools and school divisions to meet local needs and interests of students. Student-initiated Projects (SIPs) are curriculum projects that have been developed by students based on their interests and approved by the school. Some examples of SICs and SIPs are *Leadership* (21G), *Mathématiques – Calcul* (41G), *Musique – Wind Ensemble* (31G), and *Summer Language Course* (41G).
- Many opportunities are provided for SICs and SIPs, including sharing of such courses across the province. Students can select a maximum of 11 SICs and up to 3 SIPs across their Senior Years. Schools are encouraged to consult with parents and other community members about their SIC and SIP offerings.

More information on SICs and SIPs and registration forms can be found at:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/sics_sips.html

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Post-Secondary Credits and Senior Years (Dual Credits)

- Senior Years students may take college and university courses for Senior Years graduation credits, for example, Introduction to Psychology (university course) and Safety in the Workplace (college course).
- The student receives a high school credit as well as a university/college credit.
- Students can earn a maximum of five dual credits.
- The decision to participate is a school or school division decision, and funding is also a local matter.
- Parents need to consider that some courses at the post-secondary level may not be accepted equally by all of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions or those beyond Manitoba.

Please refer to the *Guidelines for Post-Secondary Credits and Senior Years (Dual Credits)* at:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/gradreq/choice-guidelines.html>

Distance Learning Courses

- Students may take compulsory or optional courses in either print or online format including courses delivered from outside the province. Two documents on distance learning were recently sent to Manitoba schools.

These documents are available online at:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/docs/policy/online_learning



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Community Service

- Students may earn one Community Service credit (in the form of a SIP) within the 28 credits for graduation.
- Credit for community service activities will be given not simply for participation in an activity, or for the amount of time spent in an activity, but for the achievement of an educational purpose.
- Guidelines for this SIP have been sent to schools. Parents are encouraged to read the guidelines and the parents' approval form for this credit at:

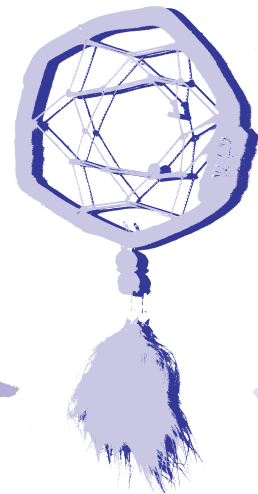
http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/gradreq/report_forms.html

Special Language Credit Option

- The Special Language Credit Option provides for the recognition of Manitoba's linguistic diversity. Students proficient in languages other than English or French are eligible. Only one special language credit may be earned at each of the Senior Years.

For further information please refer to:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/diversity/langcredits/index.html>





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The Private Music Option

- The Private Music Option is open to students who have successfully obtained standing in the Conservatory Canada Programs or Royal Conservatory of Toronto starting at the grade level for instrument or voice. One credit may be earned at each of the Senior Years.



Substitution of Credits

- Principals may substitute a maximum of two compulsory credits within Senior 1 to Senior 4 where there is a strong case for doing so. For example, Senior 2 Art or a School-Initiated Course (SIC) could be substituted for Senior 2 Science.



Challenge for Credit

- The Challenge for Credit Option offers students the opportunity to apply prior knowledge in a particular subject area by demonstrating achievement in the learning outcomes of that course/speciality and receive credit for it.

For information on the Challenge for Credit Option refer to:

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