

# 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 Applied Commerce Education** – This requires 30 or more credits with 17 compulsory credits and 13 or more optional credits, with 8 of these optional credits being Applied Commerce Education 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.

<b>GRADE 9</b> (5 Provincial Compulsory Courses and 2 School/Division Compulsory Courses)	
<b>LAE 10F</b>	<b>Language Arts English</b>
<b>MAT 10F</b>	<b>Foundations Math</b>
<b>PED 10F</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>SCI 10F</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>SST 10F</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
RIT 11G	Reading is Thinking
HEC 10G	Human Ecology

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

<b>GRADE 10</b> (5 Provincial Compulsory Courses and 2 School/Division Compulsory Courses)	
<b>LAE 20F</b>	<b>Language Arts English</b>
<b>GEO 20F</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>PED 20F</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>SCI 20F</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>MAC 20S</b>	<b>Applied and Pre-Calculus Math Into</b>
<b>MES 20S</b>	<b>Essential Math</b>
LWP 20S	Life/Work Planning
CSC 20S	Computer Science
All students will take MES 20S and are also encouraged to take MAC 20S, if it is a suitable option for them.	

<b>GRADE 12</b> (3 Provincial Compulsory Courses)	
<b>LAC 40S</b>	<b>Language Arts English</b>
<b>PED 40F</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>MAP 40S</b>	<b>Applied Math</b>
<b>MPC 40S</b>	<b>Pre-Calculus Math</b>
<b>MES 40S</b>	<b>Essential Math</b>
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.

## APPLIED COMMERCE EDUCATION DIPLOMA COURSES

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

Business Innovations 10S	1 credit
<b>Finance Strand</b>	
Personal Finance 20S	1 credit
Accounting Essentials 30S	1 credit
Accounting Systems 40S	1 credit
Economic Principles 40S	1 credit
<b>Entrepreneurship Strand</b>	
Entrepreneurship 20S	1 credit
Venture Development 20S	1 credit
Business Management 40S	1 credit
<b>Commerce Strand</b>	
Creative Promotions 20S	1 credit
Retailing Perspectives 30S	1 credit
Marketing and Digital Commerce 40S	1 credit
<b>Technologies, Topics, and Trends Strand</b>	
Business Communications 30S	1 credit
Applied Business Technologies 40S	1 credit
Topics and Trends in Business 40S	1 credit

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