

## Dual Credit Update May 2020

The Ministry of Education has put forward some guidelines and parameters for dual credit. Our goal at Brooks is to ensure we support all of our learners with awareness so they can take advantage of dual credit courses and programs prior to graduation. Below is a list of some of the new parameters we wish to draw your attention to:

1. Students are no longer eligible for dual credit in Grade 13, unless there is an extenuating circumstance that did not allow them to take a dual credit course(s) or program while they were in their grade 12 year.
2. We will no longer be required to withhold grad with this new process as students taking dual credit courses or program will be in grade 11 or 12, or will have not yet met their 80 credits required for graduation.
3. All dual credit students must be under 19 years of age, as of July 1<sup>st</sup> for the up and coming school year they wish to take dual credit.
4. Students will have the ability to apply for scholarships in their grad year even if taking a dual credit course or program.
5. Every applicant will need to clearly outline their career path on the Student Learning Plan, which is a part of the application package.
6. Dual credit is termed a transitioning experience, the Ministry of Education (MOE) defines this as:
  - a. One semester of sponsorship for up to four academic courses.
  - b. A program of no more than 10 months for full sponsorship. If a program exceeds 10 months then SD47 can sponsor two semesters of four courses each semester for that program.
  - c. A transition experience can't start and stop. If a student takes Music 100 in Sem 1 of their Gr 11 year, they can't take Eng 115 in Sem 1 of their Gr 12 year.
  - d. The district may be able to sponsor a Gr 12 student taking Psych 111 in the fall and Psych 112 in the spring if they have a sound program and rationale.
  - e. A transitioning experience needs to be on the same pathway / career path. If a student wishes to take Music 100 and Psych 111 then the student would need to make sure there is a career that "requires" both of these courses.