



# Program Planning for

Grade 9 → Grade 10 Students

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## We acknowledge that

we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the people of the hən̍q̋əmin̍əm' language group, and we thank those who have occupied and cared for this land for thousands of years.



*Student Support Services*

## COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

**Ms. Ratcliffe**  
A, X - Z  
& International



**Ms. Lau**  
B - G



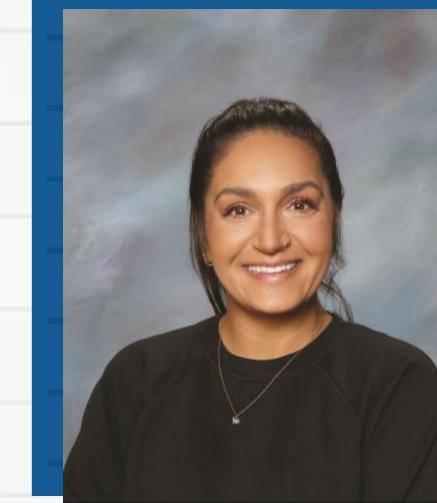
**Ms. Ioannidis**  
H - J



**Ms. Zee**  
K - O



**Ms. Sihota**  
P - W





want to know more about

## **POST-SECONDARY / CAREERS?**

Please contact Ms. Digeso, Career Information Advisor at:  
[jdigeso@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:jdigeso@sd38.bc.ca)

The Career Centre is open to students Monday through Thursday.

Students can book appointments directly with Ms. Digeso. Please visit her office in the Counselling Centre (first office near the front door).

Grade 9 Program	Grade 10 Program	Grade 11 Program	Grade 12 Program
English 9	English 10/English FP 10*	English 11	English 12/English FP 12*
Mathematics 9	A Mathematics 10	A Mathematics 11	<b>Elective</b>
Science 9	Science 10	A Science 11	<b>Elective</b>
Social Studies 9	Social Studies 10	A Social Studies 11/12*	<b>Elective</b>
Physical & Health Education 9	Physical & Health Education 10	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>
1 Applied Skill	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>
1 Choice	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>
1 Fine Art	Career Life Education 10	<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>
			<u>Career Life Connections 12**</u>

\*Indigenous Education Requirement



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English (Creative Writing & Literary Studies) 10*	2 credits & 2 credits
English 11	4 credits
English 12 *	4 credits
Social Studies 10	4 credits
Social Studies 11 or 12 *	4 credits
Science 10	4 credits
Science 11 or 12	4 credits
A Mathematics 10	4 credits
A Mathematics 11 or 12	4 credits
Physical Education 10	4 credits
Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12	4 credits
Career Life Education 10	4 credits
Career Life Connections 12 (Handled through Connections Class)	4 credits
*Indigenous Education Requirement	
Required Courses	52 Credits
Elective Courses	28 credits

**TOTAL OF 80 CREDITS**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## **Students will need the following to graduate:**

- 80 credits
  - Must be grade 10, 11, or 12 level courses
  - Each course is 4 credits
  - Totaling 20 courses
- 80 credits includes required courses and elective courses (a minimum of 4 courses (16 credits) at the Grade 12 level including English 12)
- **Three Provincial Graduation Assessments (a few opportunities a year):**
  - Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment (GNA 10)
  - Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (GLA 10)
  - Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (GLA 12)
- Indigenous Education Requirement – all students are required to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous Focused course for graduation



# WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED AT SLSS?

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 10

**CREATIVE WRITING  
&  
LITERARY STUDIES**

**(2 credits each  
= total 4 credits)**

**CREATIVE WRITING  
&  
LITERARY STUDIES**  
**Spectrum**

**(2 credits each  
= total 4 credits)**

**ENGLISH FIRST  
PEOPLES**

**(4 credits)**



# Social Studies 10

Discriminatory  
policies and injustices  
in Canada and the  
world

Government, First  
Peoples governance,  
institutions, and  
ideologies

or Spectrum

Advocacy for human  
rights, including findings  
of recommendations of  
the Truth and  
Reconciliation

Canadian autonomy,  
Canadian identities,  
domestic conflicts  
and co-operation



Total: 4 credits

# Science

10

DNA structure and function, mechanisms or the diversity of life, applied genetics

Impacts of energy, transformation of energy, BIG BANG THEORY

or Spectrum



Acid-based chemistry, rearrangement of atoms in chemical reactions, energy change in chemical reactions



Nuclear energy and radiation, law of conservation of energy, potential and kinetic energy



Total: 4 credits

# Math 10

Foundations of  
Math and  
Pre-calculus

Workplace  
Mathematics

Spectrum  
Foundations of  
Math and  
Pre-calculus

Foundations of Math  
and  
Pre-calculus *Enriched*

Total: 4 credits



# Math 10

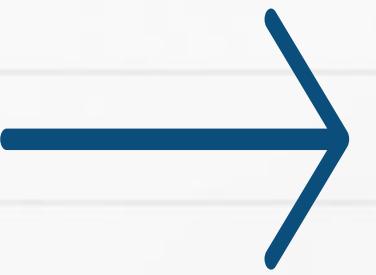
**Foundations of  
Math and  
Pre-calculus**



**Arts, Humanities,  
languages, math,  
science, business,  
engineering**



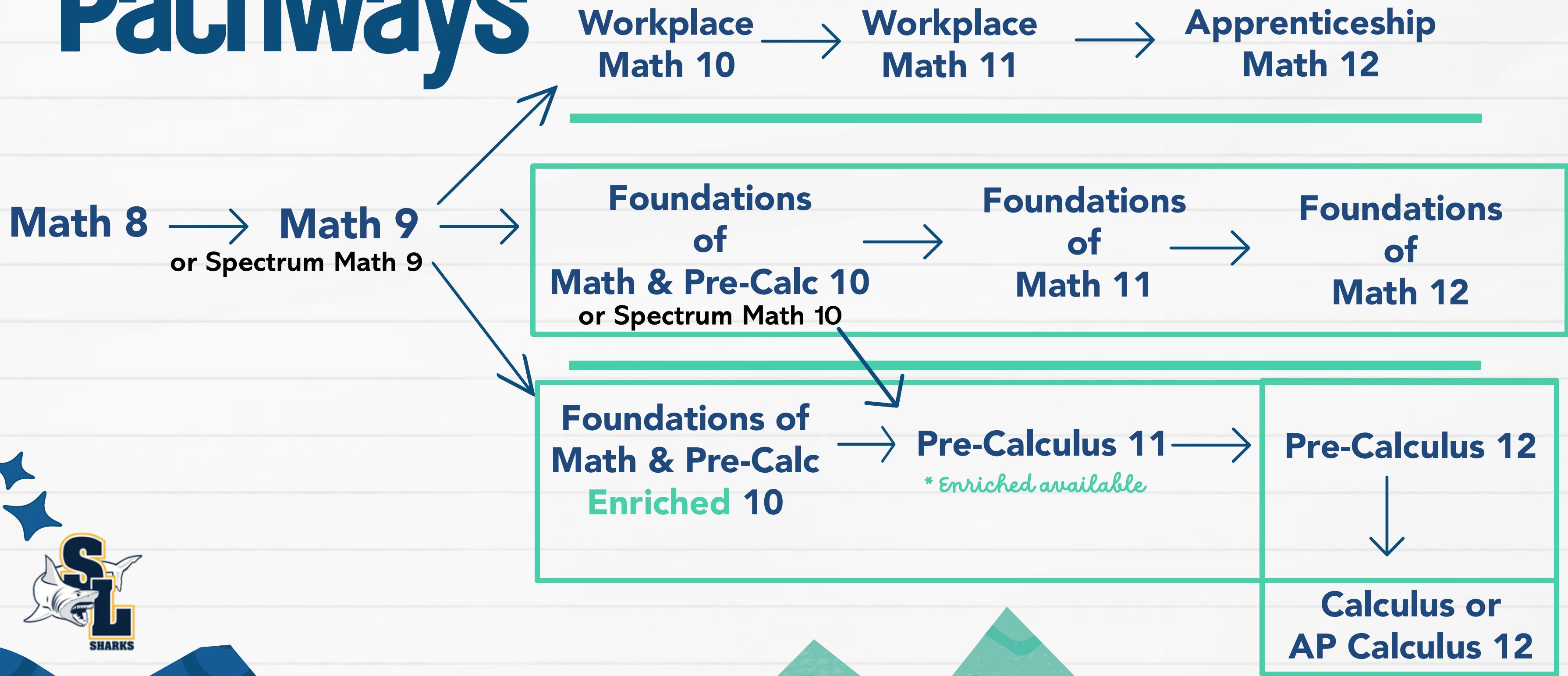
**Workplace  
Mathematics**



**Most trades, or  
direct entry into  
the workforce vs.  
post-secondary**



# Math Pathways





## Physical and Health Education 10

Students engage in physical activity and develop their skills in collaboration, self-regulation, physical literacy, problem solving and decision-making

# Physical & Health Education 10



**Career Life  
Education 10**



# **Career Life Education**

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Talk to the teachers of the various electives that interest you.

Talk to other students who have already taken the class



Talk to your counsellor or Ms. Digeso.

# What electives should I choose?

Read course descriptions that are in the course planning guide.

Look into different post-secondary programs and do some backwards planning from admissions requirements.

Try something new or something that you will not have access to after high school.

# APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES (ADST)

Business  
Education

Technology  
Education

Home  
Economics



# BUSINESS EDUCATION

Marketing/  
Entrepreneurship 10

Accounting 11

Computer  
Studies 10

Computer Programming  
Level 1 (11)

Digital Communications & Media  
Design 11



# TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

*(If you have already completed Level 1 in Gr. 9 you may choose Level 2).*

## WOODWORKING

Woodwork Level 1  
Woodwork Level 2

## METALWORK

Metal Design Level 1  
Metal Design Level 2

## DRAFTING & DESIGN

Drafting & Design  
Level 1  
Drafting & Design  
Level 2



# HOME ECONOMICS

*(If you have already completed Level 1 in Gr. 9 you may choose Level 2).*

## TEXTILES

Textiles Level 1  
Textiles Level 2

## FOOD STUDIES

Food Studies Level 1  
Food Studies Level 2





# FINE ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS

**Studio Arts 3D** 10

**Visual Arts 2D** 10

**Art Studio** 10

**Photo Level 1**

**Yearbook** 10

## PERFORMING ARTS (Music)

**Guitar Level 1**

**Concert Band** 10

**Vocal Ensemble** 10

## PERFORMING ARTS

**Theatre Performance**  
10

# MODERN LANGUAGES

**MANDARIN**  
**10**

**\*Pre-requisite:**  
Mandarin 9 or  
approval by teacher



**JAPANESE**  
**10**

**\*Pre-requisite:**  
Japanese 9 or  
approval by teacher

if not, choose  
**JAPANESE**  
**INTRODUCTORY 11**

**SPANISH**  
**10**

**\*Pre-requisite:**  
Spanish 9 or  
approval by teacher

if not, choose  
**SPANISH**  
**INTRODUCTORY**  
**11**

**FRENCH**  
**10**

**\*Pre-requisite:**  
French 9 or  
approval by teacher



# LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

**ASSESSMENT DATE:** Thursday, Feb 5, 2026 during PLT  
**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE TEACHER'S PLT**

For students who have completed significant study in the target language outside of a regular SLSS class  
\*must bring documentation of your learning (DELF certificates, Japanese and Chinese class report cards etc.)

If you miss the assessment, please speak to the teacher and be flexible with your dates/times.

**Mandarin**

**Ms. Gofsky**  
**Room 300**

**Japanese**

**Ms. Sybounmy**  
**Room 400**

**French**

**Ms. Munk**  
**Room 302 or**  
**Ms. Lee**  
**Room 401**

**Spanish**

**Ms. O'Neill**  
**Room 101**



## Information from CLC Team

### Volunteering Hours within SLSS (with restrictions)

- For graduation, according to the BC Ministry of Education, students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteering. [The CLC Team supports students in counting school volunteering hours, with specific guidelines in place.](#) Here are the 3 key restrictions:

<p>The 30-hour requirement <a href="#">must be completed during GRADE 10 to GRADE 12.</a></p>	<p>Hours spent in <b>general or executive club meetings</b> <b>WILL NOT BE COUNTED</b> towards volunteering hours. (Volunteer hours should be dedicated to community service.)</p>	<p>Career-Life Exploration/Volunteering can include <a href="#">paid/unpaid</a> experiences.</p>
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Consider completing your minimum 30 hours ahead of time to enjoy a stress-free volunteering experience thereafter. Post-secondary institutions and many companies [highly value the volunteering experiences of young adults.](#)

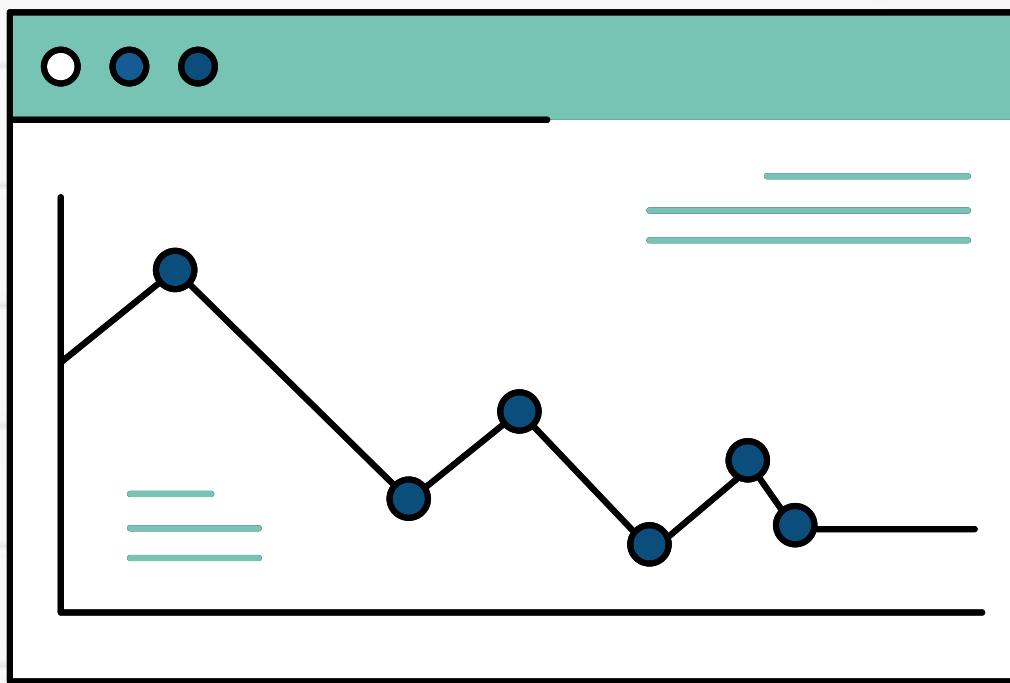
# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)



Select the next level as you plan: assume that you will be moving up (unless your teacher has told you otherwise).

The ELL department will update counsellors if there are any changes.

Please see your ELL teacher if you have any questions.



Royal Conservatory of  
Music

External Language  
Assessment

Language Challenge  
Exams

Some Provincial Sports  
Programs



Some National Sports  
Programs

you can earn  
**EXTERNAL**  
**CREDITS**  
for certain  
extra-curriculars

Drivers Education

Life Saving-  
Bronze Cross

Instructor Level  
First Aid

Cadet Courses-  
Air, Army, or Sea

Duke of Edinburgh's  
Award



# COURSE SELECTION

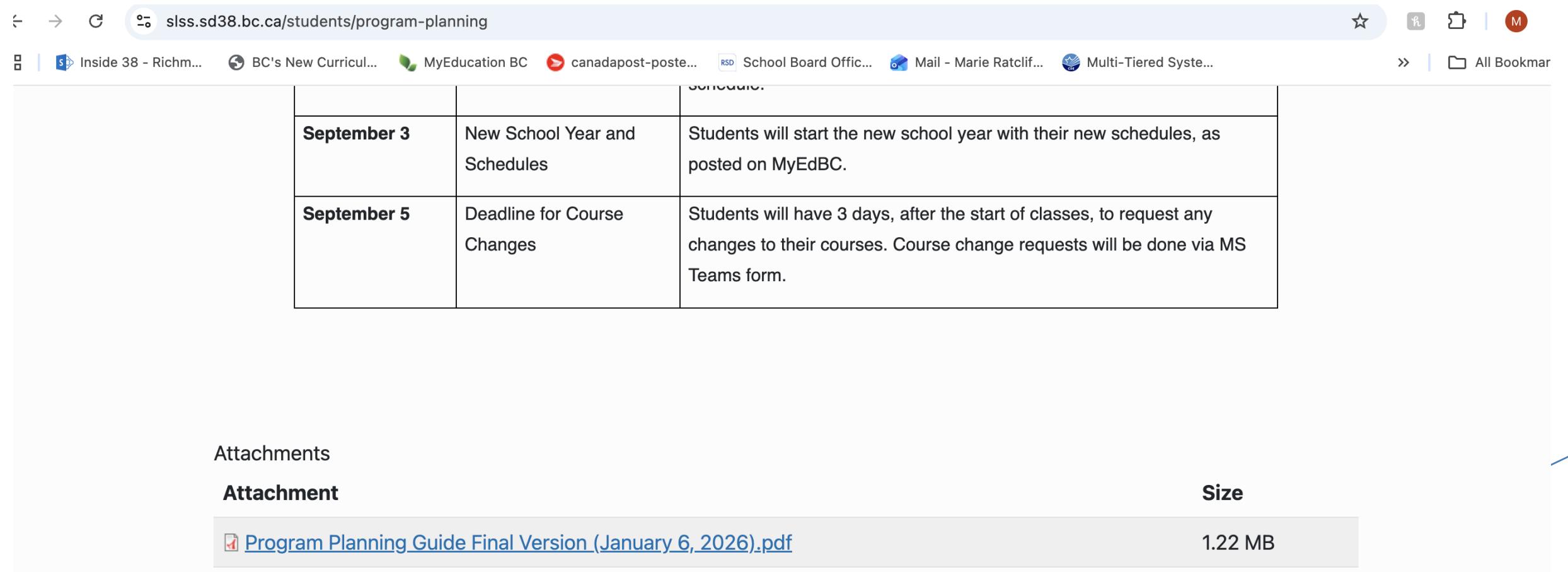
1. All Grade 10 students should select the 8 classes they plan to take at SLSS next year. Please take your summer schools plans into consideration.
2. It is important that you choose your courses with thought and care
3. Schools are staffed and time-tabled according to the courses chosen by you.
4. Course request verifications – after Spring Break, changes can be requested if you change your mind.

View the Program Planning Guide for detailed course descriptions

slss.sd38.bc.ca

Students tab > Program Planning

At the bottom of the page, you'll find the guide



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [slss.sd38.bc.ca/students/program-planning](https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/students/program-planning). The page displays a schedule for the start of the school year:

Date	Event	Description
September 3	New School Year and Schedules	Students will start the new school year with their new schedules, as posted on MyEdBC.
September 5	Deadline for Course Changes	Students will have 3 days, after the start of classes, to request any changes to their courses. Course change requests will be done via MS Teams form.

Below the schedule, there is a section titled "Attachments" with a table:

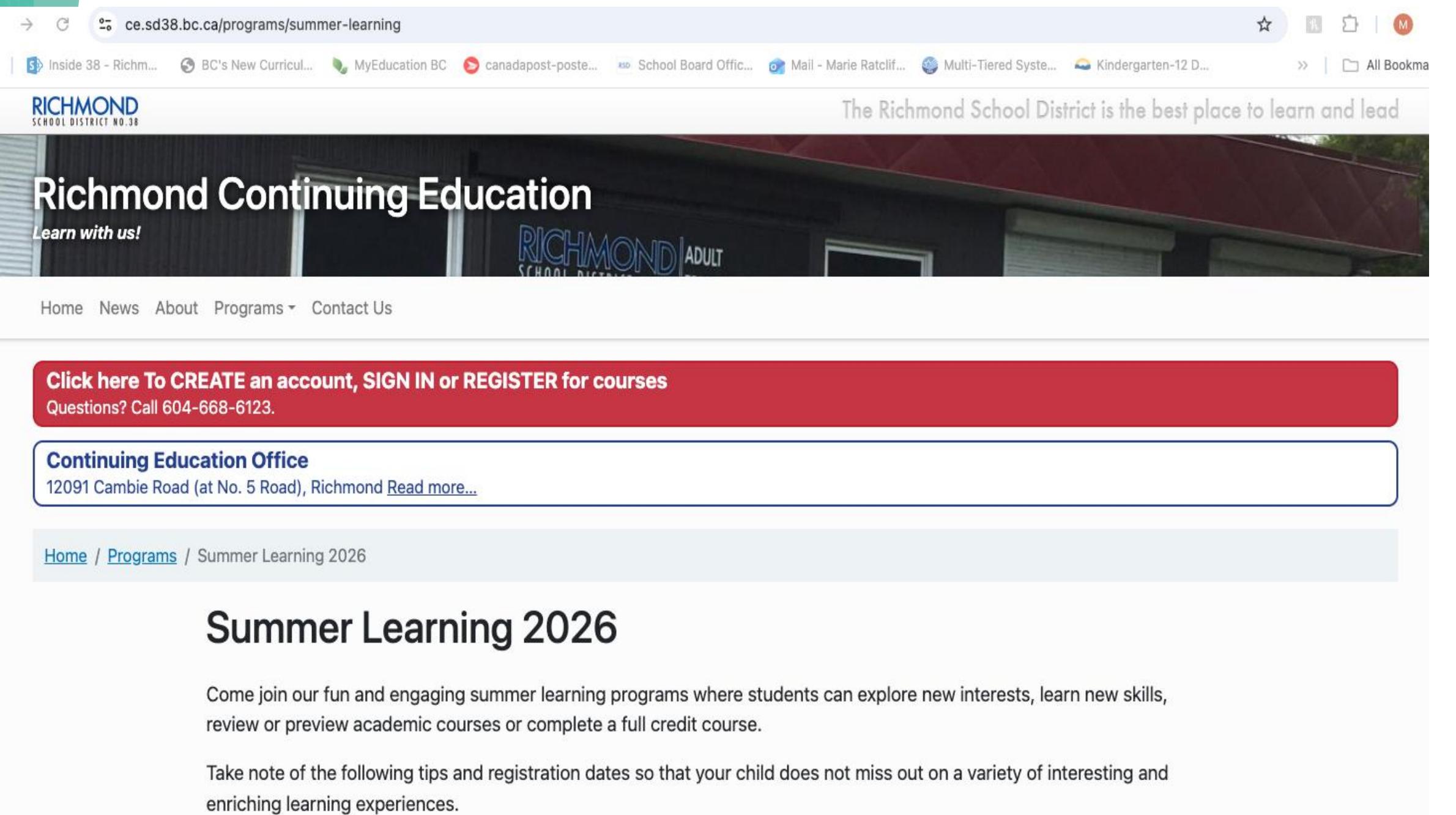
Attachment	Size
<a href="#">Program Planning Guide Final Version (January 6, 2026).pdf</a>	1.22 MB

# Ways to Take Courses in the Summer

- Continuing Education
- Summer Courses in Person
- Attend every day for 3 hours a course
- Richmond Virtual School
- Courses are mostly on-line, with 2 visits a week to Palmer



## Interested in Summer courses?



The screenshot shows the Richmond Continuing Education website. At the top, there's a banner with the text "The Richmond School District is the best place to learn and lead". Below the banner, the main heading is "Richmond Continuing Education" with the tagline "Learn with us!". A red button encourages users to "Click here To CREATE an account, SIGN IN or REGISTER for courses". Below this, a box for the "Continuing Education Office" provides the address: "12091 Cambie Road (at No. 5 Road), Richmond" and a "Read more..." link. The main content area features a large heading "Summer Learning 2026". A text block invites visitors to join fun and engaging summer learning programs. Another text block provides tips for registration. The footer includes a navigation bar with links to Home, News, About, Programs, and Contact Us.

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## Summer Learning 2026

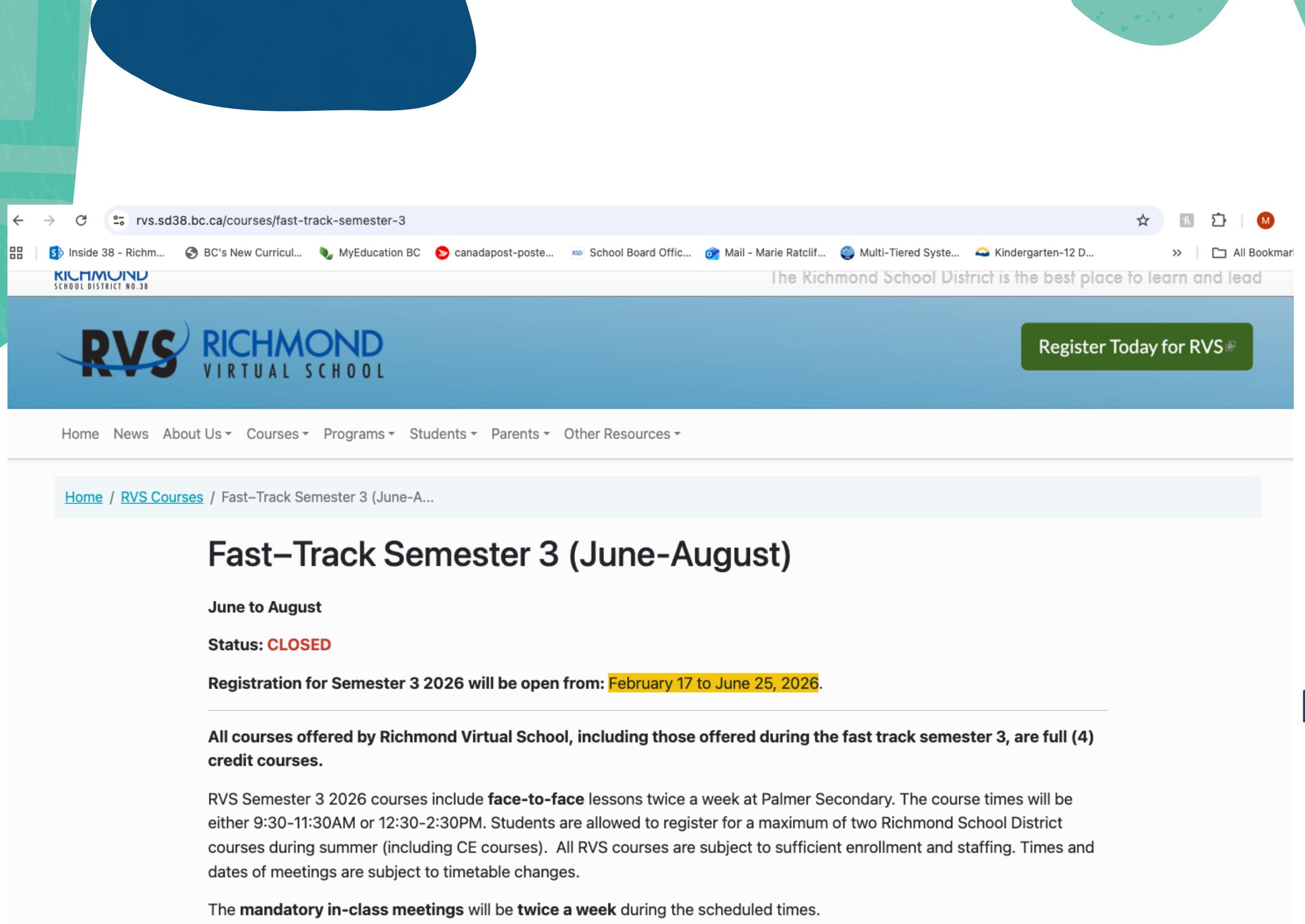
Come join our fun and engaging summer learning programs where students can explore new interests, learn new skills, review or preview academic courses or complete a full credit course.

Take note of the following tips and registration dates so that your child does not miss out on a variety of interesting and enriching learning experiences.

## Continuing Education Summer Classes run from July 2 to July 31

Visit  
[ce.sd38.bc.ca](http://ce.sd38.bc.ca)

Registration begins at 7:00 pm on Friday May 8 for Grade 10 courses



The screenshot shows the Richmond School District website with a blue header. The header includes the URL [rvs.sd38.bc.ca/courses/fast-track-semester-3](https://rvs.sd38.bc.ca/courses/fast-track-semester-3), a toolbar with various icons, and a banner for the Richmond Virtual School (RVS) with the text "The Richmond School District is the best place to learn and lead". Below the header is a navigation bar with links to Home, News, About Us, Courses, Programs, Students, Parents, and Other Resources. The main content area is titled "Fast-Track Semester 3 (June-August)" and includes sections for "June to August", "Status: CLOSED", and "Registration for Semester 3 2026 will be open from: February 17 to June 25, 2026". It also mentions that all courses are full and provides details about course times and mandatory in-class meetings.

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## Fast-Track Semester 3 (June-August)

**June to August**

**Status: CLOSED**

Registration for Semester 3 2026 will be open from: **February 17 to June 25, 2026**.

All courses offered by Richmond Virtual School, including those offered during the fast track semester 3, are full (4) credit courses.

RVS Semester 3 2026 courses include **face-to-face** lessons twice a week at Palmer Secondary. The course times will be either 9:30-11:30AM or 12:30-2:30PM. Students are allowed to register for a maximum of two Richmond School District courses during summer (including CE courses). All RVS courses are subject to sufficient enrollment and staffing. Times and dates of meetings are subject to timetable changes.

The **mandatory in-class meetings** will be **twice a week** during the scheduled times.

Interested in Summer courses?

RVS Classes run from the end of June to August

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Rvs.sd38.bc.ca

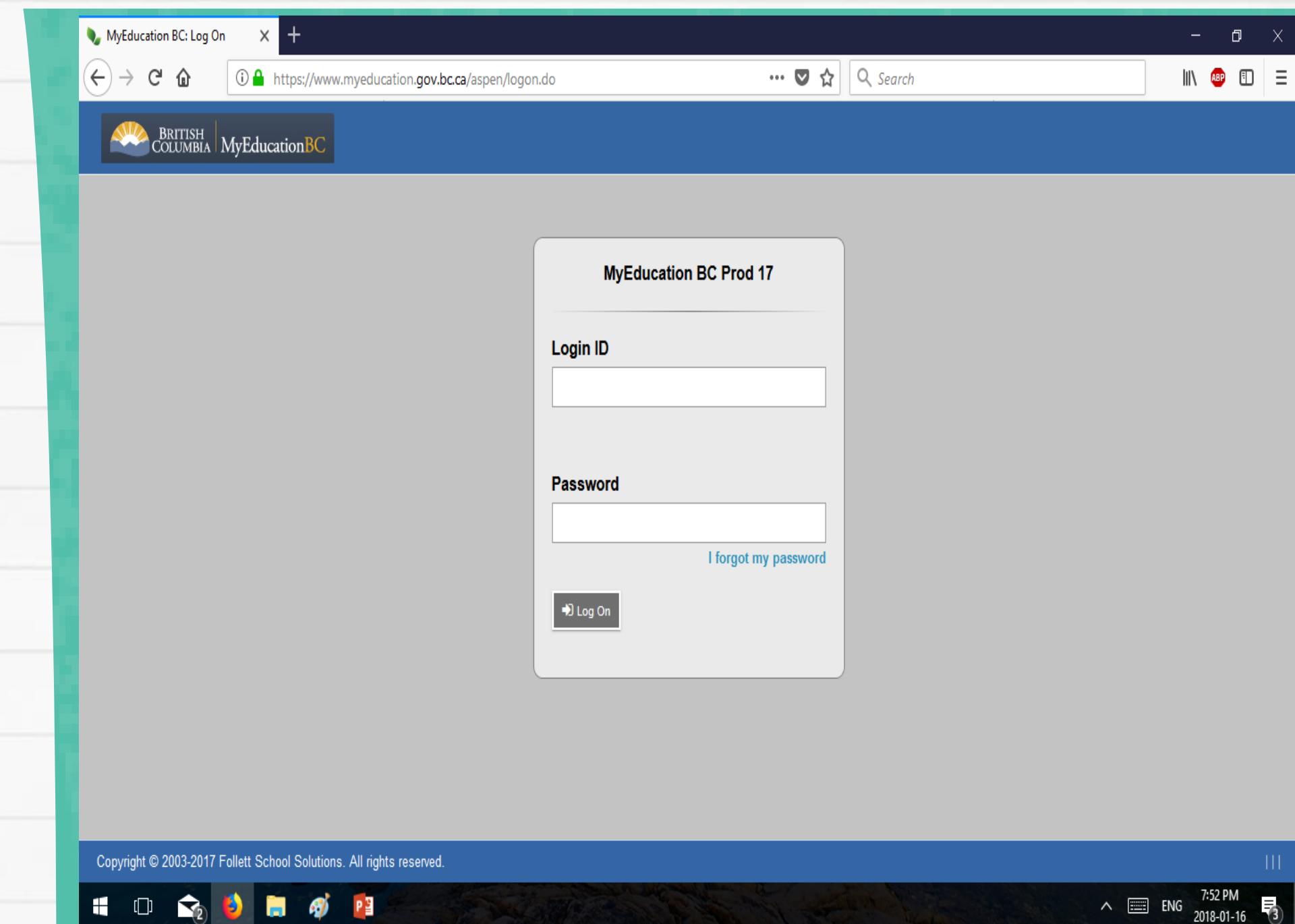
Registration begins on Feb 17 and ends on June 25

# Online Portal Access

Opens January 16  
Closes February 17

\*Ensure that you can log  
into your MyEd account

Login trouble?  
Ask for help  
at the Main Office.





**THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH!**