

SECTION 2 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The senior high school program comprises the final three years of study of a 13 year, Kindergarten to senior high education system. These final three years are referred to as Grades 10, 11 and 12. The program is structured on a course credit basis culminating in the acquisition of a senior high graduation diploma in three years or more.

2.1 Definition of a Credit

Credit is determined and awarded on the basis of attainment of a passing grade in senior high school courses.

Please note the following:

(i) **Passing grade**

- 50, on a percent scale

(ii) **Credit value**

- 1 credit is awarded for a course designed for a minimum of 55 hours of instruction
- 2 credits are awarded for a course designed for a minimum of 110 hours of instruction

2.2 Subject Codes

Subject Code	Subject Area
01	Art
02	Economic
05	Family Studies
06	French
07	Health
08	Technology Education
10	Music
12	Physical Education
13	Religious Education
15	Social Studies
16	Guidance
17	Foreign Language
18	Native Language
19	Media
21	Français langue première
25	Social Studies (New)
30	Cooperative Education
50	General Education
59	Mathematics
64	Science
70	Alternate Course
94	English Language Arts

2.3 Course Numbering

First two digits

Subject code (e.g.; **06** 3200 indicates French; **15** 3201 indicates Social Studies).

3rd digit the 1, 2, or 3 indicates the year in which the course is normally taken. The 4 designates advanced courses (e.g., Advanced Placement)

4th digit the credit value that will be awarded for successful completion of the course (1 credit or 2 credits)

5th digit a digit from 0-9 denoting the type of course, the following types are presently designated:

- 0 prescribed courses for students throughout the province
- 1 pilot courses approved on a trial basis for evaluation as a potential prescribed course
- 2 local or district courses approved for particular schools (this includes Advanced Placement courses)
- 3 prescribed courses for students in French first language or French Immersion
- 4 pilot courses approved on a trial basis in French first language or French Immersion
- 5 local courses approved in French First language or French Immersion
- 6 prescribed courses modified by reducing depth of treatment and/or deleting certain curriculum outcomes
- 7 alternate courses studied by individual students
- 8 prescribed courses modified by extending depth of treatment and/or adding curriculum outcomes, particularly International Baccalaureate courses
- 9 credit awarded for courses transferred from outside the Newfoundland and Labrador high school system

6th digit a digit between 0 and 9 distinguishing courses in a subject area having the same level, credit value and type

2.4 Maximum Number of Credits Permitted

Students that are registered for a full allotment of courses should complete 14 credits in a calendar year. Occasionally students will engage in a course either independently or outside of normal school hours (e.g., Ensemble Performance 3105) which will see them obtain up to 16 credits, which normally is the maximum number of credits that can be submitted for a student in a school year.

A school principal may submit a request for a student to obtain in excess of 16 credits. To do so s/he must complete the *Request to Exceed 16 Credits* form in **Appendix III** and submit it to the Manager of Evaluation for review and approval.

Note: For a student to be eligible to obtain 17 or more credits the school must strictly adhere to the Independent Study guidelines set out in **Appendix X**.

Under no circumstances can a student challenge a course for credit by simply writing a comprehensive exam. A student engaged in independent study must be evaluated on an ongoing basis by an assigned teacher throughout the school year.

2.5 Local (District) Courses

A local (district) course is a non-provincial senior high school course which can be either developed at the school or district level.

The three year approval term for local (district) courses came to an end in June 2006. To obtain approval for local (district) courses after this date a school must follow the guidelines outlined for local (district) courses in Senior High School: Policy and Procedure (See **Appendix XII**).