

Getting Started

This parent* and student guide contains information about the graduation requirements for Manitoba Senior Years students**, and provides parents and students with a **PLANNING TOOL** that can be used throughout the Senior Years.

The Senior Years French Immersion Program is described in this guide, which is posted at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/grad_require.html. The Français Program, the English Program and the Technology Education Program are explained in guides written specifically for those programs. The guide to the Français Program is posted at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/frpub/fc/avenir/index.html. The guide to the English Program and the Technology Education Program is posted at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/grad_require.html.

This guide was developed by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth staff from within the School Programs Division and the Bureau de l'éducation française Division. In this process, the following resources and groups were consulted:

- *The Senior Years: A Record of Graduation Requirements for Parents and Students, A Time to Know Which Direction To Go, French Immersion Program*
- *Focus on the Future: Your Grad Planner*
- *Focus on the Future: Career Planning Begins at Home*
- Inter-organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee including:
 - Manitoba Teachers' Society
 - Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
 - Manitoba Association of School Trustees
 - Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
 - Post-secondary Faculties of Education
- Future to Discover Provincial Coordinator and Facilitators
- Educators, parents and students

Parents, school counsellors, teachers and administrators play an important role in helping students choose the direction of their Senior Years program. In addition to using this guide, parents and students are encouraged to contact their school counsellors for more information on course descriptions and the choices available at their schools and school divisions.

A number of websites have been included throughout this document to provide additional information and resources to students and parents. Those who do not have Internet access, or who require information that is not otherwise provided, can contact Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth at: **Gilbert Michaud, Bureau de l'éducation française Division**

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* The term "parent" refers to both parents and guardians.

** The term "Senior Years" refers to Grades 9 through 12 (formerly Senior 1 through Senior 4) and can be used interchangeably with the term "high school."