

Elkhorn School High School Program Information

INTRODUCTION

This document provides information about the programs, courses, diplomas, and certificates offered at Elkhorn School. It outlines the compulsory courses that are required and lays out how the optional courses are generally offered. It also provides students and parents with information and suggestions to help with planning for life after high school.

Students in Grade 9 to 12 receive credits for each course they complete successfully. Elkhorn School operates on a two-semester system, with the exception of one high school course slot running for the entire year. The first semester runs from September to January, and the second semester runs from February to June.

The high school diploma emphasizes common learning in Grade 9 and 10, with Grade 11 and 12 designed to meet individual student needs through a variety of optional courses. There are foundation, general, specialized, and advanced courses in different subjects.

GUIDELINES

FOR PARENTS

Most serious career decisions are made **at home**, by students **and** their parents. Parents can ensure their children make suitable course selections by considering the following:

- Discuss your child's interests;
- Assist your child as he or she chooses courses;
- Try to be realistic about your child's potential and ability. A course/program that is too difficult could result in undue frustration and, unfortunately, an incomplete high school education. A route that is too easy, however, may close career options;
- Keep college and university prerequisites in mind.

FOR STUDENTS

- Carefully consider your options;
- Take courses you want and need;
- Consider your interests and aptitudes, and discuss your plans with parents, teachers, the principal, or the guidance counselor;
- Find out about entrance requirements for university and community college programs
- Grade 9 students are encouraged to think about their plan after high school. **Courses you choose for Grade 10 can open or close career options after graduation.**
- **Grade 10, 11 and 12 students need to make sure to check their courses to ensure that they meet their career needs and to set meetings with the Career/Guidance Counselor to plot out their future direction for further education or the workplace.**

UNDERSTANDING COURSE CODES

Course Letters

Course letters identify each subject as foundation, general, specialized, advanced, modified, or individualized.

Foundation (F): New curriculum replaces previous G designation, i.e. Grade 9 and 10 English, Grade 9 Mathematics, and Grade 9 and 10 Science.

General (G): General education experience for all students.

Specialized (S): Learning experiences and skills leading to post-secondary studies.

Modified (M): The curriculum is modified 50% or more to take into account the capabilities of students with special needs.

Course Numbering

A three-character code makes up the course numbering system. The first and second characters are numerals, and the third is a letter. This designation is for courses approved for credit by Manitoba Education and Training.

First Character:

- 1 – Courses developed for Grade 9
- 2 – Courses developed for Grade 10
- 3 – Courses developed for Grade 11
- 4 – Courses developed for Grade 12

Second Character:

- 0 – Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth one-credit course
- 5 – Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth half-credit course
- 1 – School or division developed course
- 2 – University, out-of-province, or out-of-country credit

Third Character:

- F – Foundation
- G – General
- S – Specialized
- M – Modified

Example:

Physics 30S – Indicates that the course is a Grade 11 course developed by Manitoba Education that is offering a learning experience targeted towards post-secondary studies.

PROVINCE of MANITOBA DIPLOMAS OFFERED

Students at Elkhorn School may earn the following diplomas from the Province of Manitoba:

1. **High School Diploma** – This requires 30 or more credits with 17 compulsory credits and 13 or more optional credits. Students are required to take a minimum one 30 level optional course and a minimum of two 40 level optional courses.
2. **Technology Education Diploma in Business Education** – This requires 30 or more credits with 17 compulsory credits and 13 or more optional credits, with 8 of these optional credits being Business Technology credits. This diploma provides an excellent background in theory and includes courses that help to develop skills students will need as they enter the business world.

NOTE: Students who meet the requirements of both the diplomas receive both a High School Diploma and a Technology Education Diploma.

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION DIPLOMAS

1. **Fort La Bosse High School Diploma** – All students who complete the requirements of either of the Province of Manitoba diplomas listed above while attaining 30 – 34 credits will receive this diploma.
2. **Fort La Bosse Gold Special Achievement High School Diploma** – All students who complete the requirements of either of the Province of Manitoba diplomas listed above while attaining 35 or more credits will receive this diploma.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Many students and parents are concerned about university entrance requirements. Students should carefully select courses to meet the general and specific course entrance requirements for faculties. **Because the requirements frequently change, check a current university calendar to ensure wise course selection.**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Community college programs require various prerequisites. Due to the wide range of trades and technologies, students should discuss entrance requirements with the college of their choice. This is best done early in a student's high school career.

Most community college programs require Grade 12 for admission to the program. A few programs require only Grade 10, but most employers will not consider anyone who has not completed the Grade 12 program.

COMPULSORY COURSES

There are 17 high school courses that are compulsory for graduation in Manitoba. These courses will be denoted by using bold print. There are also 3 grade nine courses that are compulsory at Elkhorn School that will be found on this list. Compulsory classes are offered every year at Elkhorn School.

GRADE 9 (5 Provincial Compulsory Courses and 2 School Compulsory Courses)	
RIT 10S	Reading is Thinking
LAE 10F	Language Arts English
MAT 10F	Foundations Math
PED 10F	Physical Education
SCI 10F	Science
SST 10F	Social Studies
HEC 10G	Home Economics

GRADE 11 (4 Provincial Compulsory Courses)	
LAE 30F	Language Arts English
HIS 30F	Geography
PED 30F	Physical Education
MAP 30S	Applied Math
MPC 30S	Pre-Calculus Math
MES 30S	Essential Math
Students must take at least one of MAP 30S, MPC 30S, and MES 30S, but are encouraged to take more than one.	

GRADE 10 (5 Provincial Compulsory Courses and 2 School Compulsory Courses)	
LAE 20F	Language Arts English
GEO 20F	Geography
PED 20F	Physical Education
SCI 20F	Science
MAC 20S	Applied and Pre-Calculus Math Into
MES 20S	Essential Math
LWP 20S	Life/Work Planning
PFN 20S	Personal Finance
Students must take at least one of MAC 20S and MES 20S, but are encouraged to take both	

GRADE 12 (3 Provincial Compulsory Courses)	
LAC 40S	Language Arts English
PED 40F	Physical Education
MAP 40S	Applied Math
MPC 40S	Pre-Calculus Math
MES 40S	Essential Math
Students must take at least one of MAP 40S, MPC 40S, and MES 40S, but are encouraged to take more than one.	

OPTIONAL COURSES

Elkhorn School offers a variety of optional courses including French and Band which run for both semesters every year. Many of the optional courses are alternated from year to year so that students have the option to take a larger variety of courses over their high school program. Students will have the opportunity to attain a Technology Education Diploma in Business Education by taking their 8 optional courses in the Business Education cluster.

BUSINESS EDUCATION DIPLOMA COURSES

If students accumulate 8 of the below credits they will also earn a Technology Education Diploma in Business Education. The majority of these courses are alternated from year to year.

TIC 15F	Applying Information and Communication Technology I 15F*	0.5 credit
TIE 15F	Applying Information and Communication Technology II 15F*	0.5 credit
FIB 15G	Futures in Business 15G	0.5 credit
SYB 25G	Start your own Business 25G	0.5 credit
RET 20S	Retailing 20S	1 credit
PRO 30S	Promotions 30S	1 credit
VAV 30S	Visions and Ventures 30S	1 credit
TWD 35S	Web Design 35S*	0.5 credit
TIW 35S	Interactive Websites 35S*	0.5 credit
TDA 35S	Data Collection and Analysis 35S*	0.5 credit
TDB 35S	Relational Databases 35S*	0.5 credit
ACP 30S	Accounting Principles 30S	1 credit
ACS 40S	Accounting Systems 40S	1 credit
ATO 40S	Automated Office 40S	1 credit
LAW 40S	Law 40S	1 credit
ECO 40S	Economics 40S	1 credit

The courses marked with an asterisk will be phased out of the Business Education Diploma.