



# Fox Creek School Grade 9 to 10 Transition

How to have a successful senior high experience

# At Fox Creek School

- Our focus is excellence in teaching, learning and citizenship.
- Good student achievement and a record of good citizenship can lead to post-secondary scholarships

# The End Goal

- A High School Diploma

Or

- A High School Completion Certificate

## Diploma Requirements

- Alberta Education specifies courses needed to complete a high school diploma
- Some employers require a diploma as a condition of hiring
- Fox Creek School offers the core academic courses, arts and Career Technology Studies courses necessary to earn a high school diploma

# Alberta High School Diploma Requirements

100 Credits

- English Language Arts - 30 Level  
(ELA 30-1 or 30-2)
- Social Studies - 30 Level  
(Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)

- Mathematics - 20 Level  
(Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3)
- Science - 20 Level  
Science 24 or Science 20 or Biology 20 or  
Chemistry 20  
Or Physics 20
- Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
- Career And Life Management (3 credits)

- 10 credits
- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts
- Second Languages
- Physical Education 20 and / or 30
- Knowledge and Employability Courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program Courses

# Tips For Academic Success

- A positive attitude
- A willingness to do your best in all classes
- A willingness to try different courses even those you may not be interested in
- Consistent attendance
- Keep up with assignments and due dates
- Meet the requirements of an Alberta High School Diploma
- Read/Review course related material everyday
- Ask for help if you are overwhelmed (teacher, counsellor, trusted adult)
- Cooperation and following school guidelines for behaviour standards
- Stay organized in your locker, binders and time



# Stay Healthy

- Success at school requires good health
- Make healthy food choices
- Exercise and get fresh air
- Drink plenty of water
- Stay clear of the flu by frequent hand washing
- Sleep sleep sleep (but not in class)
- Set goals and achieve them - it's good to keep a positive attitude!!!
- Access support networks when struggling -CHAMP Team, Mental Health, and Teachers

# Grade 10 Mandatory Courses

- English 10-1 or 10-2
- Math 10C or 10-3
- Science 10 or 14
- Social Studies 10-1 or 10-2
- CALM - Career & Life Management
- Physical Education 10 - at least 3 credits
- Option Courses

# Option Courses

- CTS - Career & Technology Studies
  - Computer Science, Construction, Foods, Cosmetology, Digital Photography, Leadership, Media Arts, Mechanics, Recreational Leadership, Video Arts, Welding, and Wildlife

# Other Changes for Grade 10



- 2 semesters
  - September to January - with final exams - last 4 days - will not be rescheduled
  - February to June with final exams - last 4 days - will not be rescheduled
- 4 periods per day each 80 minutes - two in the am and two in the pm and 15 minutes of Teacher Advisory Group
- The pacing is much faster

# What is the difference between 10-1 and 10-2 courses?

- 10-1 courses are designed for students to get a high school diploma and attend university, college, or Registered Apprenticeship Program
- 10-2 courses are designed for students to get a high school diploma and attend a college, or Registered Apprenticeship Program (Applied Courses)
- Recommendation is a 65% or higher mark in grade 9 core subject areas for 10-1 courses
- A strong work ethic is required to be successful in 10-1 courses

# Knowledge and Employability Courses

- K and E courses lead to a High School Completion Certificate, not a diploma
- K and E courses can help students who need to catch up on course content due to extensive absences from school
- It is possible to transition from K and E courses to diploma courses with hard work - the reward a diploma, not a certificate, and more post secondary choices



Remember...what you do in  
grade 9 does matter

Here is why .....



# Grade 9 to High School

- Grade 9 achievement determines high school course streams

LA 9 mark  $> 65\%$  = English 10-1

LA 9 mark  $< 65\%$  = English 10-2

Math 9 mark  $> 65\%$  = Math 10 Common

Math 9 mark between  $50\% - 65\%$  ???

Math 9 mark  $< 50\%$  = Math 10-3



# Grade 9 to High School

- Science 9 mark  $>50\%$  = Science 10
- Science 9 mark  $< 50\%$  = Science 14
- Social Studies 9 mark  $> 60\%$  = Social Studies 10-1
- Social Studies 9 mark  $< 60\%$  = Social Studies 10-2

# Grade 9 to High School

- Grade 9 core academic marks  $< 40\%$  = Knowledge and Employability
- Students who do not meet the academic prerequisite marks, who want to work hard and move into the academic courses, can still do so.
- They will most likely need four years of high school rather than three to earn a diploma.

# Screening At Registration

- Each student registering in grade 10 will have their marks screened prior to course selection.
- Administration and counselling staff will work with students to determine the best course stream, to ensure students' success.
- Grade 9 achievement is crucial to course selection

# Diploma Requirements

- Students earn “credits” for each course completed
- A minimum of 100 credits is required to earn a diploma.
- Successful completion of the following courses is mandatory:

# Flexibility

- The requirements for a diploma are set by Alberta Education and not negotiable
- At Fox Creek School you can take courses in many formats. It is evident students have the most success in a classroom with a teacher and their peers.
- CTS courses this year include: Cosmetology, Basic Mechanics, Woods, PE Option and others as we move forward with timetable

# Work Experience Program

- Mr. Thesen
- Approved work sites of all types are available in town
- Learn new skills, explore career possibilities, earn credits towards your diploma, and build your resume

# Registered Apprenticeship Program

- Mr. Thesen
- You must be in Grade 11 and be hired as an Apprentice
- You can earn money, gain knowledge and skills specific to a trade, and get high school credits that can be applied towards your diploma.

# How many credits are expected for each year of high school?

- Grade 10 - a minimum of 40 credits
- Grade 11 - a minimum of 40 credits
- Grade 12 - a minimum of 35 credits - only one spare will be allowed in grade 12 - if a course is below 50% in grade 10 or 11 a student must take a full course load of 40 credits in grade 12



# Spares?

- Grade 10 - no spares allowed
- Grade 11 - no spares allowed
- Grade 12 - up to one spare - if no courses have been below 50% in grade 10 & 11

# Tools to keep you informed

To ensure success for your child it is most important to stay connected. Ongoing communication with the teenager in your family is a music!  
Making sure you encourage success at school will make a difference in the attitude of your child.

- PowerSchool - student and parent registration
- Synervoice - call and email home
- Report Cards - 2 per semester
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Email
- Call and talk with the teacher

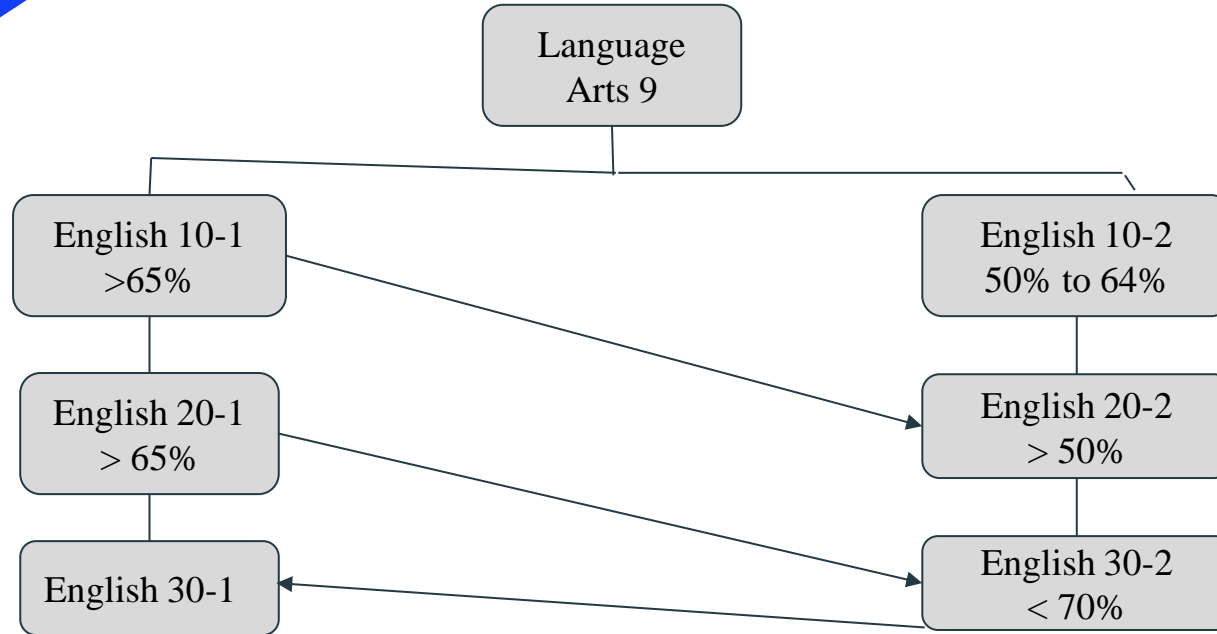
# Other factors that impact success

- Students that are engaged in the school over and above core course offerings
  - Sports - Badminton, Cross Country Running, Golf, Basketball, Track and Field and Volleyball
  - Student Council
  - International Education Exchange
  - CTS - Career Technology Studies
  - Work Experience and RAP Programs
  - Summer Boot Camps

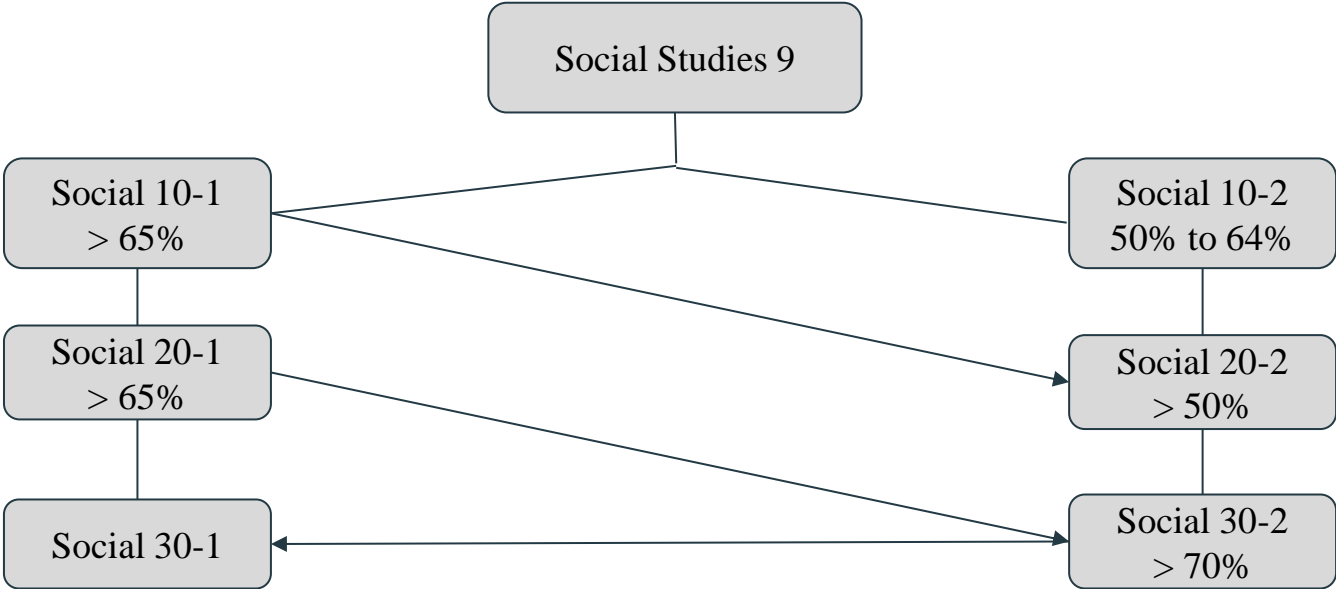
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- Parental Involvement
  - School Council - 2nd Thursday of each month
  - Coaching
  - Assisting with clubs, sports, and special events
  - Being a positive advocate for both student and the school; we are all working together for the best of the student
  - Encourage positive priority setting and time management--your child will have a lot more to balance as their high school years continue

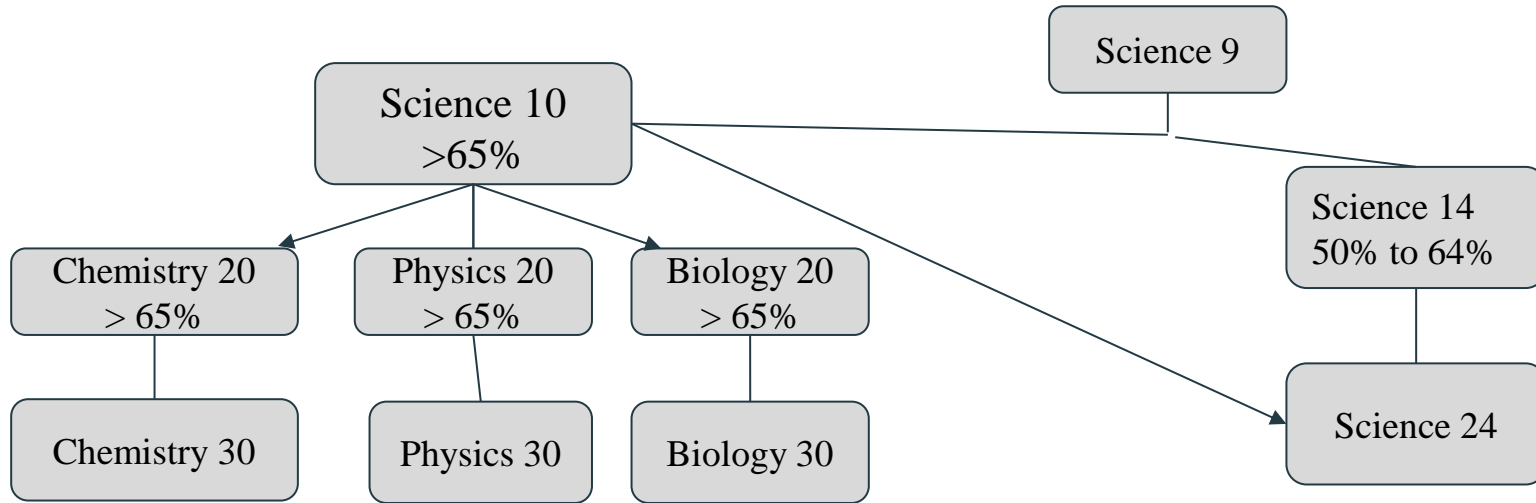
# Senior High English



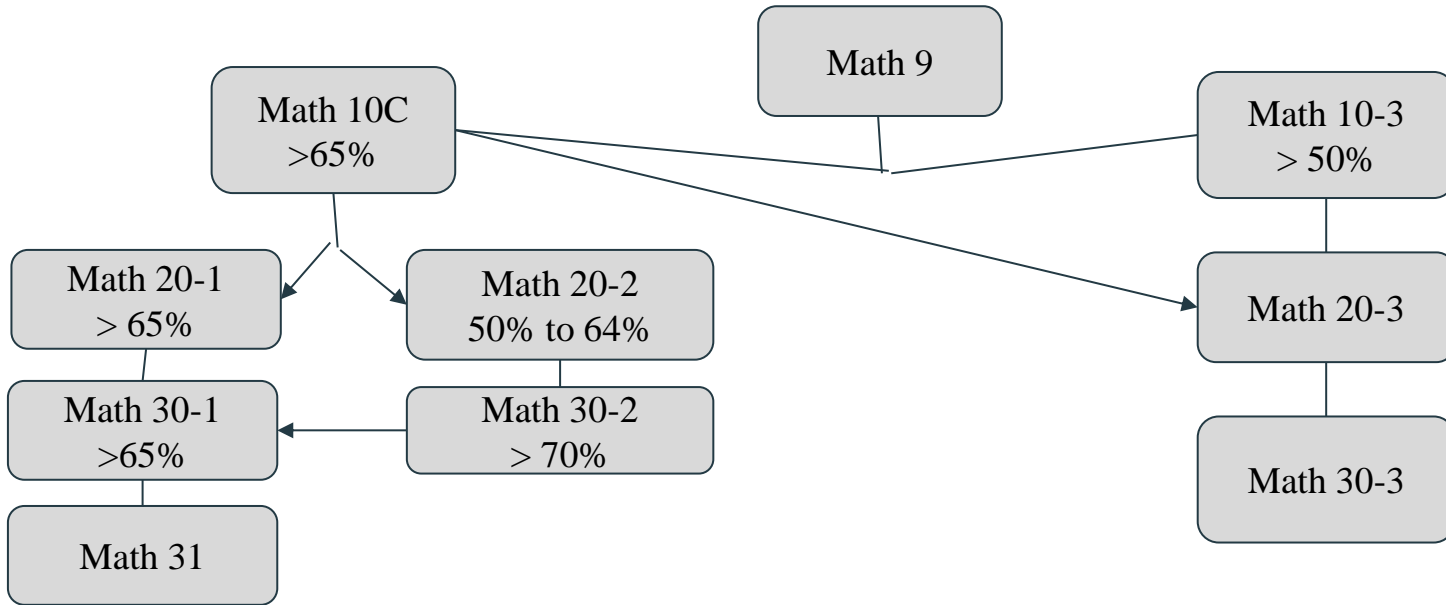
# Senior High Social Studies



# Senior High Science



# Senior High Math





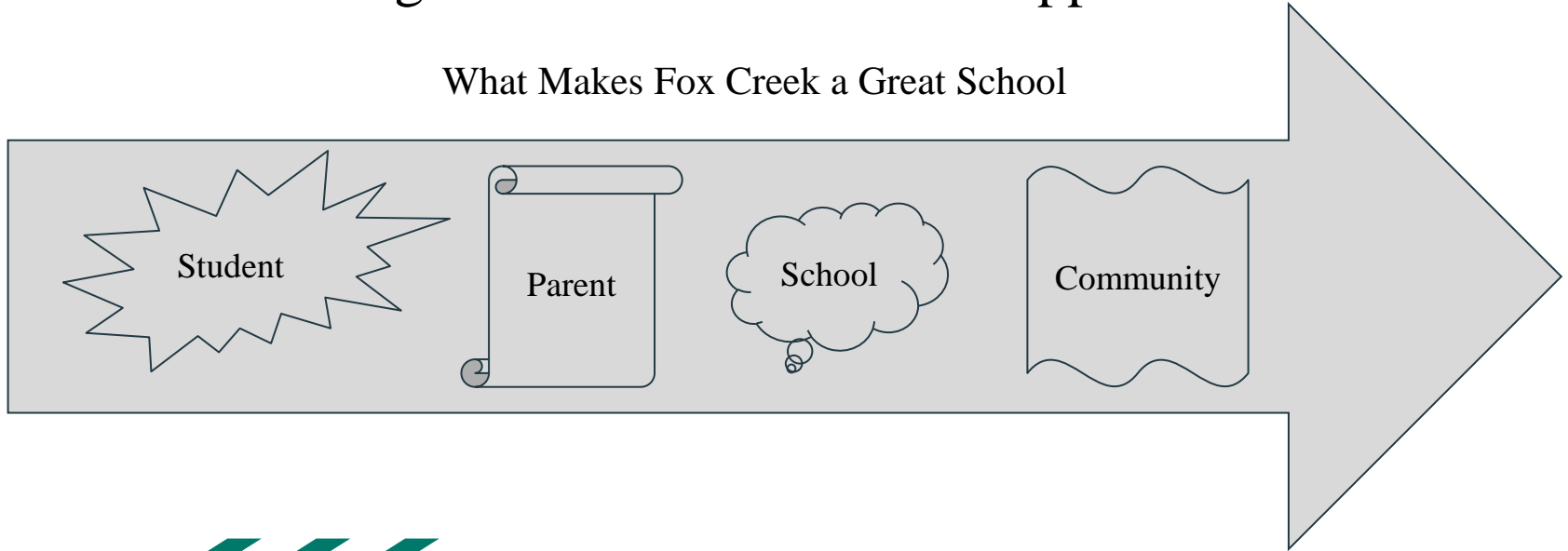
If you need assistance

- If you require one on one support in selecting courses please feel free to book an appointment with :

Mr. Baxter  
Mrs. Hodges

# Together We Can Make It Happen

What Makes Fox Creek a Great School





## What We Need From You