



2010 GRADUATION & COMMENCEMENT POLICY

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This policy previously existed in section 7 of 2002 CURRICULUM POLICY.

1. PURPOSE & RATIONALE

- (a) A foundational aspect of a Christian independent school is the integration of faith into education. Therefore, requiring students to complete courses that provide a holistic education alongside four years of Bible courses aligns with the core values and mission of the school.
- (b) At the heart of our Christian independent school is the requirement in our Constitution that a Langley Christian School education should *“provide Christian curriculum and pedagogies in all areas of study and programming, and that support the instruction of children to empower them to live a life of excellence and purpose in service to the Kingdom of God”*
- (c) By mandating courses that offer a holistic experience and Biblical understanding, we ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education that not only equips them with academic knowledge but also fosters personal growth, character development, and a sense of God’s purpose for their lives.
- (d) The inclusion of two years of Bible courses is essential for several reasons. First and foremost, it provides students with a solid foundation in Christian principles and teachings, helping them understand their faith in a deeper and more meaningful way. This knowledge not only enriches their spiritual lives but also serves as a moral compass, guiding their decisions and actions in all aspects of life.
- (e) Additionally, studying the Bible helps students develop critical thinking skills, encourages reflection and self-examination, and promotes empathy and understanding towards others. These are invaluable skills that will benefit students not only academically but also in their future careers and relationships.
- (f) By requiring both holistic education courses and Bible Studies Courses, we ensure that our graduates leave our school not only academically prepared but also equipped with the values, ethics, and perspectives necessary to navigate an increasingly complex world with wisdom, integrity, and compassion.

- (g) Commencement (participation in the Commencement ceremony) and graduation are distinct events. Students may graduate from LCS but are not eligible to participate in Commencement. For the requirements of Graduation only, see policy 2223.

2. BIBLICAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

- (a) Students graduating from Langley Christian School, unless special permission has been given by the Board of Directors, must successfully complete Biblical Studies 9, Biblical Studies 10, and a minimum of two Grade 12 level Biblical Studies courses.
- (b) Final summative assessments of any Biblical Studies 12 Course must include a reflection or self-assessment on the student's growth in the Learner Profile.
- (c) As all students must successfully complete a minimum of two (2) Biblical Studies 12 courses across their grade 11 and grade 12 school years.
 - 2.c.1. Any student who does not meet this requirement, or the requirements stated in 2(a) may still qualify for graduation in the Province of British Columbia, but may not participate in the commencement ceremony for LCS.
 - 2.c.2. If a student attends for grade 12 only, and did not previously attend a Christian school with a Protestant foundation, they must complete no fewer than two senior Bible Studies Courses to be eligible for Commencement and graduation from LCS.

3. HOLISTIC REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

Students graduating from Langley Christian School must complete the following to be eligible for participation in the Commencement ceremony, and graduation activities:

- (a) Students must enroll in a full course load of nine courses in both Grade 9, and Grade 10, in addition to either Career Education 9 (Gr. 9) or Career Life Education 10 (Gr. 10).
- (b) Students must complete both a Fine Art and ADST course in Grades 9 and 10.
- (c) Students must complete either a Fine Art or an ADST course in Grade 11 or 12.
 - 3.c.1. Special consideration may be granted for students enrolled in the Work in Trades program or who are placed in a work experience program.
- (d) Students will not complete more than eight graduation requirement credits and 8 elective credits (16 cumulative credits) from institutions or online programs other than Langley Christian School.
- (e) Physical & Health Education 9 and 10 must be completed in-person at Langley Christian School.
- (f) Students must complete English Studies 9, Literary Studies 10, Composition 10, Literary Studies 11 OR Composition 11, and English Studies 12 at Langley Christian School.
- (g) The four Indigenous Education Credits must be completed at Langley Christian School.
- (h) All Career Life Education and Career Life Connections courses must be completed at Langley Christian School.
- (i) Students who do not meet the minimum standards for BC Ministry of Education Graduation, or who have not successfully met the requirements of the Graduation and Commencement policy (see policy 2010) of Langley Christian School, are not permitted to participate in the

Commencement Ceremony or Graduation Activities, barring significant extenuating circumstances.

4. EXEMPTIONS TO THIS POLICY

- (a) Students who attend LCS starting in Gr. 10, 11 or 12, those on an adapted or modified program (IEP), or those accepted into the LEAP program may have some of these additional requirements adjusted.
- (b) Students who have experienced a life-altering event and/or chronic health challenges that have impacted the student's ability to meet graduation requirements may be permitted to participate in commencement and graduation activities at the discretion of the Head of School.

RELATED POLICIES

2001 CURRICULUM POLICY

2023 SCHOOL COMPLETION & PROGRESSION POLICY

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