



High School 101

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- Certificate of Achievement

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- Math
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- CTS (i.e. “Options” courses)

3. Tips for Student Success

Graduation Requirements - Diploma

To earn an Alberta High School Diploma:

- 100 credits or more, including
- 30-level English (30-1 or 30-2)
- 30-level Social Studies (30-1 or 30-2)
- 20-level Math (20-1, 20-2, or 20-3)
- 20-level Science (Sci 20, Bio 20, Chem 20, Physics 20, or Sci 24)
 - Little known fact: Science 10 and Science 14 will also meet the Science requirement
- CALM
- PE 10 (3-credit)
- 10 CTS/Fine Arts/Second Language/PE 20-30/RAP credits
- 10 credits of 30-level courses that are not English or Social (Math, Science, Options all count)

Graduation Requirements - Certificate of Achievement

To earn an Alberta Certificate of High School Achievement:

80 credits or more, including:

- English 20-2 *or* 30-4
- Social Studies 10-2 *or* 20-4
- Math 10-3 *or* 20-4
- Science 14 *or* 20-4
- CALM
- PE 10 (3-credit)

- 5x
30-level
RAP
credits

OR

5x 30-level CTS *or*
K&E Occupational Course
AND
5x 30-level
Work Experience,
K&E Workplace
Practicum, *or*
Green Certificate credits

How do you check progress? MyPass (mypass.alberta.ca)

MyPass is the official Alberta Education student self-service website for:

- requesting official high school transcripts
- viewing diploma exam marks
- registering to rewrite diploma exams
(*requires online payment*)
- viewing and printing Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
 - *current credit count*
 - *finalized grades for past courses*
- viewing current progress towards high school completion (certificate or diploma)

The screenshot shows the MyPass website header with the Alberta Government logo and the text "myPass MY EDUCATION, OUR FUTURE". Below the header, there are two main sections: "Important Dates" and "Contact".

Important Dates:
November Transcript marks release is November 23, 2023.
November Credential release is November 27, 2023.
Moving? Do make sure the school updates your Mailing Address to ensure Alberta Education awarded diploma is mailed to the current home address.
TIP: View the current Mailing Address on the Personal Information tile in myPass.

Contact:
For myPass access and support, contact AE Helpdesk, Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)
Phone: 780-427-5318, Option 1
Toll free: 310-0000 before the phone number (in Alberta)
For Transcript, credential, and marks issues, Email: studentrecords@gov.ab.ca
Transcript Inquiries Phone: 780-427-5722

Below these sections, there is a blue button that says "Sign in with Education Account >>" and a grey button that says "How do I sign up?".

myPass is an Alberta Education self-service website for students to:

- 1 Order high school transcripts in English and French
- 2 View diploma exam marks
- 3 Register to write or rewrite diploma exams with online payment
- 4 View and print Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
- 5 View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- 6 Order additional copies of an awarded credential in English or French
- 7 Receive notifications for important messages

PARENTS: you may use myPass to support the student and to notify the Minister of a home education program not supervised by a school authority

STUDENTS should create their own MyPass account

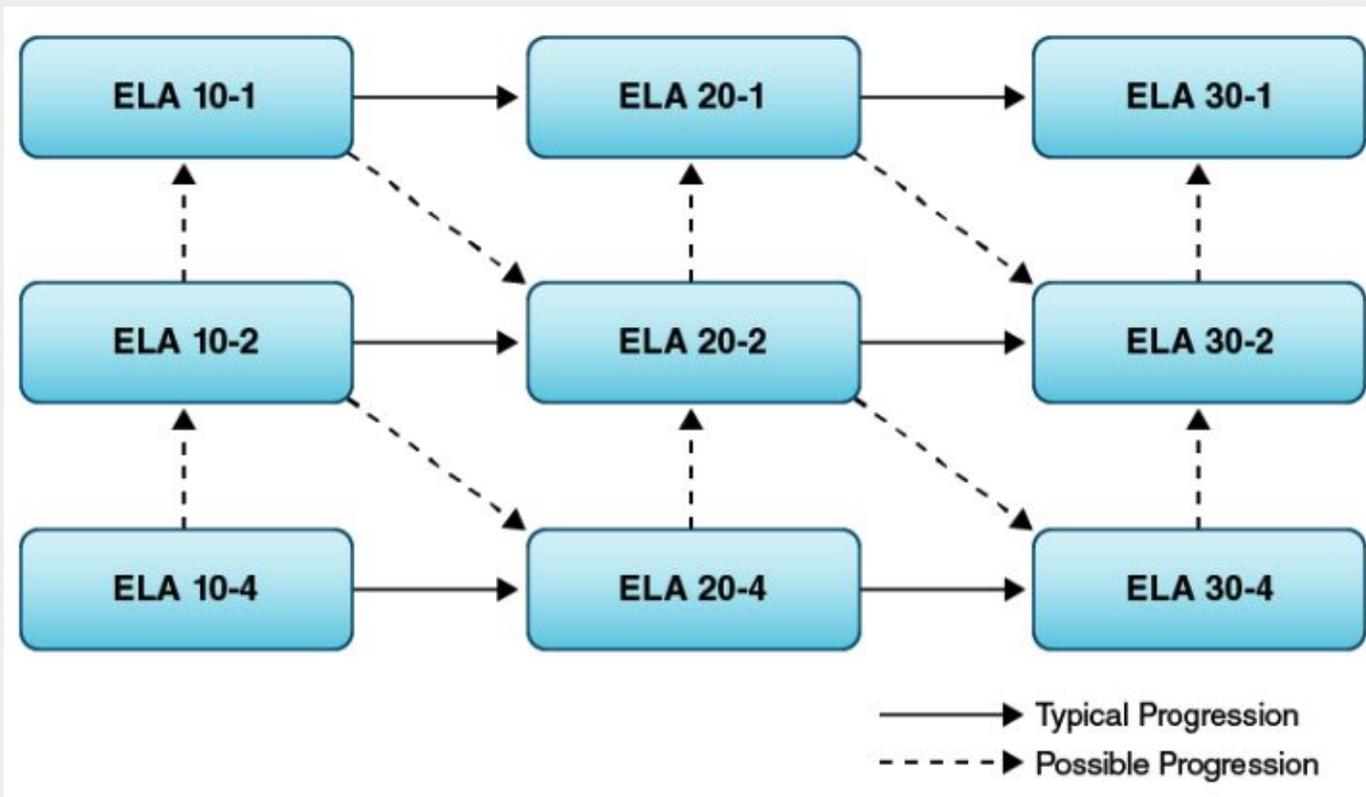
If you can't login or have not yet created an account, please fill out the following Google Form (can scan the QR code here or outside our office, or check on the 'Class of 202X' Classroom):

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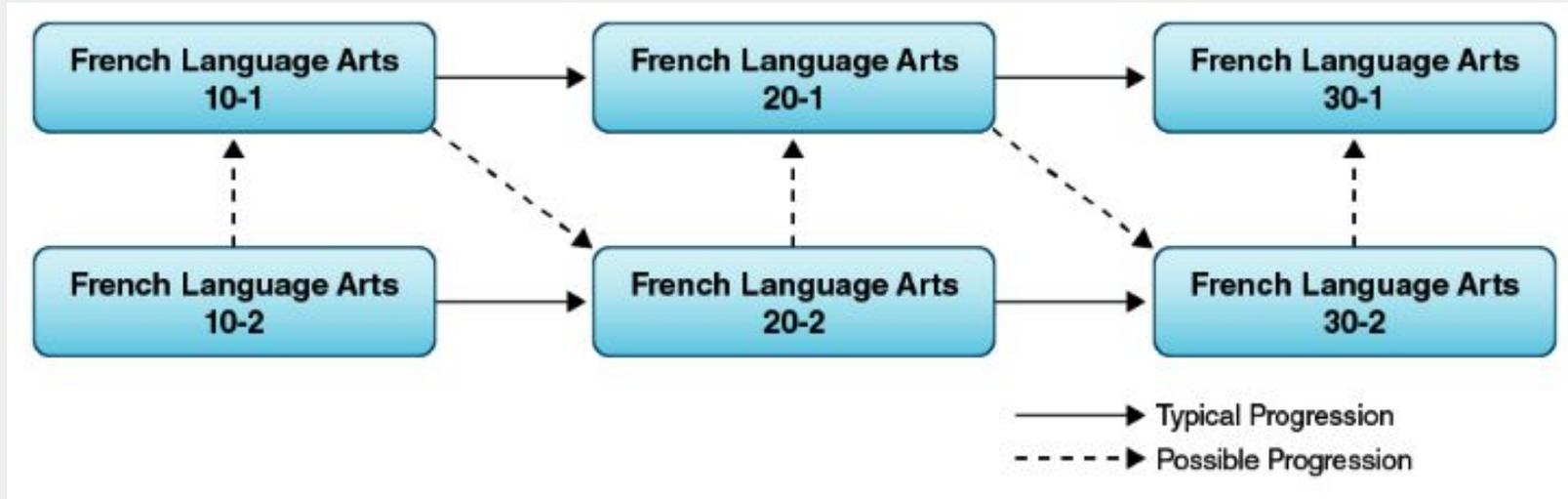
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Course Pathways - English

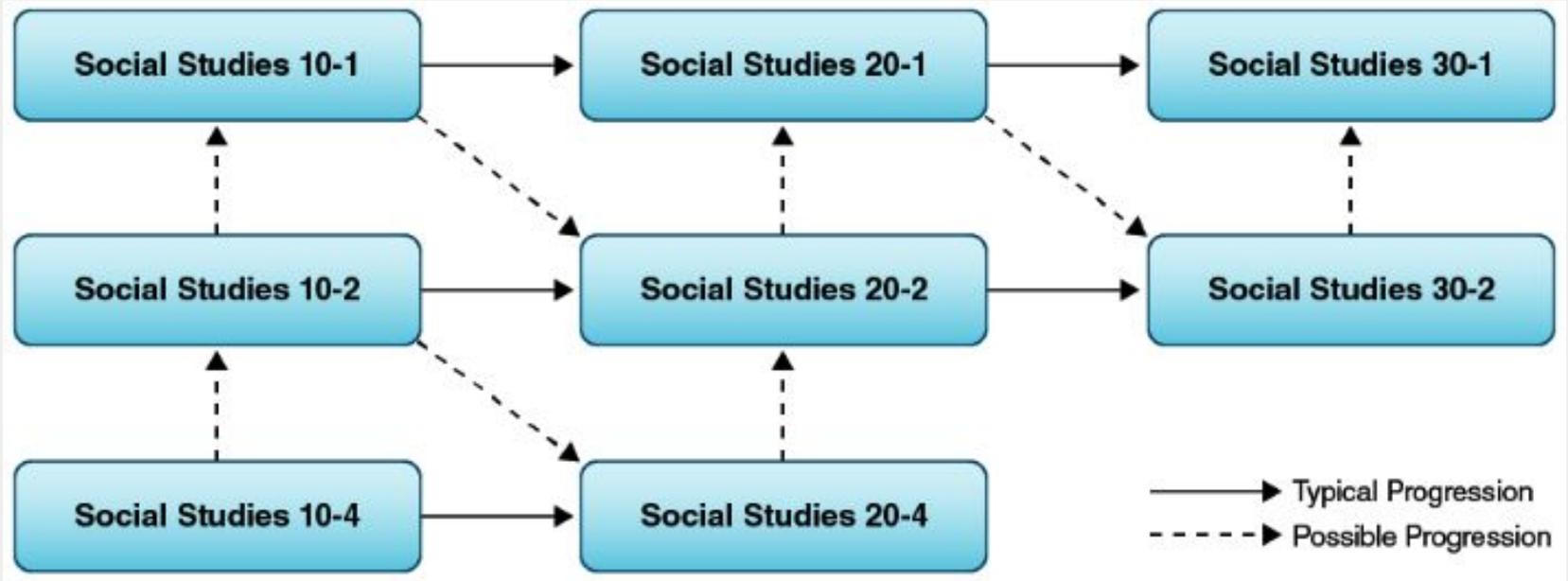


Course Pathways - French Language Arts

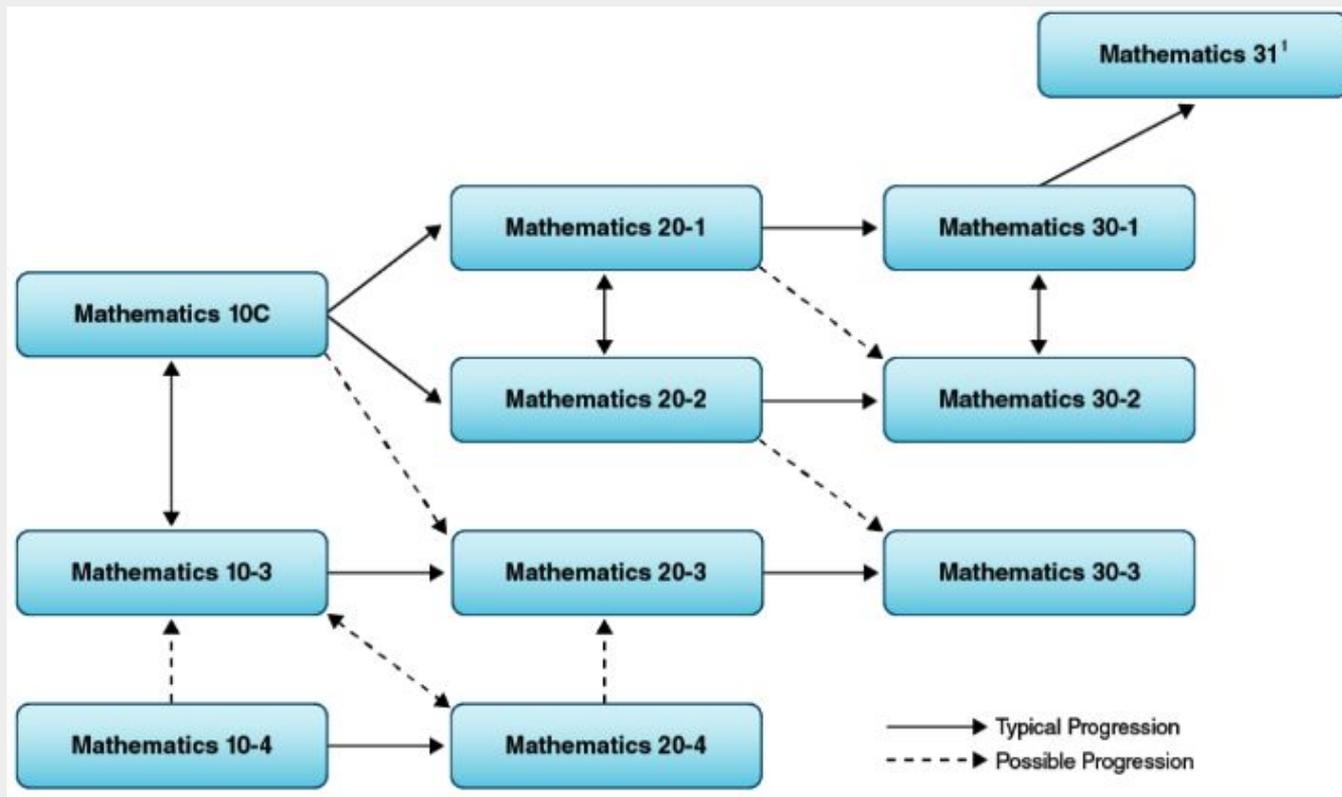


We do **not offer any -2 FLA at GMHS.

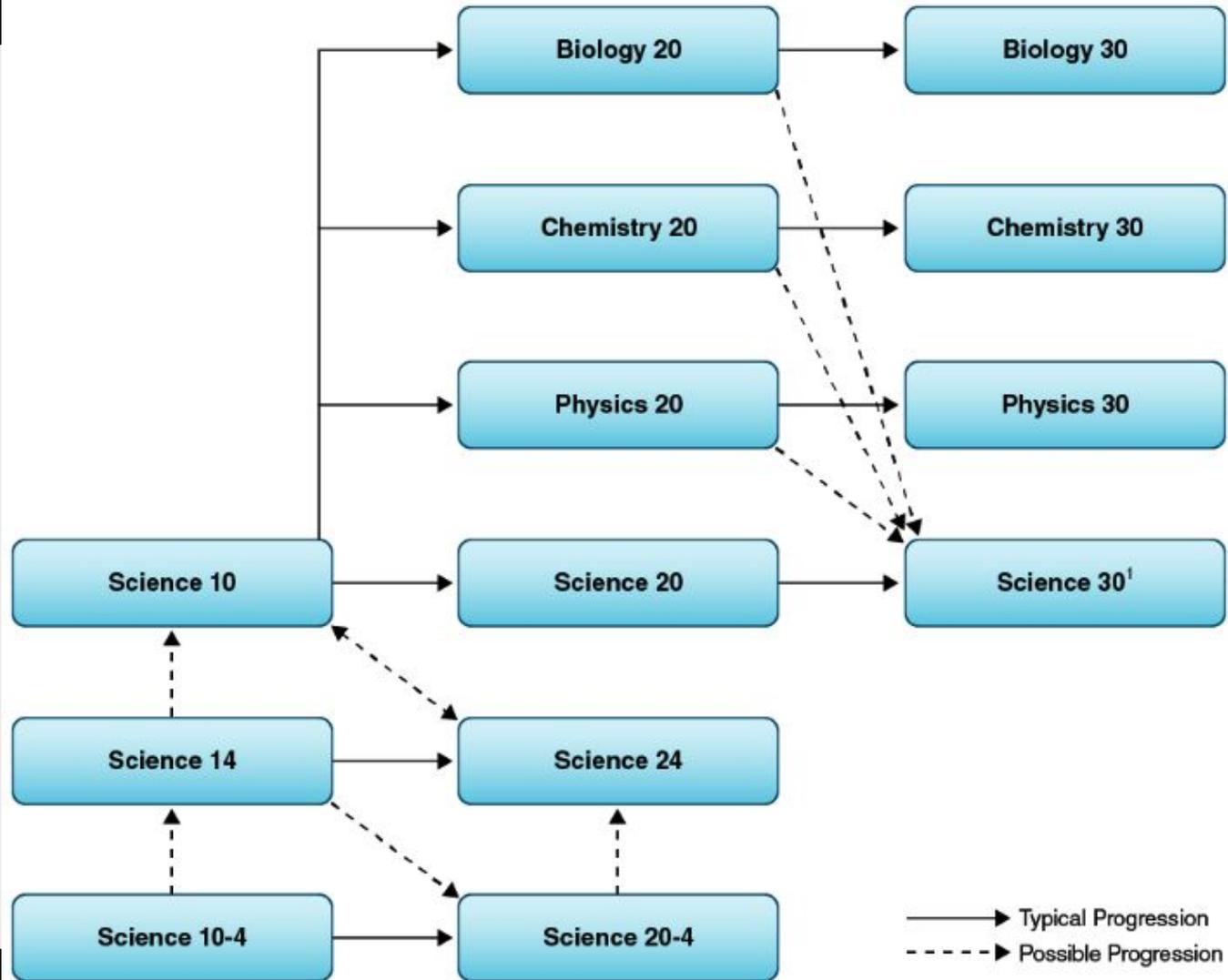
Course Pathways - Social Studies



Course Pathways - Math



Course Pathways - Sciences



Course Pathways - CTS (“Options” or “Electives”)



For the most part, in CTS courses students must take the 10-level (introductory) before the 20-level (intermediate) before the 30-level (advanced).

There are a few exceptions to this that can be discussed with CTS teachers or your student’s counsellor.

Some options/electives are **not** CTS courses (e.g. Psychology, Sociology, etc).

Course Pathways - CTS (“Options” or “Electives”)

CTS courses offered at George McDougall High can be found on our website under ‘Publications’ and the ‘Registration Info’ button:



Then click on the file ‘Complimentary Courses’ for full descriptions and offerings.



Off-Campus Opportunities

There are some options for off-campus learning which add credits to your high school count as well as valuable experience.

You can contact Ms. Liz Schweizer (our off-campus coordinator) or your counsellor to learn more about:

- RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program)
- Work Experience
- Green Certificate

Grade 9 to Grade 10 Transition

Grade 9 marks are important for grade 10!

Although your student is now “in high school” they **are not yet** taking high school classes. Good habits in grade 9 will set the stage for success throughout their high school career.

If they **fail** their grade 9 core courses, it will affect their streaming at the high school level and potentially their post-secondary options further down the road.

Upgrading is always available, so don't worry! But it means sacrifice on your and your student's part (e.g. summer school or potentially not getting an option class).

Tips for Student Success!

- Know what is going on at George McDougall
 - Read the weekly and monthly email newsletters
 - Check the Calendar on the website
- Close the communication loop
 - Regular check-ins or conversations with classroom teachers
 - Try to participate in Parent-Teacher Interviews - if you can't make it, connect with the teacher another time

Tips for Student Success!

- Check PowerSchool **often**
 - Look for missing/late assignments
 - Check attendance - are they chronically late for a class they are struggling in?
 - Support your student in developing homework and study habits
- Help your student develop self-advocacy skills - coach them in how to talk to their teachers