Registering at School

How do I transfer (full-time) to Crocus or Neelin (to start attending in September 2021)?

You must pick up registration forms from Crocus or Neelin, and you must return them to Crocus or Neelin before the transfer deadline (check with Student Services for this date). You do not need to submit registration forms to Massey or request Massey courses using Xello. You can inform Massey Student Services that you are not registering at Massey for the following year.

Note: transferring schools may affect your athletic eligibility. Please speak with someone in Student Services if this might affect you.

How do I take courses at both Massey and Crocus?

You must submit registration forms and course requests for both schools.

If you are currently a Massey student, you will receive your Massey registration forms in a homeroom period. You will request your Massey courses using Xello. Crocus registration forms can be picked up from Crocus Student Services (or printed from an online link), and the registration paperwork will include a paper form for requesting Crocus courses. Please return Massey registration forms to Massey, and return Crocus registration forms to Crocus.

In June, you will receive a timetable from both schools. Please make an appointment in Student Services in June to review your timetables and to make adjustments if necessary.

Note: the school where you are enrolled in the majority of your classes will be designated as your 'home' school. Your 'home' school determines your athletic eligibility.

Special Programs

How do I enroll in the Health Care Aide Program at Crocus?

Note: to enroll in the Health Care Aide Program at Crocus, you must be entering Grade 12 with the potential to have all of your compulsory courses completed within the first semester of Grade 12. There are only 22 spots available. You will take one Health Care Aide course at Crocus in first semester (at lunch), and you will be full-time in the Health Care Aide program at Crocus in second semester. Because the majority of your classes will be at Crocus, your home school will be Crocus, and you will graduate from Crocus.

You must submit the following to Crocus:

- ACC Health Care Aide application form (https://assiniboine.net/Content/Images/uploaded/Admissions/ApplicationForm.pdf)
- $95 fee (cash or cheque made out to CPRSS)
- High school transcript
- Social Insurance Number

Can I take a course at Brandon University when I'm in grade 12?

Yes. Your average across all completed 30S and 40S courses must be greater than or equal to 80%. Please make an appointment with Mrs. Garbutt in the Career Centre for more information about this option (April/May is the best time of year to make these plans).

Credits and Courses

When can I take a spare? How many spares can I take?

A Massey student can have a spare period(s) in grade 11 and/or grade 12. Students in grades 9 and 10 are usually fully scheduled.

30 credits are required for graduation. A student may choose to take more than 30 credits if they want. Generally, we recommend that a student in grade 11 take a minimum of 7 or 8 courses.

In order to participate in high school athletics, a student must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of two full-time credits in the season they are competing in.

How do I decide which math course to take in grade 10?

We recommend that you consult with your grade 9 math teacher regarding this decision.

If you are thinking about studying in a math or science-related field in the future, you will need to take Intro to Applied/Pre-Cal 20S math. This class will prepare you for continuing in Applied math or Pre-Cal math in grades 11 and 12. These courses are usually required for admission to university and college programs that are science-related.

If you are not thinking about studying in a science-related field, and if math is a bit challenging for you, you will probably take Essentials Math 20S. This course has a focus on money, problem solving, decision making, and spatial sense (geometry). This course will prepare you for continuing in Essentials math in grades 11 and 12.

If you want, you can take multiple math courses within a grade level. If you are uncertain about your decision (or if you'd like to talk about how to fit in multiple math courses) we recommend that you speak with a counsellor in Student Services.

How do I decide which math course to take in grade 11?

If you completed only Essentials 20S in grade 10, then you will probably continue into Essentials 30S. (If you completed only Essentials 20S in grade 10 and you are looking to upgrade to Applied or Pre-Cal math, you will need to take the Intro to Applied/Pre-Cal 20S credit. Please make an appointment with a counsellor in Student Services to sort out this option.)

If you completed Intro to Applied/Pre-Cal in grade 10, then you will probably continue into either Applied 30S or Pre-Cal 30S (or you can always move into Essentials 30S). Typically Pre-Cal is required for admission to science programs at college or university. Applied math is accepted for admission to many science programs at college or university (although Pre-Cal might be more straight-forward if you are thinking of moving out of province for college/university). Pre-Cal math is more abstract; Applied math includes more practical applications.

It is a good idea to consult with your math teacher while making this decision. If you want, you can take multiple math courses within a grade level.

Can I go to university or college if I only have Essentials math?

Yes.

Many college and university programs accept students with Essentials math. Generally, programs that are related to science require Applied or Pre-Cal math, but there are lots of programs in Arts, Social Sciences, Music, Business, skilled trades, apprenticeships that require only Essentials math. It is best to research college/university admission requirements if there is a specific institution or program that you want to pursue. If you need help with admission research, you can make an appointment in the Massey Career Centre.

Also -- most colleges and universities have math upgrading courses if you want/need to complete a different math course later on.

What are my options for grade 11 and grade 12 Phys Ed?

- PE 30F/40F -- this Phys Ed course is scheduled within the regular timetable. Once you start this course, your teacher will talk about the attendance options. You can choose attend full-time (like Phys Ed classes in grades 9 and 10), or you can choose to attend 50% of the units (and log 50% of activity hours outside of class). You might be eligible to attend 25% of the units (and log 75% of activity hours outside of class).

- Early-bird PE 30F/40F -- this Phys Ed class is scheduled before period 1 (7:40 - 8:45). Attendance options are the same as PE 30F/40F above.

- All-female PE 30F/40F -- this Phys Ed class is scheduled within the regular timetable. Only female students are permitted to enroll. Attendance options are the same as PE 30F/40F above.

- Personal Fitness 30F/40F -- this Phys Ed class is scheduled within the regular timetable. There is a focus on personal fitness/training. You don't need to be an elite athlete, you just need to have

interest and motivation in personal fitness. There are no attendance options for this class; full-time attendance is expected.

Note: for all PE classes with attendance options, you choose your attendance option once you've started the class. You do not need to request a specific attendance option during registration.

Advanced Placement (AP)

How do I plan to complete an AP science course?

Massey offers AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics. All of the AP science courses are completed in three credits over two consecutive years.

For example, to complete AP Biology you would complete Biology 30SA in one year, and then in the following year you would complete Biology 40SA and Biology AP 42S.

Notes:

- *We recommend that students meet with a counsellor if they are interested in taking multiple AP courses.*
- *A student will not be permitted to take three 30SA science courses in grade 10.*
- *A 40SA science course and the matching AP 42S course must be completed within the same year.*

How do I plan to complete AP Calculus?

In order to complete AP Calculus, you must complete Pre-Cal 30S and Pre-Cal 40S in grade 11. Then, in grade 12, you complete two credits: Introduction to Calculus/Advanced Math 40S (first semester) and Calculus AB AP 42S (second semester).

How do I plan to complete an AP English course?

Massey offers AP English Language and Composition (available to students in grade 11) and AP English Literature and Composition (available to students in grade 12).

To complete AP English Language and Composition, a student would take both English Transactional Focus 30SA and English Language and Composition AP 42S in their grade 11 year. To complete AP English Literature and Composition, a student would take both English Literary Focus 40SA and English Literature and Composition 42S in their grade 12 year.

Note: Students who request English Transactional Focus 30SA must also request English Language and Composition AP 42S. Students who request English Literary Focus 40SA must also request English Literature and Composition AP 42S. If a student would like to take only one semester of English, they should request English Comprehensive Focus 30S (in grade 11) or English Comprehensive Focus 40S (in grade 12).

How do I plan to complete AP Psychology or AP World History?

In order to take AP Psychology, you should first take Psychology 40S. There is no pre-requisite for Psychology 40S, and it is available to students in grades 11 and 12. Note: you do not need to take Psychology 40S and AP Psychology in the same year.

In order to take AP World History, you should first take Historiography 41G. There is no pre-requisite for Historiography 415, and it is available to students in grades 10, 11, and 12.

Do I need AP courses to get into university?

No.

AP courses are great preparation for university, but they are not required for university admission.

Diplomas and certificates

What are the requirements for an Applied Commerce Education (Business) diploma?
Note: this is a provincial diploma, which is awarded in addition to the regular provincial high school diploma.
The official title of this diploma is 'Senior Years Technology Education Program.'

Students must complete a minimum of 8 Applied Commerce Education courses (see the list below), including a minimum of two 30S credits and two 40S credits.

- Business Innovations 10S
- Entrepreneurship 20S
- Creative Promotions 20S
- Personal Finance 20S
- Accounting Principles 30S
- Business Communications 30S
- Accounting Systems 40S
- Economic Principles 40S
- Business Management 40S

If you completed the following courses before September 2019, they will count toward an Applied Commerce Degree:

- Applying ICT I/Applying ICT II 15F
- Futures in Business 15G/Start Your Own Business 25S
- Keyboarding/Print Communications 25S
- Website Design/Interactive Websites 35S
- Relations in Business 30S
- Promotions 30S
- Visions and Ventures 30S
- Canadian Law 40S

What are the requirements for a Broadcast Media Technology diploma?
Note: this is a provincial diploma, which is awarded in addition to the regular provincial high school diploma.
The official title of this diploma is 'Senior Years Technology Education Program.'

All 8 of the credits below must be completed:

- Intro to Broadcast Media Technology 20S
- Video Post Production 30S
- Single-Camera Production 30S
- Multi-Camera Production 30S
- Electronic News Gathering 40S
- Documentary and Film Production 40S
- Advanced Multi-Camera Production 40S
- Applied Broadcast Media Technology 40S

What are the requirements for a Fine and Performing Arts certificate?
Note: this is a VMHS-specific certificate.

8 credits with Fine and Performing Arts and/or Graphics Communication Visual Arts must be completed. Students must complete a major, defined by 3 consecutive credits at the Grade 10, 11, and 12 levels in a narrow area of study.

What are the requirements for a Human Ecology certificate?
Note: this is a VMHS-specific certificate.

8 credits within Human Ecology courses (Clothing; Food and Nutrition; Food Services; Family Studies) must be completed. Students must complete a major, defined by 3 consecutive credits at the Grade 10, 11, and 12 levels in a narrow area of study.

Student Services + Timetables

When will I get my timetable?

You will receive your timetable for the following school year in mid-June.
You will receive a fresh copy of your timetable on the first day of each semester.

When can I make changes to my timetable?

Between June and September
Usually, we are able to complete some timetable changes in June. This might be in-person (drop-in) or via Teams/phone/email. Please check Student Services for details.

You will be able to request timetable changes in August. This might be in-person or via Teams/phone/email (by appointment) Please call 204-729-3960 in August for details.

During the school year
You can make an appointment with a counsellor in Student Services.

Note: after the first week of a semester, you will not be permitted to add a new class to that semester.

Can I change my timetable to get into a specific teacher's class? Or to get into a class with my friend? Or to have a spare period that I want? Or to have afternoons free?

For the positive experience of all students, when making timetable adjustments we always consider class sizes. It is our priority to get all students into the classes that they need, while maintaining balance within the whole school timetable. Further, it is a priority of the school to provide high-quality instruction and support in all classes.

While we are not able to accommodate requests for specific teachers or specific periods, we welcome your questions and we will help you get into the classes that you need for your plans after high school. We also welcome your concerns, and we will help you to address any concerns in your classes.

What is VMAP? What is self-directed learning (SDL)? Is it right for me?

VMAP is the Vincent Massey Alternative Program. It offers opportunities for credit completion to students who require responsive flexibility in their academic programming. In VMAP classrooms, students work on courses independently using module packages, reference books, and computers. A teacher in a VMAP classroom directs, monitors, and assesses the student's progress. While a student in VMAP does work independently, regular attendance is required.

VMAP courses have been an appropriate program option for many different students who have had many different needs. To discuss if a VMAP course might be an appropriate option for you, please make an appointment with a counsellor in Student Services.

Can I work on school from home?

When it is possible for a student to attend school safely, we strongly encourage regular attendance.

If attending school is difficult for you, please make an appointment with a counsellor in Student Services so that we can make a plan of support that will help you to attend. We look forward to getting to know you and to having you in our school.

Is there summer school available?

At this time, Brandon School Division does not offer any summer school programs.

Some courses are available online through InformNet (for a fee).

What kind of credits can I earn outside of school?

- Community service (/volunteer) credit = 1 credit for 110 hours of volunteering at an approved organization
- Credit for Employment = up to 2 credits for part-time work (100 hours per credit). Must have (or be enrolled in) a Career Development credit.
- High School Apprenticeship Program = up to 8 credits for apprenticeship work under a trained supervisor
- Special Language credits = credit for proficiency in languages not included in the regular high school program.

Please see a counsellor in Student Services to discuss these options.