



## KEY TO ALBERTA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING SYSTEM



Sir Winston Churchill High School is a comprehensive high school located in Calgary, Alberta, a city of 1,300,000. The school has a student population of approximately 2,000 and a professional staff of 100. Each year, 90% of the graduating students go on to post-secondary studies – 70% to a four year university program and 20% to a two year college or technical school program.

The school year at Churchill is divided into 2 semesters and students are enrolled in a maximum of 4 classes that begin in September and are completed the end of January. They then take a maximum of 4 classes that begin in February, and end June 30<sup>th</sup>.

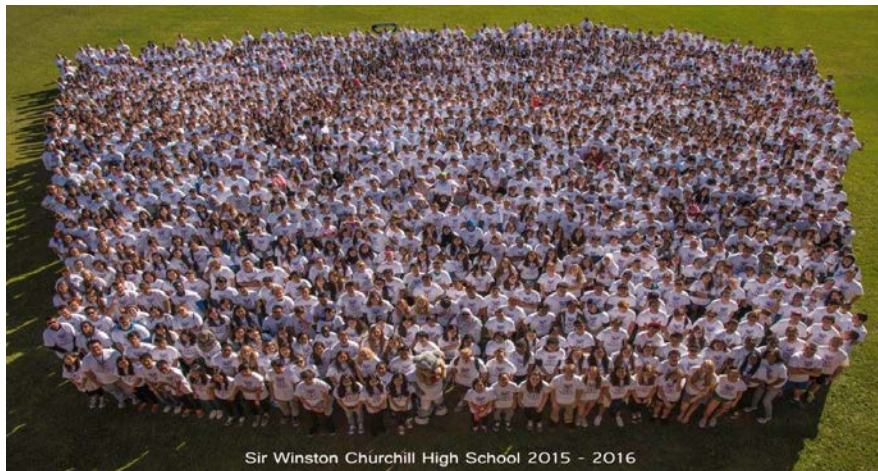
Credits are awarded in such a way that each full semester course (approximately 125 hours) is equivalent to 5 credits. Courses that are ½ semester in duration (approximately 75 hours) are equivalent to 3 credits. A mark of 50% or better is required for a student to proceed to the next level of the course in that stream and for the students to receive credits in that course.



Alberta Learning sets the curricula to be followed for each course taught in Alberta schools, and defines the requirements for the Alberta High School Diploma.

Students throughout the province of Alberta write Diploma Examinations at the end of grade 12 (senior year) in English 30-1 or 30-2, Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2, Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30 and Science 30. The final mark for the course is calculated by averaging the class mark and the exam mark.

In addition, the school offers the full complement of extracurricular and co-curricular activities that only serves to enhance the high school experience for our students.



Sir Winston Churchill High School 2015 - 2016



## ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum 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/or 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 30-1 or 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) courses
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages courses
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Knowledge and Employability courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- Locally developed/acquired and authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE  
(IN ADDITION TO 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 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

The marking system for the Province of Alberta is as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	80-100%
B	65-79%
C	50-64%
F	0-49%

Grade 10 courses have number codes that begin with the number 1. Grade 11 courses have number codes that begin with the number 2 and Grade 12 courses begin with the number 3.

It is hoped that this information will assist you in evaluating courses from Alberta and how they transfer to your system.