

**BC Ministry of Education**  
**CURRICULUM REVISION & IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**  
**K-12**

This document provides a brief overview of the ongoing work of the Ministry of Education to ensure that the K-12 provincial curriculum continues to be both current and relevant. These revision and implementation timelines take into consideration the consultation process during the revision stages of curriculum documents, the cycle of learning resource development and evaluation, and the translation into French of curriculum documents and related resources.

All provincial curricula are described in a separate line in the following table. The latest revision date is shown underneath each curriculum,

Please note that these timelines are subject to change. Any revision to these timelines will be communicated promptly, with a revision date clearly indicated.

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Current as of December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
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1. **Response drafts** of curriculum under revision can be found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts/>
2. **The listing of Ministry Recommended learning resources (Grade Collections)** can be found at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp\\_resources/lr/resource/res\\_main.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp_resources/lr/resource/res_main.htm)
3. **Ministry approved curriculum documents** (Integrated Resource Package / IRP) can be found at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp.htm>
4. **Grades K-7 implementation:** many of the revised curricula now have a 3-year implementation window (first 2 years optional; 3<sup>rd</sup> year mandatory) in order to provide school districts with flexibility with regard to their own overall curriculum implementation planning.
5. **Grades 10-12 implementation:** there is no optional implementation year for Grade 10 to 12 curricula for which there is a provincial examination.
6. **Curriculum revision process:**
  - ◆ Curriculum in BC is revised every 8 years.
  - ◆ All curriculum revision processes begin with a research and survey phase that determines the extent and direction of change needed.
  - ◆ Teams of experts and specialist teachers then proceed to the curriculum writing phase and produce a draft revised curriculum that is posted on the ministry website for response, and may be piloted by the Ministry.
  - ◆ During the same time period, a call for learning resources is sent to publishers. Following a rigorous evaluation process, recommended resources are added to the Grade Collection.
  - ◆ The final revised curriculum is then published and made available for planning and implementation (<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp.htm>).

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**Kindergarten to Grade 7**

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Notes
ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM					
<b>English Language Arts K-7 (1996)</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>			<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 06</i>
<b>Français langue première M-7 (1995)</b>	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>		<i>Updated Grade Collection: March 07</i>
<b>Français langue seconde – Immersion M-7 (1997)</b>		Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>	
<b>Mathematics K-7 (1996)</b>	Final version available for planning	<b>Optional: K-1-4-7</b>	<b>Full: K-1-4-7 Optional: 2-5</b>	<b>Full: 2-5 Opt: 3-6</b>	<i>New resources required and being developed. Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<b>Social Studies K-7 (1998)</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>		<i>Updated Grade Collection: March 06</i>
<b>Fine Arts K-7 (1998)</b> Dance – Drama Music – Visual Arts		Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Optional</b>	
<b>Science K-7 (2005)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 05</b>				<i>New resources required; some already available See: <a href="#">Updated Grade Collection available</a></i>
<b>Health &amp; Career Education K-7 (Formerly Personal Planning -1999)</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>		<i>Updated Grade Collection: May 06</i>

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<b>Physical Education K-7 (1995)</b>	Final version available for planning	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>	<i>Updated Grade Collection March 06</i>
<b>Spanish 5-7 (2005)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 05</b>				
<b>Japanese 5-7 (1997)</b>	Revision: Draft available for review	<b>Optional 5-7</b>	<b>Full 5-7</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Core French 5-7 (2001)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Punjabi 5-7 (1995)</b></li> <li>○ <b>American Sign Language 5-7 (1998)</b></li> <li>○ <b>German 5-7 (1997)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mandarin Chinese 5-7 (1998)</b></li> </ul>					<i>Revision plans to be announced June 06</i>

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<b>APPLIED SKILLS</b>					
<b>Home Economics 8-12 (1998)</b>	Revision: Draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>		<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<b>Applied Skills 11 (1995)</b>					<i>Revision plan to be announced June 06</i>
<b>Business Education 8-12 (1998)</b>					<i>Revision plan to be announced June 06</i>
<b>Technology Education 8-10 (1995)</b>					<i>Revision plan to be announced June 06</i>
<b>Technology Education 11-12 (6 courses) (1997-2002)</b>					<i>Revision plan to be announced June 06</i>
<b>HEALTH &amp; CAREER EDUCATION</b>					
<b>Health &amp; Career Education 8-9 (2005)</b>	<b>Full</b>				
<b>Planning 10 (2004)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 04</b>				
<b>INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY</b>					
<b>Information Technology 8-10 (1996)</b>		Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional 8-10</b>	<b>Full 8-10</b>	
<b>Information &amp; Communications Technology 11-12 (2003)</b>	<b>Full: 11-12</b>				

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<b>FINE ARTS</b>					
<b>Dance 8-10 (1996)</b>			Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<i>Full implementation 2010</i>
<b>Drama 8-10 (1996)</b>			Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<i>Full implementation 2010</i>
<b>Music 8-10 (1996)</b>			Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<i>Full implementation 2010</i>
<b>Visual Arts 8-10 (1996)</b>			Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<i>Full implementation 2010</i>
<b>All Gr 11-12 Fine Arts Courses (1996-2002)</b>			Curriculum Evaluation	Revision	<i>Implementation timelines to be announced.</i>
<b>INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES</b>					
<b>Spanish 8-12 (2005)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 05</b>				
<b>Japanese 8-12 (1997)</b>	Revision: Draft available for review	<b>Optional 8-11</b>	<b>Full 8-12</b>		<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Core French 8-12 (2001)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Punjabi 8-12 (1995)</b></li> <li>○ <b>American Sign Language 8-12 (1998)</b></li> <li>○ <b>German 8-12 (1997)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mandarin Chinese 8-12 (1998)</b></li> </ul>					<i>Revision plans to be announced June 06</i>

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LANGUAGE ARTS					
<b>English Language Arts 8-12 (1996)</b>	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full 8-12</b> <i>No optional year</i>			<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<b>Technical &amp; Professional Communication 12 (1996)</b>	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full 12</b> <i>No optional year</i>			<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<b>Communications 11-12 (1998)</b>	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full 11-12</b> <i>No optional year</i>			<i>Updated Grade Collection: Feb 07</i>
<b>English Literature 12 (2003)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 04</b>				
<b>Français langue première 8-12 (1995)</b>		Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full 8-12</b>		
<b>Français Immersion 8-12 (1997)</b>			Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full 8-12</b>	
MATHEMATICS					
<b>Mathematics 8-9 (2001)</b>		Final version available for planning	<b>Optional 8</b>	<b>Full 8 Optional 9</b>	<i>Full 9 in 2010; new resources needed and being developed</i>
<b>Mathematics 10-12 (2000)</b>	Revision: draft available for review	<i>Revision process continues, based on 06-07 feedback</i>	Final version available for planning	Final version available for planning	<b>Full Implementation:</b> <b>Grade 10: 2010</b> <b>Grade 11: 2011</b> <b>Grade 12: 2012</b> (New resources)

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION					
<b>Physical Education 8-10 (1995) 11-12 (1998)</b>		Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional 8-12</b>	<b>Full 8-12</b>	
SCIENCES					
<b>Science 8-10 (1996)</b>	<b>Full 8</b> <i>No optional year</i>	<b>Full 9</b> <i>No optional year</i>	<b>Full 10</b> <i>No optional year</i>		<i>New resources required and being developed</i>
<b>Science &amp; Technology 11 (1995)</b>	Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Full</b>	
<b>Applications of Physics 11-12 (1997)</b>	Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional 11</b>	<b>Full 11 Optional 12</b>	
<b>Resource Sciences 11-12 (1997)</b>	Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional 11</b>	<b>Full 11 Optional 12</b>	
<b>Biology 11-12 (1996)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<i>Implementation timelines to be determined (No optional year)</i>
<b>Chemistry 11-12 (1995)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	
<b>Earth Science 11 &amp; Geology 12 (1995)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	
<b>Physics 11-12 (1996)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	



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SOCIAL STUDIES					
<b>Civics Studies 11 (2005)</b>	<b>Full implementation as of Sept 05</b>				
<b>Social Studies 8-10 (1997)</b>	Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Optional 8</b>	<b>Full 8 Optional 9</b>	<i>Full 9 and optional 10 in 2010</i>
<b>Social Studies 11 (1998)</b>		Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full</b> <i>No optional year</i>	
<b>Geography 12 (1998)</b>		Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full</b> <i>No optional year</i>	
<b>History 12 (1997)</b>		Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<b>Full</b> <i>No optional year</i>	
<b>BC First Nations Studies 12 (2000)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<i>Full implementation in 2010</i>
<b>Law 12 (1997)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<i>Optional implementation in 2010</i>
<b>Comparative Civilizations 12 (1997)</b>			Revision	Revision: draft available for review	<i>Optional implementation in 2010</i>

## REFORMATTED AND REFINED GR 10-12 IRPs

The following Gr 10-12 IRPs (Integrated Resource Package) originally developed between 1995 and 2000, have been **reformatted** into the new IRP format. Pending full review (see Curriculum Revision and Implementation Schedule, above), their essential curricular components have been **refined** for the purpose of:

- clarifying the Prescribed Learning Outcomes
- introducing Suggested Achievement Indicators
- addressing content overload

### Provincial exams:

The table of specifications of examinable courses will be adjusted accordingly.

### Learning Resources:

The current recommended resources continue to support these interim curricula. New resources may be added to the Grade Collections via the continuous submission process.

### Implementation Schedule of Reformatted and Refined Gr 10-12 IRPs

REFORMATTED AND REFINED IRPs	SEPT 05	SEPT 06	SEPT 07
MATHEMATICS			
<b>Essentials 10-12 (2000)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>10, 12</b>
<b>Applications 10-12 (2000)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>10, 12</b>
<b>Principles 10-12 (2000)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>10, 12</b>
SCIENCES			
<b>Biology 11-12 (1996)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Chemistry 11-12 (1995)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Physics 11-12 (1996)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Earth Science 11 &amp; Geology 12 (1995)</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
SOCIAL STUDIES			
<b>Social Studies 10 (1997)</b>		<b>10</b>	
<b>Social Studies 11 (1998)</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>History 12 (1997)</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Geography 12 (1998)</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>BC First Nations Studies 12 (2000)</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Law 12 (1997)</b>		<b>12</b>	
<b>Comparative Civilizations 12 (1997)</b>		<b>12</b>	