

## 2024-2025 Banff Community High School

Graduation is an important event in a student's life...it is one of those days that you will always remember. However, it doesn't just happen...pitch in to make your Grad a success!

The success of this event requires active participation of the graduating class to:

- Be informed and provide input as requested
- Being responsible for meeting <u>all</u> graduation requirements as set out by Alberta Education and Banff Community High School
- Volunteering to help out with fundraising activities
- Cooperating with the graduation committees

### **Graduation Requirements in Alberta**

### ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH)

The requirements indicated in this chart are the <u>minimum</u> requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and specific courses.

### 100 CREDITS

including the following:

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - 30 LEVEL**

(English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)

### **SOCIAL STUDIES - 30 LEVEL**

(Social Studies 30-1or 30-2)

### **MATHEMATICS - 20 LEVEL**

(Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)

### **SCIENCE - 20 LEVEL**

(Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS)

### CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS)

### 10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts

- Second Languages
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages, Knowledge and Employability courses
- two 35-level courses from any trade in the Registered Apprenticeship Program

### 10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE (<u>IN ADDITION TO</u> A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE)

### These courses may include:

- 30-level locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses
- Advanced Level (3000 Series) in Career and Technology Studies Courses
- 30-level Work Experience courses
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30

### **Graduation Deadlines**

The Grad Cap & Gown Ceremony will take place on Thursday June 26th, **2025** at 12 noon at **the Banff Springs Hotel**. In order to take part in the program, students **must** have the potential to graduate. The following requirements **must** be met:

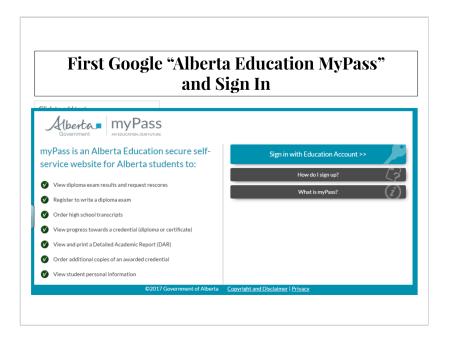
- Completion of the necessary courses and credits to fulfil the diploma requirements by the end of second semester.
- Register with myPass (<u>myPass.alberta.ca</u>).
- Submit a printed/parent signed copy of your Credential Page and Detailed Academic Report to the main office by **Sept 30/2024**. (**This is your Grad Plan**)
- If using Distance Education courses to fulfil requirements, the courses **must** be completed and submitted by **June 6th, 2025 with a minimum 50% standing**.
- Students must have a minimum mark of 50% in any compulsory course to meet graduation requirements by **May 31st, 2025**
- The date of May 31st, 2025 is also the cutoff date used to determine honours eligibility for our commencement ceremony. Note that final achievement of honours standing can only be determined upon the completion of diploma exams. Students that have achieved honours at this point will wear an honours cord to recognize this achievement. Note Honours Society marks are calculated in the fall once all final grades have been determined.
- Students must have paid school fees
- Print and Sign Confirmation of Understanding by September 30,2024

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that these requirements have been met! If there are any changes in your Grad Plans, please discuss this with a guidance counsellor or administrator.

Students can be removed from the Grad list at any time if the above deadlines and requirements are not met.

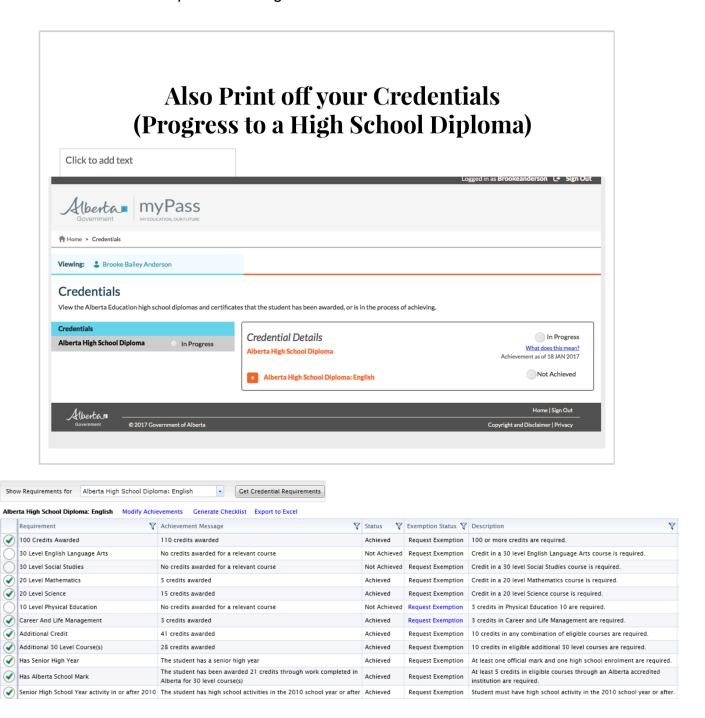
### How to Gather the Documents for Your Grad Plan

1. Make sure you can access MyPass - you set this up in Grade 10! myPass.alberta.ca



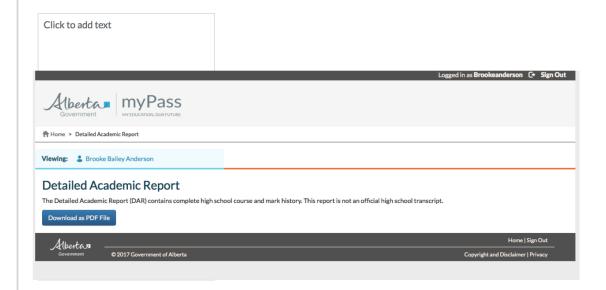


2.Print your **Credential Page** – this will show you your credit count and if you have the correct requirements to graduate.



3. Print your **Detailed Academic Report**. This is different from your **Alberta Transcript**, which is an official document you can request sent to an educational institute. BCHS cannot generate this transcript.

### Print off your Detailed Academic Report





DETAILED ACADEMIC REPORT

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Alberta Student Number 123 456 789 Legal Name Jane T Crusader Date of Birth Sept. 01 ,1995

Jane Crusader 1800 8th Ave Canmore AB, T1W 1X4 110 High School Credits as of 06 OCT 2015

Official Marks			Course Activity							
Course			School				School	Exam		
Code	Course Name	Mark Credits	Year	Term	School	Lang	Mark	Mark	Comments	
Language	Arts									
ELA1105	English Language Arts 10-1	90 5	2013/2014	Semester 1	S.5243	English	90			
ELA2105	English Language Arts 20-1	79 5	2014/2015	Semester 2	S.5243	English	79			
Social Stu	dies									
SST1771	Social Studies 10-1	86 5	2013/2014	Semester 2	S.5243	English	86			

#### **Costs Associated with Graduation**

Please remember that **graduation is 100% user pay.** Fundraising helps to offset some of the costs associated with the ceremony and reception.

### Ceremony

At Banff Community High School, all graduation fees are covered through student fundraising.

### This fundraising covers the cost of the following:

- Gown/Stole Memento caps and tassel purchase
- Student Reception for Grads- note all guests must pay to attend the reception

The graduation committee generally organises the fundraising events to help with funding.

### **Grad Photos**

Graduation portraits will be taken in March 2025. Appointment bookings will be made on-line beginning in February. Any students who know they will not be here during photo time or require retakes must contact the Lifetouch in Calgary at 403-255-5440 or email <a href="mailto:gwterritory@lifetouch.com">gwterritory@lifetouch.com</a> to set up an appointment.

It is important that every Grad have a photo taken for the composite picture and yearbook. There is no obligation to purchase these photos.

Picture packages are made available to individual graduates, with the cost varying according to the package contents. Cost information is made available by Lifetouch (<a href="www.lifetouch.ca">www.lifetouch.ca</a>) when proofs arrive.

### **Grad Rings**

Stay tuned for more information about how to order Banff Community High School graduation rings. This is an additional cost and varies based on the style of ring chosen.

### **Grad 2025 Executive Committee**

Presidents	Tobias Breymann and Finn McKenna
Fundraising	Princess Gamalinda Maria Valdez Maya Daniel Noah Donnelly Savannah Scout Maggie O'Connor Hannah Molina Dannon Young Dean Dickson Sophie Sibbald Kea Herlihy Louis Jackson Brodie Clifton Milan Enns Ariel Mackintosh Ruly Kitayama Bella Foster
Graduation - Staff Sponsors	Monica Bulas, Kristen Wiggins
Grad Yearbook Liaison	Catherine Dafoe

TALK TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER ABOUT YOUR IDEAS FOR GRAD AND SIGN UP FOR A COMMITTEE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH! Grad Committee meets every second Wednesday @ lunch in room 115. Remember to **GET INVOLVED**!!!!

### Valedictorian and Governor General Awards

BCHS Staff will nominate students for the BCHS Valedictorian based on the following criteria if they have achieved Honour Roll by May 31st 2025:

**Representation** - the candidate will be a student who represents graduates of Banff Community High School, having attended BCHS for at least TWO years with a minimum course load of 50%.

**Academic Achievement** - the candidate should be an honour roll student as defined by <u>Rutherford</u> criteria.

**Banff BEAR** - the candidate can demonstrate that they live the BCHS BEAR code by providing examples of how they give back to our school through their participation in student-led school activities and volunteer work to make our school a welcoming place where members of our BCHS school community feel they belong, and are respected.

**Writing Ability** - the candidate must compose a formal address worthy of the occasion.

**Speaking Ability** - the candidate must be able to deliver the address effectively to a large audience at the graduation exercises.

The **Governor General Award** is awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation from all their Grade 11 and 12 courses. This is usually announced for our Honour Roll Society Evening at Thanksgiving after graduation i.e. October 2025.

### 2024/2025- Post-Secondary Events And Information

October and November are recruitment months. Most Universities, colleges and technical programs do "open houses" and "student for a day" tours for students in the hopes of attracting you to their institution. These are great opportunities to engage in conversations and pick up information on a particular school. Additionally, we run two fairs per year in the Fall.

Individual post-secondary institutions may also come to our school. See our website calendar for dates and times.

Out of Province Post Secondary Fair- October 18th Educational Liaison Association of Alberta- October 25th

How and when to apply and the appropriate forms are covered on our website under Services /Post-Secondary. Exploring our <u>school's website</u> site and using its many links to post-secondary options may answer most questions regarding post-secondary. BC, Alberta and Ontario universities are on **unified sites**. Other institutions will have applications on their web sites. Ontario colleges are also on a unified site.

### Resources for post secondary education applications:

 BCHS website Students/Post-secondary https://bchs.crps.ca/students/post-secondary

- 2. Apply Alberta <a href="https://www.applyalberta.ca/">https://www.applyalberta.ca/</a>
- 3. Apply BC https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/
- 4. Apply Ontario https://www.ouac.on.ca/

### **Student Loans**

Take advantage of available workshops by contacting Janis Bekar janis.bekar@crps.ca or set up a one-on-one appointment to see her.

Ms. Bekar gets the up-to-date student view books every year - just ask if you would like your own copy! All information can be found on websites.

National Loans Service Centre
Canada Student Grants and Loans

### **Scholarships**

Keep an eye on TV monitors and outside the counsellor's office for information on scholarships. Our website has a long list too. BCHS /Students /Post secondary/ Scholarships

- 1. Banff Community's scholarships
- 2. University and national scholarships
- 3. Scholartree
- 4. Rutherford Scholarship

### See you all on June 26th to celebrate the Graduating Class of 2025!





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Graduation 2025: Confirmation of Understanding BCHS

Please indicate that you are aware of and understand each of the following
graduation requirements by initialling each line.

Requirement	Initials
Submit a printed/parent signed copy of your Grad Plan which includes: Detailed Academic Report ,Credential Page and Confirmation of Understanding to office by September 30/2024.	
On May 31, 2025 I must be able to prove that I am in a position to earn my Alberta High School Diploma by combining:  a. <b>credits earned</b> in Grade 10,11 and semester 1 of Grade 12, with b. <b>credits pending</b> in semester 2 of Grade 12	
"Credits pending" means that I have: a. completed at least 80% of the semester 2 course work (not including final exam) and b. have a mark of at least 50% on the completed work	
It is <b>my responsibility</b> to ensure that I provide my counsellor/admin with the proof of pending credits for a course taken outside of my BCHS timetable.	
Students will be notified by June 6th 2025 if they are not eligible to: a. walk the stage, and b. have their Cap & Gown photo taken as a part of the Grad class	
If I have been notified that I have not met the requirements to be included on the final Grad list because I have not met the earned or pending credit requirements, I understand I cannot take any action to correct or appeal this outcome.	

Brief description of your post	- secondary plans:	
Signature:	Date:	BANFF
Parent Signature:	Date:	BEARS