



# SPRUCE GROVE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

## Building Excellence & Success Together

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Thank you, Ecole Meridian Heights students, for your keen attention today during our presentation. Our focus was to direct your attention to the strongly recommended prerequisite grades for registration in your High School Core Courses. Together, we will be selecting and registering you for your Grade 10 Courses in March of 2025, prior to your completion of your Grade 9 Courses.

***It is imperative that if your current grade in academic courses does not reflect your ability, or align with your intended High School course selection, that you take action immediately to improve your grades. Ultimately, you have until early March 2025 to indicate to us your intended academic pathway for Grade 10.***

Students and Families,

- Take some time to discuss the content explored in today's visit.
- By being aware of their current status in each of the core subjects, students can work with their teachers and take appropriate action to achieve their goals.
- Families are encouraged to monitor their child's progress throughout the year via PowerSchool, specifically in cases where the student's achievement is not on track to be registered in their preferred Grade 10 class(es).
- Teacher recommendations are generally finalized in early March.

### High School Course Overview

Courses ending in -1 are academic courses for students with strong independent literacy and numeracy skills. -1 courses are required for the majority of University programs.

Courses ending in -2 are academic courses for students with strong literacy and numeracy skills that will be slightly less rigorous than -1 classes. The pacing and volume of the course is less than a -1 class. For some University, and the majority of College / Technical Institute Programs, -2 courses are required. -2 courses **still count towards achieving a High School Diploma.**

Courses ending in -3 are Math courses intended for students who intend to go into a Trade or Apprenticeship program. The courses will work on developing fundamental skills and **still count towards achieving a High School Diploma.**

Courses ending in -4 are part of the Knowledge and Employability Program, where students work to earn a High School Certificate of Completion.

Below, we have identified the "highest" academic Grade 10 course per subject area, as well as the minimum recommended Grade 9 mark. Of course, discrepancies of a few percentage points will always be considered, as there are many factors that impact a student's success.

Math 10C	Grade 9 mark >65%
Science 10	Grade 9 mark >65%
Social Studies 10-1	Grade 9 mark >65%
English 10-1	Grade 9 mark >65%

SGCHS staff will return to the Grade 9 classes at the end of January to talk about complementary courses that are offered. Following this, SGCHS will be hosting a **Grade 9 Open House** for students and their families to attend. Open House will be held on the evening of **Thursday, February 13, 2025**. Please plan to attend, learn more about complementary and core classes, and learn more about SGCHS.

SGCHS Staff will return to the Grade 9 classes in March to assist students with their course selections. We intend to use this information to build student timetables and have them in students hands by the end of June. We look forward to working with the students and families of the **SGCHS GRADUATING CLASS of 2028!**

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please direct them to your child's current teacher or, if they are more specific to the High School, you can find our contact information below.

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