

June 8, 2017

Superintendents of Schools

Dear Superintendent:

Re: Pending Changes in Mandatory Credits to Graduate from Nova Scotia High Schools

The Education Action Plan includes several changes to the mandatory credits for high school graduation. These changes will have future implications for high school offerings and for student course selection. Please share the information below with your Principals and ensure that the information is communicated to the students and parents in your board.

Require students to complete three (3) high school math courses in order to graduate.

Beginning with the graduating class of June, 2020, three (3) high school math credits, one from each grade level, will be required for graduation. To ensure students can meet this new requirement, beginning in September 2017 Students entering Grade 10, will be required to successfully complete a math course in Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12.

Reminder: Extended Mathematics 11 is a full-year, two-credit course. This course was developed and implemented in designated high schools in each school board during the 2016–2017 school year and will be expanded to other schools where scheduling permits. This course is two (2) credits: one (1) mathematics and one (1) technology.

With the review of the Public School Programs (PSP) currently underway, the further changes to the high school graduation requirements maybe identified and brought to ECF for discussion. In addition, as per standard practice, an annual update on graduation requirements will be provided by the Education Innovation, Programs and Services Branch and French Programs and Services Branch of the Department in August, 2017.

Thank you for your cooperation in communicating this information.

Sincerely,

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