



Career Education Department
October 22, 2019

Re: Career Education 9 Course and Mark

Dear Student & Parent/Guardian(s),

As part of the new BC curriculum, many courses are now quite different in their delivery, curriculum content and assessment. Your child is enrolled in Career Education 9 this year as part of their grade 9 curriculum requirements and will follow the learning activities as set out in our district career scope and sequence guide. The grade 9 career curriculum is an important building block in your student's work toward a Mini Capstone Presentation in grade 9, their Capstone Project and Presentation in grade 12 as well as in considering life beyond secondary school.

At LSS and across the province, the Career Education 9 content is embedded in regular classroom activities over all courses and will be supplemented by school wide activities as set up by our career team.

Overview:

- Career Ed 9 is a required course, covering approximately 30 hours of curriculum content and learning
- Students will complete coursework, collect artefacts, participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day, write reflections on learning throughout the school year and showcase highlights in a year end interview presentation
- The student's mark will be shown on their June report card with a final letter grade

Assessment:

Take Our Kids to Work Day: November 6 th , Assignment Due November 13	25%
Inquiry Questions: 1 question in each course subject (uploaded to student's myBlueprint portfolio)	25%
Reflections: On core competencies, learning artefacts, passions and interests (uploaded to myBlueprint)	25%
June Mini Capstone Conversation: a student-led conference with a school, or district staff member, to share personal learning, skills, growth, current and future goals.	25%

Mark your Calendars:

Mini Capstone Conversations, A Celebration of Learning will take place **Monday, June 1st & Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020**

Career Education at LSS

Alongside academic courses, Career Education 9-12 curriculum provides an important pathway for a successful transition from secondary school. To prepare for life beyond graduation, LSS students will complete the following:

Career Education 9

This course is unique in its delivery. Instead of being held as a separate block in the timetable, the course content is embedded. That means it is **delivered in all classes** and **taught by all teachers**. In each grade 9 course, students will write inquiry questions to be used in future work toward their grade 12 Capstone Project. Students are also required to add to their folders or “portfolios” in myBlueprint accounts. At this time, all grade 9 students should have 7 portfolios named: About Me, Core Competencies, My Passions, Take Our Kids to Work Day, Inquiry Questions, Progress & Achievements and After High School Plan. Often during “Fixed Flex” teachers will assign specific activities for students to upload to corresponding portfolios. Students can add to these portfolios *and make new ones*. They can do this on their own time and are highly encouraged to add content from outside of school too. Academics are one aspect of a student’s life but we know there are rich learning and developmental opportunities beyond the classroom. Developing the ability to identify and describe skills and learning through reflection is a key goal in career education. myBlueprint accounts belong to students and they are to take ownership of the content. Portfolios are a place to store these learnings and a chance to celebrate growth!

The course work and the learning organized in portfolios will be shared in a year end Mini Capstone Presentation. This conference is meant to be a conversation where students speak to their interests and development throughout the year. More details of this and other course work will be communicated throughout the year.

Please note: As indicated in the assessment, 25% of a student’s mark is based on the completion of the Take Our Kids to Work Day assignment. All students in Langley School District are expected to participate in the unique chance to experience a day in the life of an employee. Please take time to prepare for this day: secure a workplace location, decide on transportation, encourage/arrange for opportunities for students to actively participate on the day. A letter and form regarding Take Our Kids to Work Day was sent home with students, emailed to families and more hard copies are available in the main office. Forms are due October 25th.

Senior Career Education

Grade 10: Life Education: Full course + Capstone Project plan

Grade 11: No course, but grade assemblies and school events to explore potential interests and opportunities

Grade 12: Life Connections: full course and Capstone Project completion and presentation

Capstone Portfolio: includes a Transition Plan, Capstone Project, Career Passport and Reflections

Your school administrator for Career Education courses and programs is Jordan Howlett. If you have any questions about this curriculum regarding delivery or assessment please do not hesitate to contact the school for further discussion.

Jordan Howlett