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MATURE STUDENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Purpose of Handbook

This handbook provides school administrators and adult learning centre (ALC) directors with information related to mature student high school graduation requirements in Manitoba.

Introduction

A provincial high school graduation diploma requires the successful completion of 30 credits across Grades 9 to 12. For mature students, an alternative route to graduation is available. *Grades 9 to 12 Mature Student Graduation Requirements (2025)* sets out the requirements for the Mature Student High School Diploma. Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning and Manitoba Advanced Education and Training believe that it is important for adults to have additional opportunities to obtain a high school diploma.

Mature Student Eligibility

To obtain a Mature Student High School Diploma under the Grades 9 to 12 mature student graduation requirements, students must

- a. be 19 years of age or over at the time of enrolment in school or in ALC programming directed at completing the mature student graduation requirements, or reach the age of 19 before completion of the course(s) in which they are enrolled
- b. have been out of school six months or more
- c. have been out of school long enough for the last class of which they were a member to have graduated from high school
- d. not have obtained a high school diploma

Students can enrol in a school or ALC for the purpose of obtaining the Mature Student High School Diploma if they are eligible, as described above.

Mature Student Graduation Requirements

The purpose of the Grades 9 to 12 mature student graduation requirements is to enable eligible mature students to graduate from high school or an ALC by obtaining a Mature Student High School Diploma.

Programming

1. Mature student graduation requirements for English, Français, French Immersion, and Senior Years Technology Education Programs consist of eight credits (see charts on the following pages).
2. Enrolment can be on a part-time or full-time basis.
3. Mature students must ensure that the requirements of the post-secondary education, training, or work situations they intend to pursue are met. School divisions/districts and ALCs support students in learning about post-secondary requirements.
4. Compulsory credits in language arts and mathematics successfully completed toward one of the four school programs prior to enrolment can be transferred toward completion of the mature student graduation requirements. Additional credits can be transferred to meet mature student graduation requirements (see charts on the following pages).
5. Courses designated as G (General), F (Foundation), S (Specialized), E (English as an Additional Language), M (Modified), C (College), and U (University) meet the mature student graduation requirements.
6. Mature students are required to write Grade 12 provincial tests in compulsory subject areas. Exemptions can be made in accordance with the department's current *Grade 12 Provincial Tests: Policies and Procedures*, available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/gr12/pol_proc/docs/policies_procedures_eng.pdf.
7. Mature students cannot obtain retroactive mature student standing. The Mature Student High School Diploma cannot be claimed solely on the basis of courses previously credited at Senior Years.

The charts on pages 6 to 10 detail credit requirements for the various streams of the Mature Student High School Diploma. Normally, the required Grade 12 courses (four credits) will be completed by the student while enrolled in the Mature Student High School Diploma program, and the four additional credits may either be completed while the student is enrolled in the Mature Student High School Diploma program or carried forward from previously completed high school credits or the successful completion of adult upgrading, such as, for example, adult basic education or literacy training. From the charts, you will also see that, like the English Program, both the Français and French Immersion Programs have four compulsory Grade 12 credits.

In the event that the student has previously completed some of the required Grade 12 credits, the education director of an ALC or principal of a school will have discretion to carry these forward as well. However, in determining the most appropriate combination of credits for the student to obtain the Mature Student High School Diploma, it is important to consider the currency of previously completed credits.

8. School divisions/districts, schools, and ALCs cannot set requirements for obtaining a Mature Student High School Diploma other than those set by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning or Manitoba Advanced Education and Training.

Roles and Responsibilities

9. The principal of a school in a school division/district or the education director of an ALC is responsible for tracking student progress and ensuring that the requirements are met prior to a mature student obtaining a Mature Student High School Diploma.
10. The principal of a school in a school division/district or the education director of an ALC is responsible for assessing students' previous learning experiences and determining transferability of credits.
11. A Mature Student High School Diploma and a transcript issued by the school or ALC will be granted to mature students on completion of the mature student graduation requirements. The transcript must include the courses completed by the student, including course designations (see *Subject Table Handbook*).

Other

12. There is no time limit for completing mature student graduation requirements. The length of time needed to complete mature student graduation requirements depends on the program chosen and the number of credits a mature student is able to transfer toward the Mature Student High School Diploma from previous learning experiences (see charts).
13. Credits can be completed through a school or an ALC, or through a dual credit arrangement with a post-secondary institution. *Any credit, including required credits, may be completed by a mature student through the Recognizing Prior Learning (RPL) process or the Challenge for Credit Option.* Substitution of credits does not apply to the Mature Student High School Diploma.

Note: Paragraph 14 does **not** apply to students of an ALC.

14. Departmental requirements related to “schools of choice” and “program(s) not offered locally” apply to each mature student until June 30 of the calendar year in which the mature student turns 21 years of age, or until the mature student achieves a graduation diploma, as defined in regulation, whichever comes first.* For this cohort of mature students (who are **not** students of an ALC), transfer and residual fees apply, and these mature students cannot be charged a tuition fee(s). “Schools of choice” and “program(s) not offered locally” do not apply to any mature student who is 21 years of age or older, nor to any mature student who has previously achieved a graduation diploma, as defined in regulation. For this cohort of mature students, transfer and residual fees do not apply, and the mature students can be charged a tuition fee(s). Please refer to Appendix C in *Funding of Schools* for the current year, available online at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/finance/schfund/.**
15. Funding for adult-specific programming offered at ALCs must be applied for with the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch.

* For information regarding The Public Schools Act and regulations as these apply to mature students, please contact the Education Administration Services Unit, 507-1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 0T3, telephone 204-945-6897 or toll-free 1-800-282-8069 ext. 6897.

** For information regarding funding for mature students, please contact the Education Funding Branch, 511-1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 0T3, telephone 204-945-6910.

Questions

Questions regarding the interpretation of this policy and requests for exceptions should be directed to one of the following offices:

Adult Learning and Literacy Branch

Manitoba Advanced Education and Training
403-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3
Telephone: 204-945-8247
Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069, ext. 8247
Fax: 204-948-1008
Email: all@gov.mb.ca

Learning and Outcomes Branch—English Program

Student Achievement and Inclusion Division
Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning
1577 Dublin Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3J5
Telephone: 204-945-3567
Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069, ext. 3567
Email: lobdirector@gov.mb.ca

Curriculum Development and Implementation Branch— Français and French Immersion Programs

Bureau de l'éducation française Division
Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning
509-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3
Telephone: 204-945-6916
Toll-Free: 1-800-282-8069, ext. 6916
Email: bef@gov.mb.ca

English Program

Types of Curricula Schools and ALCs Can Use to Meet Credit Requirements					
Credit Requirements*	Dept-Dev.	IB/AP	SICs**	SIPs	Curricula
Grade 12 English Language Arts 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Grade 12 English Language Arts: Comprehensive Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts: Literary Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts: Transactional Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts: Language and Technical Communication <i>or</i> previously accredited Grade 12 English Language Arts curricula (e.g., English Language Arts 40G)
Grade 12 Mathematics 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Grade 12 Accounting Systems <i>or</i> Grade 12 Applied Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 12 Essential Mathematics <i>or</i> Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Mathematics <i>or</i> previously accredited Grade 12 Mathematics curricula (e.g., Consumer Mathematics 40S)
Additional Grade 12 credits 2 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Additional Grades 9 to 12 credits*** 4 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total Credits: 8					

* Course designations can include G, F, S, E, M, C, or U. Course designations must be shown on the transcript issued by the school division/district or ALC.

** Students can complete a maximum of four school-initiated courses (SICs) and a maximum of two student-initiated projects (SIPs) toward the Mature Student High School Diploma.

*** These four credits can be granted at the discretion of the school principal or the education director of an ALC based on the following requirements:

- successful completion of adult upgrading, such as Adult Basic Education or literacy training (maximum four credits) (It is not appropriate to grant ABE/Literacy credit for work that is clearly below a level consistent with Grades 9 to 12 learning outcomes. Questions regarding the appropriate crediting of ABE/Literacy can be directed to the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch at 204-945-8247 or the Learning Outcomes Branch at 204-945-3567.)
- credits earned previously in Grades 9 to 12 (maximum four credits)—refer to number 7, page 2
- may include one credit for community service and a maximum of two credits of the Special Language Credit Option and/or two credits of the Private Music Option

Français Program

Types of Curricula Schools and ALCs Can Use to Meet Credit Requirements					
Credit Requirements*	Dept-Dev.	IB/AP	SICs**	SIPs	Curricula
Grade 12 Français 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Français langue première, Langue et communication, 12 ^e année
Grade 12 Mathématiques 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Systèmes comptables, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques appliquées, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques du consommateur, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques pré-calcul, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> previously accredited Mathématiques, 12 ^e année curricula (e.g., Mathématiques 40G)
Grade 12 Anglais 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Grade 12 Anglais: Comprehensive Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 Anglais: Literary Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 Anglais: Transactional Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 Anglais: Language and Technical Communication <i>or</i> previously accredited Grade 12 Anglais curricula (e.g., Anglais 40S)
Additional Grade 12 credits 1 credit	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Additional Grades 9 to 12 credits*** 4 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total Credits: 8					

* Course designations can include G, F, S, E, M, C, or U. Course designations must be shown on the transcript issued by the school division/district or ALC.

** Students can complete a maximum of four school-initiated courses (SICs) and a maximum of two student-initiated projects (SIPs) toward the Mature Student High School Diploma.

*** These four credits can be granted at the discretion of the school principal or the education director of an ALC based on the following requirements:

- successful completion of adult upgrading, such as Adult Basic Education or literacy training (maximum three credits) (It is not appropriate to grant ABE/Literacy credit for work that is clearly below a level consistent with Grades 9 to 12 learning outcomes. Questions regarding the appropriate crediting of ABE/Literacy can be directed to the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch at 204-945-8247 or the Bureau d'éducation française at 204-945-6916.)
- credits earned previously in Grades 9 to 12 (maximum four credits)—refer to number 7, page 2
- may include one credit for community service and a maximum of two credits of the Special Language Credit Option and/or two credits of the Private Music Option

In general, courses are offered in the French language, but in some cases, at the discretion of the principal, some of the additional courses may be taken in English to a maximum of three credits.

French Immersion Program

Types of Curricula Schools and ALCs Can Use to Meet Credit Requirements					
Credit Requirements*	Dept-Dev.	IB/AP	SICs**	SIPs	Curricula
Grade 12 Français Immersion 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Français langue première, Langue et communication, 12 ^e année
Grade 12 Mathématiques 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Systèmes comptables, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques appliquées, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques du consommateur, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques pré-calcul, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> previously accredited Mathématiques, 12 ^e année curricula (e.g., Mathématiques 40G)
Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Comprehensive Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Literary Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Transactional Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Language and Technical Communication <i>or</i> previously accredited Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion curricula (e.g., English Language Arts—Immersion 40G)
Additional Grade 12 credit 1 credit	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Additional Grades 9 to 12 credits*** 4 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total Credits: 8					

* Course designations can include G, F, S, E, M, C, or U. Course designations must be shown on the transcript issued by the school division/district or ALC.

** Students can complete a maximum of four school-initiated courses (SICs) and a maximum of two student-initiated projects (SIPs) toward the Mature Student High School Diploma.

*** These four credits can be granted at the discretion of the school principal or the education director of an ALC based on the following requirements:

- successful completion of adult upgrading, such as Adult Basic Education or literacy training (maximum three credits) (It is not appropriate to grant ABE/Literacy credit for work that is clearly below a level consistent with Grades 9 to 12 learning outcomes. Questions regarding the appropriate crediting of ABE/Literacy can be directed to the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch at 204-945-8247 or the Bureau d'éducation française at 204-945-6916.)
- credits earned previously in Grades 9 to 12 (maximum four credits)—refer to number 7, page 2
- may include one credit for community service and a maximum of two credits of the Special Language Credit Option and/or two credits of the Private Music Option

In general, courses are offered in the French language, but in some cases, at the discretion of the principal, some of the additional courses may be taken in English to a maximum of four credits.

Senior Years Technology Education Program (English Language)

Types of Curricula Schools and ALCs Can Use to Meet Credit Requirements					
Credit Requirements*	Dept-Dev.	IB/AP	SICs**	SIPs	Curricula
Grade 12 English Language Arts 1 credit	✓	✓	✗	✗	Grade 12 English Language Arts: Comprehensive Focus or Grade 12 English Language Arts: Literary Focus or Grade 12 English Language Arts: Transactional Focus or Grade 12 English Language Arts: Language and Technical Communication or previously accredited Grade 12 English Language Arts curricula (e.g., English Language Arts 40G)
Grade 12 Mathematics 1 credit	✓	✓	✗	✗	Grade 12 Accounting Systems or Grade 12 Applied Mathematics or Grade 12 Essential Mathematics or Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Mathematics or previously accredited Grade 12 Mathematics curricula (e.g., Consumer Mathematics 40S)
Senior Years Technology Education credits*** 6 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total Credits: 8					

* Course designations can include G, F, S, E, M, C, or U. Course designations must be shown on the transcript issued by the school division/district or ALC.

** Students can complete a maximum of four school-initiated courses (SICs) and a maximum of two student-initiated projects (SIPs) toward the Mature Student High School Diploma. (Note: One credit may be given for community service and a maximum of two credits of the Special Language Option and/or two credits of the Private Music Option.)

*** These six credits must all be from an approved Senior Years Technology Education Program cluster with a minimum of two courses at Grade 11 and two courses at Grade 12.

Senior Years Technology Education Program (Français and French Immersion)

Types of Curricula Schools and ALCs Can Use to Meet Credit Requirements					
Credit Requirements*	Dept-Dev.	IB/AP	SICs**	SIPs	Curricula
Grade 12 Français/French Immersion 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Français langue première, Langue et communication, 12 ^e année/Français langue seconde—Immersion, Langue et communication, 12 ^e année
Grade 12 Mathématiques 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Systèmes comptables, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques appliquées, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques du consommateur, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques pré-calcul, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> Mathématiques Systèmes compatibles, 12 ^e année <i>or</i> previously accredited Mathématiques, 12 ^e année curricula (e.g., Mathématiques 40G)
Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion 1 credit	✓	✓	X	X	Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Comprehensive Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Literary Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Transactional Focus <i>or</i> Grade 12 English Language Arts—Immersion: Language and Technical Communication <i>or</i> previously accredited Grade 12 Anglais/English Language Arts—Immersion curricula (e.g., Anglais 40G/English Language Arts—Immersion 40G)
Senior Years Technology Education credits*** 5 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total Credits: 8					

* Course designations can include G, F, S, E, M, C, or U. Course designations must be shown on the transcript issued by the school division/district or ALC.

** Students can complete a maximum of four school-initiated courses (SICs) and a maximum of two student-initiated projects (SIPs) toward the Mature Student High School Diploma. (Note: One credit may be given for community service and a maximum of two credits of the Special Language Option and/or two credits of the Private Music Option.)

*** These five credits must all be from an approved Senior Years Technology Education Program cluster with a minimum of two courses at Grade 11 and two courses at Grade 12.

In general, courses are offered in the French language, but in some cases, at the discretion of the principal, some of the additional courses may be taken in English.