

# WELCOME TO GRADE 10...

*AKA:  
YOUR ROAD TO HIGH  
SCHOOL FREEDOM!*

The following presentation contains very important information  
pertaining to how you can navigate this exciting road with  
success...

Pay Attention!



# SO, HOW IS GR. 10 DIFFERENT THAN GR. 9?

- All classes are 'semestered'. Since the classes run for 5 months (rather than 10), students often find the pace to be quite a bit faster than they are used to!
- In Gr. 10, students begin accumulating credit towards high school credit. What does this mean? Each course a student takes (*AND PASSES*) will equate to a credits earned. A typical core course offers students 5 credits towards high school graduation.
- If a student does not successfully pass a course at the Gr. 10 level, they will not be able to advance to the Gr. 11 level. For this reason, it is important for students to try their best so to avoid needing to repeat a course.
- You are better able to customize your road through high school by taking courses that are uniquely geared to your interests, aptitudes, abilities, and post-high school pursuits. For this reason, each student's high school programming *should* reflect what best serves individualized needs.

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- ELA 30-1/30-2
- Social Studies 30-1/30-2
- PE 10
- CALM
- Math (20 level- *minimum*)
- Science (20 level- *minimum*)
- 10 credits in Options Courses
- 10 additional credits at 30 level (*options or core courses*)

## ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 100 credits and complete the following courses:

English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2  
Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2  
Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3 or Math 20-4  
Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20  
Physical Education 10 (3 or 5 credits)  
Career and Life Management (CALM) (3 credits)

Earn 10 credits in any combination from:

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) : Foods, Media Arts, Sports Medicine, Leadership  
Fine Arts : Music, Drama, Visual Arts  
Second Languages  
Physical Education 20 and/or 30  
Knowledge & Employability occupational courses  
Registered Apprenticeship Program Courses  
Locally Developed Courses

Earn 10 credits in any 30-level course

(In addition to 30 level English and 30 level Social Studies), including:

30 level Mathematics, Science, Fine Arts, Languages, CTS, Social Sciences, or Physical Education  
Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies Courses  
35 level locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses  
35 level Work Experience  
35 level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses  
30-4 level Knowledge & Employability courses

# 2021/2022 COURSE REGISTRATION

- Gr. 10 students MUST enroll in a minimum of 40 credits! Gr. 10 students at SCHS are not permitted spares!
- Students MUST enroll in the following:
  - Core Courses (ELA, Social Studies, Math, Science)
  - PE/ CALM
  - Option courses
- Student course selections should be based on the student's current demonstrated level of achievement in the pre-requisite course, and/or teacher recommendations, capabilities, interests, and goals.
- Before a student selects a course, ensure the pre-requisite course has been completed and consult with the teacher and/or the guidance department to learn more about recommended Gr. 10 programming.
- It is also very important for students to review High School Diploma Requirements, as well as the admission criteria for potential post-secondary pursuits, to ensure selected courses will align with their future academic and/or career aspirations.

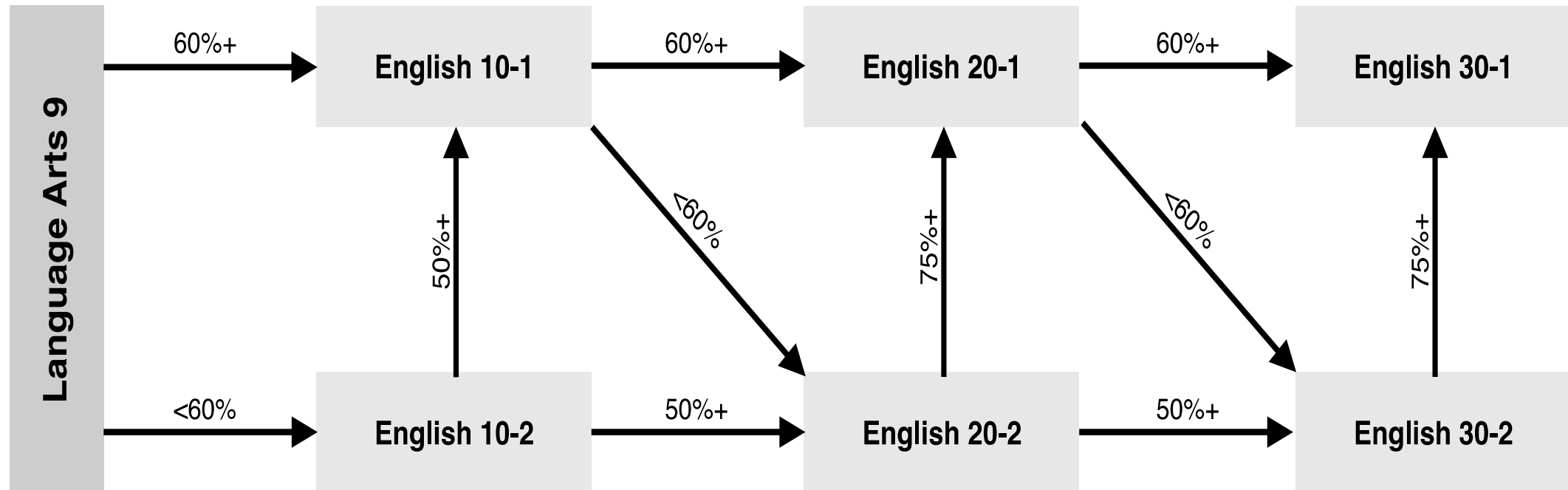


# 2021/2022 COURSE REGISTRATION

- 50% is the minimum grade required to continue to the next level in any course sequence; however, the recommended grade to advance to the next level may be higher. Refer to the Gr. 10-12 Course Planner for further information about course sequencing and recommended pre-requisite grades (*recommended grades for advancement are indicated along the arrows in the course sequencing charts*).
- To learn more about specific courses, sequencing, and recommended pre-requisite grades, refer to the Gr. 10- 12 Course Planner located on the SCHS website:  
<https://springhs.rockyview.ab.ca/whats-new-at-schs/our-school/Registration>
- It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to ensure the course selections meet the requirements. If a student has passed the pre-requisite course but has not met the recommended pre-requisite grade, the student and parent will be required to complete a "Waive the Recommended Pre-requisite Grade Form".

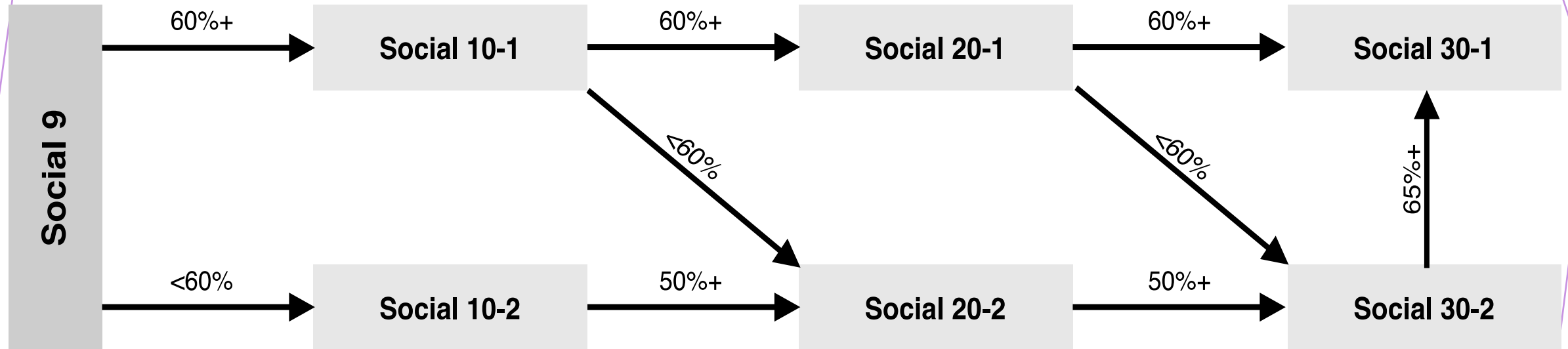


# English Language Arts



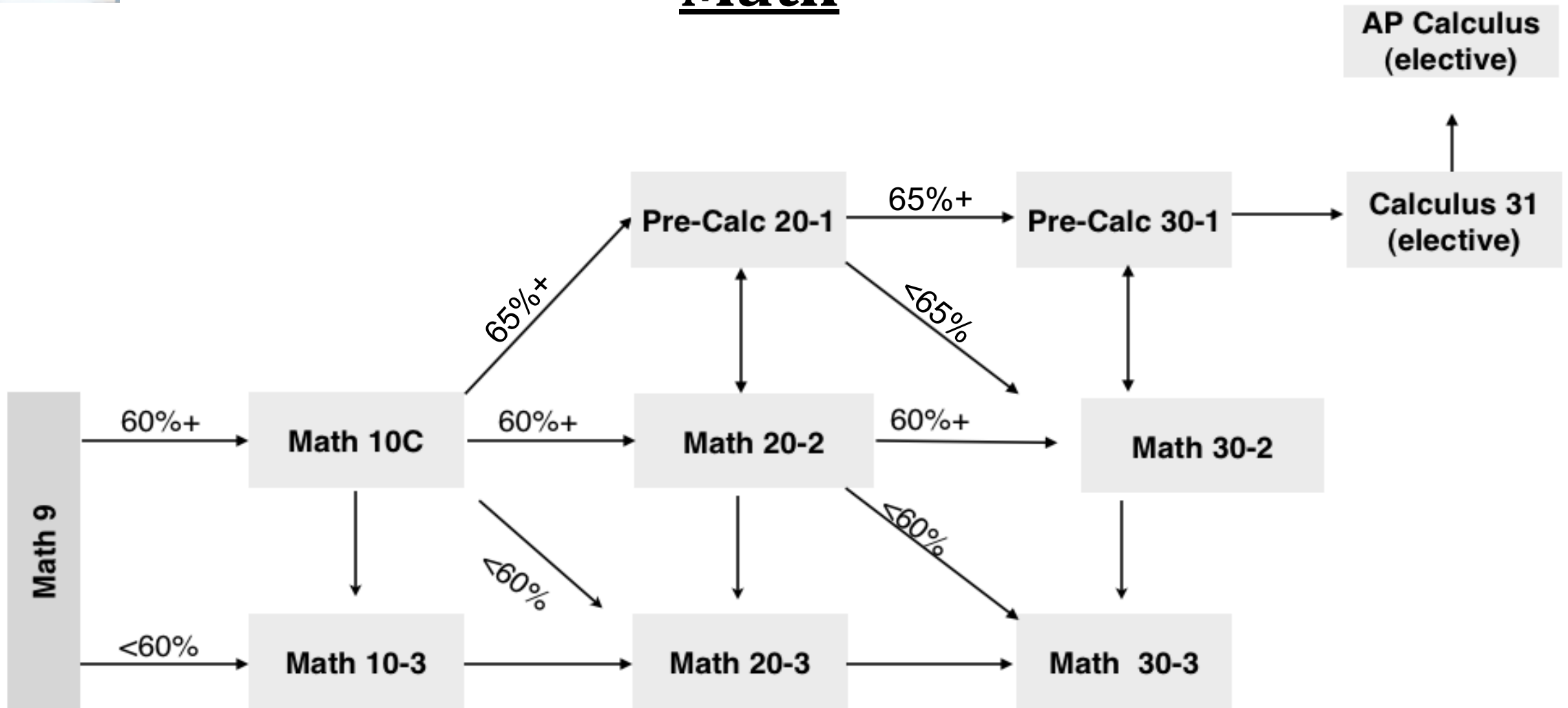


# Social Studies





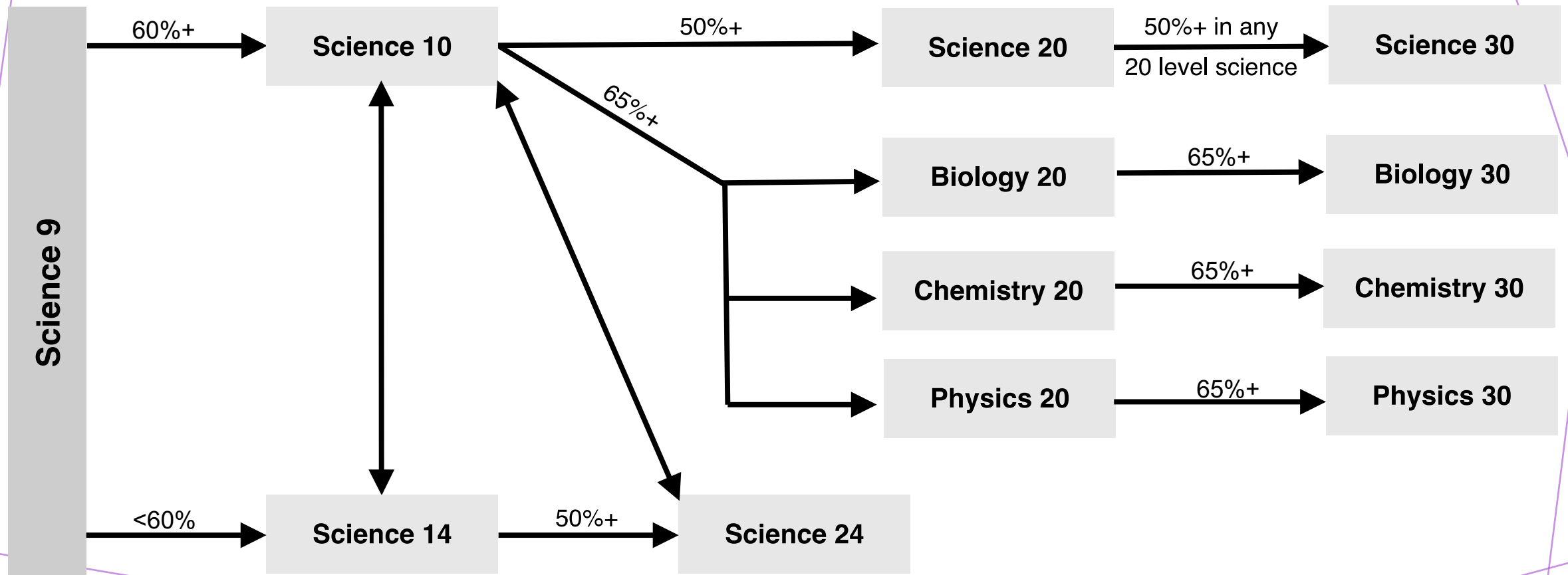
# Math







# Science



# OPTION COURSE CONSIDERATIONS

## CHOOSE YOUR OPTION COURSES CAREFULLY!

- Many option courses have a Gr. 10 pre-requisite, which means that if you want to take a particular course at the Gr. 11 or Gr. 12 level, you will need to complete the Gr. 10 level pre-requisite.
- Some option courses can be helpful for post-secondary application purposes:
  - *FRENCH 30* and *SPANISH 30* (and other second language courses at the 30 level) can be considered **APPROVED ACADEMIC 30-LEVEL COURSES** for university entrance!
  - *ART 30*, *DRAMA 30*, *BAND 30* can also be considered **APPROVED OPTION COURSES** for university entrance!
  - SOME universities will accept **World Geography 30/World History 30\*** as a 5<sup>th</sup> course for admission
  - SOME universities will accept **Experimental Psychology 30/Applied Sociology 30\*** as a 5<sup>th</sup> course for admission

*\*These are 3-credit courses that may be combined to generate a 5<sup>th</sup> course for admission.*

# *WE CONNECT (SUPPLEMENTARY) COURSES*

- A student may be granted a We Connect (on-line) course under the following circumstances:
  - A course does not fit in his/her schedule (i.e. a course conflict)
  - There is not a viable in-class option (i.e. class is full)
  - The course is not offered in the building (i.e. psychology)
  - Graduation credits are required
  - Space is available in the We Connect classroom
  - Approval is granted by the administrator

# *OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES*

- Building Futures Program (spend the year completing schoolwork and gaining skills at a Cochrane worksite)

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/programs\\_services/building-futures](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/programs_services/building-futures)

- Work Experience (if students have part-time employment, complete the HCS 3000 online course, and complete all Work Experience registration requirements, students can begin earning 1 credit for every 25 hours of work!)
- Green Certificates (8 specializations leading into a career in agribusiness)
- Registered Apprenticeship Program (students must complete the HCS 3010 online course) in order to begin earning both high school credit and apprenticeship hours
- All off-campus programming is managed through our off-campus coordinator, Mr. Reece (at SCHS on Wednesdays).

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/programs\\_services/offcampus](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/programs_services/offcampus)

# *FAST-TRACKING*

➤ MOST STUDENT WILL NOT NEED TO FAST-TRACK THEIR COURSES!

Please see guidance to learn more about student-specific programming information!

➤ Requirements to Fast-Track a course:

- A 90% or higher in the pre-requisite course
- Teacher recommendation
- Space in the desired course
- Application must be completed and submitted in order to be considered

*\*Available spots are assigned according to grades*

*\*Gr. 10 students may apply to accelerate one 20-level course*

*\*Gr. 11 students may apply to accelerate in one 30-level academic course.*

*\*Gr. 11 students meeting pre-requisite requirements may accelerate a second 30 level academic course with administration approval*

# *DISCUSS YOUR COURSE OPTIONS*





# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



What all do you have on your plate?

- What commitments do you have (or might you have, if the world 'opens up') outside of school next year?
- What are your top priorities?
- How can you support all aspects of your wellness?

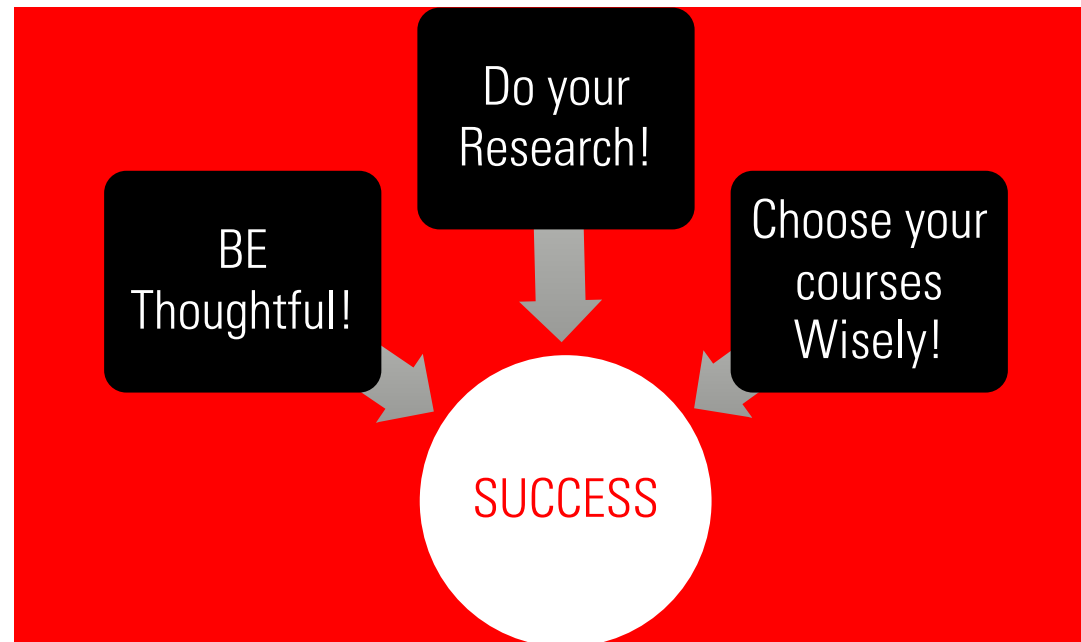
**YOUR WELLNESS IS PARAMOUNT!**

# *STUDENT ACTION ITEMS*

- Complete My Blueprint “WHO AM I?” assessments to learn more about what post-secondary options may be of interest
- Use My Blueprint to search post-secondary and occupation options
  - What high school courses are required/ recommended?
- Refer to Gr. 10-12 Course Planner to read course descriptions, see course sequencing, and refer to pre-requisite recommended grades
- Complete the “2021/2022 Course Request Form” *(be sure to complete and submit the ‘Waive the Recommended Pre-requisite Grade’ form, if applicable)*
- Return form to Advisory teacher by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

# *COURSE REGISTRATION DETAILS*

- Student registration will begin Monday, March 22 in the Learning Commons
- Students will be asked to bring their computers to assist with course registration



# *HAPPY COURSE SELECTING!*

Contact the guidance department if you have any questions  
or concerns:

Gr. 9 & Gr. 10- Ms. Smid

Gr. 11 & Gr. 12- Ms. Lambie

## **Your future awaits!!**