



Dewberry
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Dewberry School Graduation Handbook

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Graduation Requirements:

In order to ensure that our students have a variety of experiences, and to keep students' career options as wide open as possible, students at Dewberry School should enroll in no fewer than 100 credits over a 3 year period. Many students will earn more than this. Current Alberta Learning Funding Policies are in a state of change. In the interim, students will enroll in the following manner;

1. Grade 10 - students must enroll in and carry a full program of 40 credits in Dewberry School, which may include Alternated Delivery Options as outlined under Policy Regarding Alternate Delivery Options and approved by the Principal.
2. Grade 11 - students must enroll in and carry a full program of 35 credits in Dewberry School, which may include Alternated Delivery Options as outlined under Policy Regarding Alternate Delivery Options and approved by the Principal.
3. Grade 12 - students must enroll in and carry no fewer than 30 credits in Dewberry School, which may include Alternated Delivery Options as outlined under Policy Regarding Alternate Delivery Options and approved by the Principal.

In the event that a student wishes to finish in January, the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must be eligible to earn 100 credits by the end of the Fall Semester.
2. Of the 100 credits, only credits eligible to count toward a High School diploma will be accepted.
3. The student must enroll and carry no fewer than 17 school-based credits during the Fall Semester in Dewberry School, which may include Alternated Delivery Options as outlined under Policy Regarding Alternate Delivery Options and approved by the Principal.
4. In order to participate in graduation at the end of the school year, the student must be an active participant in all Graduation Planning and Fundraising activities during the Fall Semester.

Employers and postsecondary institutions are interested in students who go for more than the minimum and this policy helps effect that goal for our students.

Dewberry School Graduation Ceremony Requirements:

****Graduation will be planned in accordance with recommendations from Alberta's Chief Medical Health Officer.****

To participate in the graduation ceremony, Grade 12 students must meet the following criteria:

1. Meet all Alberta Education Requirements for Graduation
2. 30 days before graduation, students must be passing all subjects necessary to fulfill the requirements above with a mark of 50% or better.
3. Have submitted 50% of second semester core courses offered through Students' Online and have a passing average in said lessons or modules 30 days before the graduation ceremony.
4. Have submitted three quarters of Alberta Distance Learning Course lessons or modules, and have a passing average in said lesson or modules 30 days before the graduation ceremony.
5. Meet the Minimum Credit Policy as outlined above.

The annual grade 12 graduation will be planned for with the following budget in mind:

Option 1:

→ Banquet (average of \$20/plate) based on 10+2 tickets for 5 or more graduates, 12+2 tickets for 4 or less graduates

→ Flowers (average of \$10 each)

→ Decorations (\$1000)

→ DJ (\$500)

→ Late Lunch (\$100)

→ Invitations (\$100)

→ Hall Rental (\$110)

Option 2:

- Upon consensus of the Graduation Committee, a decision to forgo the banquet can be made, and an afternoon graduation ceremony may be planned. In this case, each student would be under the assumption that they would be responsible to have their own family BBQ/dinner/celebration in the evening of the event date.

** All money fundraised can be used towards the graduation ceremony. Left over funds will be put towards a legacy project of the graduating class' choice.

** Budget to be reviewed annually in September and adjusted to account for student numbers, inflation, etc.

Funding to be provided by: High 45 Garbage Pick Up, Track and Field Concession, and Calendar Sales.

Valedictorian Criteria:

The Valedictorian will be considered the graduating student with the highest average in ELA 30-1 or 30-2 and four of the following:

→ Social 30-1 or 30-2, Math 30-1 or 30-2, Math 31, Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Physics 30.

I have read and understand the graduation/valedictorian requirements of Dewberry School and what is expected for a student to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Must be signed and returned to Mrs. Stachniak or Mr. Lancaster once you have read the requirements. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 780-847-3051.