

St. Maurice School Grades 9 to 12 Course Selection Information

Graduation Requirements

Grades 9 to 12 students must meet the Manitoba Education requirements for High School Graduation by obtaining credits in a sufficient number of courses which include specific compulsory credits at each level. Students must also ensure that they select courses which meet the entrance requirements of the post-secondary education, training or work situations they intend to pursue. Students and parents are asked to contact the school administration with any questions regarding the current graduation requirements and/or the student's current credit status.

Full Time Student Status Requirement (Grades 9-12)

All students attending St. Maurice School must be enrolled as full time students. The high school program at St. Maurice requires that students are registered for a minimum number of credits at each level: Grade 9 - 8 credits Grade 10 - 8 credits Grade 11 - 7+ credits Grade 12 - 6.5+ credits
The credit course schedule indicated above includes all compulsory courses required for high school graduation in Manitoba under the Senior Years English Program. High School Graduation in Manitoba requires an accumulation of 30 credits (some of which are compulsory at each grade level).

Compulsory Courses

The compulsory courses offered at St. Maurice School are in accordance with the requirements of Manitoba Education for each grade level.

Option Courses

St. Maurice School also offers a number of option courses for high school credit.

- a) The school reserves the right to withdraw a planned course if fewer than three students register for it. In the case of the combined-level Band courses or Choral courses, a minimum of 10 students from Grades 9 to 12 must register in order for the course to be offered.
- b) Ordinarily, the maximum capacity for a given course section shall be 28 students. Courses with a maximum class size other than 28 will be noted in this Course Descriptions Booklet. The school reserves the right to limit the number of students which may register in a course and/or to change the available option courses depending upon enrollment and staffing.
- c) A number of courses have prerequisites and/or co-requisites for entry. These requirements are listed with each course description and are also summarized at the back of each course descriptions booklet. Such requirements are established by the administration and are based on expectations of background knowledge and ability as demonstrated in previous courses. Refer to the Grades 9 to 12 Course Prerequisites and Co-Requisites listing in this booklet.
- d) Some courses, particularly those which combine students from various levels from Grades 9 to 12, will be scheduled to include class times outside of the regular timetable (eg. before school, during the lunch period and/or after regular school hours). Such classes take precedence over any school extra-curriculars, other schoolwork or activities. Students will be provided with the anticipated course scheduling with their course option sheet, published in late spring. Students choosing one of these courses must firmly commit to all class times, including those outside of the regular school day schedule in order to earn credit in the course.

- e) Students who have met the pre-requisite course and/or pre-requisite mark requirement for entry into a given course will be given priority consideration. Should more eligible students register for an option course than can be accommodated, the following factors will be considered:
1. final mark standing in the pre-requisite course(s) or previous course(s) in the subject area
A competitive entry course will admit students to the maximum seating capacity based upon a ranking of the top final marks in the pre-requisite or previous course in the subject area, assessed for the students opting for the course whose option sheet was submitted by the deadline date.
 2. date of receipt by the school office of the student's option sheet

Eligible students on the waiting list for a course will be consulted should space become available. Transfers into an option course for eligible students will only be permitted until the regularly scheduled Course Change Deadline (see the section of the student handbook in the agenda on Course Change Requests).

Selecting Option Courses

Students and parents must carefully consider course selections in light of the student's abilities, interests and requirements for entry into post-secondary programs. Students are advised to consult with the subject teachers, the school counsellor and/or the school administration as they make their selections. It is important to recognize that students must select courses that are appropriate to their own individual aptitudes and needs. Well-chosen courses would include those that realistically challenge a student's aptitudes, abilities and interests.

Student and parents are advised to plan carefully in order to choose a course path which will prepare the student for the option courses they may wish to follow in their senior years and/or into their post-secondary education. St. Maurice School administrators and the school counsellor are available to answer general program planning questions. Please also consult the universities and colleges regarding their specific admission requirements and the prerequisites they may have for particular faculties or programs.

There are special credits that can be earned in addition to the credit courses offered at St. Maurice. These may include Special Language Credits, Cadet Credits, Distance Learning Courses, and credits for the Private Music Option. Please refer to the Special Credits section at the back of this booklet.

Student Responsibility to Course Work / Prerequisite Marks

It is to be noted that it is the student's responsibility to work diligently in order to pass a course.

Compulsory courses

Should a Grade 9 to 12 student fail a compulsory course, he/she must successfully obtain the credit in summer school if the credit is required for his/her program for graduation. Should a needed compulsory course not be available at a summer school, the student will be required to complete the course by some other means (e.g. distance education / correspondence course / online course). In general, the course timetable at St. Maurice will not permit a student to repeat any given course while advancing to the next level in his/her other courses.

Option Courses - Prerequisite Marks

Should a Grade 9 to 11 student not obtain the prerequisite mark for continuation in that subject area, he/she must upgrade his/her mark in a *repeater* summer school for the course for continuation in the subject area at St. Maurice School. The student's summer school grade must meet or exceed the prerequisite mark for the next level course in the subject area. If the prerequisite mark is not achieved, the student may not register in the next level course at St. Maurice.

Students with a failing grade in a prerequisite course must at minimum register in a repeater summer school course, as noted above. However, students who fail the course at St. Maurice are very strongly urged to obtain the credit from a *non-repeater* summer school version of the course (if available), which provides a more in-depth review of the course content.

Students who have obtained the prerequisite mark from a summer school for a given course may only be granted conditional acceptance for registration in that course at St. Maurice (provided that the course is not already full). The conditions to remain enrolled in the course at St. Maurice School will be set by the administration in collaboration with the subject teacher. Summer school upgrades may not be used to fulfil the prerequisite mark needed for registration into any Advanced Placement (AP) course at St. Maurice School.

Note: Changes to these guidelines and the stated requirements presented in this booklet may be made at the discretion of the Administration, as required.