

How will I know my child is on track to graduate?



Why a Graduation Status Update?

Do you know what courses your child needs in order to graduate? The graduation status update clearly states which graduation path your child is on and gives you information about that pathway.

When your child is in Grades 10-12, they will receive a graduation status update in their report card each June. The graduation status update provides a snapshot of your child's progress in completing the courses and assessments they need for graduation. It will show you which courses and assessments have been completed, which courses your child is currently enrolled in, and what still needs to be done in order for them to graduate.

The graduation status update will also help your child with course selection. It makes sure everyone is aware of any problems with graduation before it's too late.

Did you know there are a few different ways to graduate in BC? Different graduation pathways have different course requirements. There are also different provincial assessments students will need to take.

The Graduation Status Update:

- tells you and your child about the different pathways to graduation in BC
- shows your child's progress in completing all the courses and assessments they need to graduate
- helps your child select courses
- makes you and your child know earlier about any possible problems with graduation



Dogwood Diploma

British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma). To graduate with a Dogwood Diploma, students must earn a minimum of 80 course credits in Grades 10, 11, and 12, and take one provincial assessment in numeracy and two in literacy.

Dual Dogwood

Students in a Francophone school or in French Immersion programs in BC can earn two certificates: one in French (Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique) and one in English (Dogwood Diploma). To earn both certificates, students must:

- meet all the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma
- take additional Francophone or French Immersion courses in each of Grades 10, 11, and 12
- earn at least 12 more credits toward graduation in courses that are taught in French
- take provincial assessments in numeracy and literacy that are specific to their program

Adult Graduation Diploma

BC offers an alternative pathway for adults seeking to obtain their Diploma. The British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) requires 20 credits of study instead of the 80 credits required for the Dogwood Diploma. Students must be at least 18 years old to enter the Adult Graduation Program.

If a school-aged student (aged 18 or 19) is contemplating switching from the BC Graduation Program to the Adult Graduation Program, the school must ensure the student and their parent or caregiver are fully informed of the implications and potential limitations of the BCAGD, including the differences between the Dogwood and the Adult Dogwood credentials and the prerequisites needed for post-secondary.



Evergreen Certificate

The School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate) is a recognition and celebration of successful learning, but it is not a graduation diploma. It's important that students and their parents or caregivers understand that the Evergreen represents the completion of personal learning goals but does not represent graduation. They also need to understand the impact this decision could have on a student's future.

The decision to put a child on an Evergreen pathway should not be made before Grade 10 and should include the student's parent or caregiver's informed consent.



Provincial Assessments

A student's graduation requirement will include taking 3 provincial assessments in literacy and numeracy and may include additional assessments in French for the Dual Dogwood. The specific assessments they need to take will be listed on their Graduation Status Update.

Students in the Adult Graduation Diploma or Evergreen programs do not need to take these assessments.