

SANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

GRADE 12 AND BEYOND

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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COMMUNICATION

Sands Secondary School

<https://sa.deltasd.bc.ca/>

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Students: I will communicate with you via:

- Deltalearns email
- Sands MySchool App (subscribe to “**Post Secondary**”, “**Scholarships**”
“**Volunteer Opportunities**”
- PA announcements
- Career Centre Bulletin Board (in between staff room and main office doors).

I'll send you a monthly update of events and post secondary news and email time sensitive information to you as I receive it. Send me an email or drop in to make an appointment.

Please visit my website at: www.sandscareercentre.weebly.com for up-to-date career and post secondary information.

Parents: I will send all communication to the email address we have on file for your student.

Delta School District Career Programs is also available to you at: [Delta Career Programs](#)

CAREER EXPLORATION

Some of you know what you want to do once you've graduated from high school. Others do not. The following websites will give you a bit of guidance.

[Education Planner BC](#)

In addition to being the website you will use when applying to most BC post secondary institutions, it is a great source of information for planning your college/university/trades studies.

[MyBlueprint](#)

Students learned about MyBlueprint in Career Education 10. They created a portfolio account and continue to update their career matches, skills, and interests through to grade 12. This website also provides links and information for education programs in Canada.

[WorkBC](#)

This site has not only information on finding a job but also contains useful tools for career and education exploration. Once you have graduated and need help with future career and education planning or employment, these are the people who will help you.

[Trades Training BC](#)

An organization for information on Trades Training in BC.

[Student Aid BC](#)

Information on loans, bursaries and scholarships.

[OUAC](#)

To apply to an Ontario university, apply on the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC).

[BC Transfer Guide](#) Everything you need to know about transferrable credits is found here. This site will show you how courses taken at one institution transfer to another.

[SFU Admission Compass](#)

Even if you don't plan on attending SFU, this is a fun exploration tool to try. Check off the courses you're taking from the list on this site, and it will generate a list of Programs where you meet the admission requirements. When you see which Programs you *could* take at SFU, it will give you some direction as to what you might like to study, starting at one of the teaching universities or colleges. Likewise, if you check off the courses you are or will be taking and you don't see the Program you want to study, it will give you an idea of what courses you *should* be taking.

[UBC Program Suggestions](#)

For even more fun, try this one. Check off a variety of items you are interested in and the UBC Program Suggestions will give you an idea of what Programs may suit your interests. Again, even if you have no plans on attending UBC, it will give you an idea of what you could study at one of the teaching universities or colleges and where your interests are pointing.

APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES

As of October 1, 2022, the application process for University and Colleges has begun!

November 7	BC <u>Recommended</u> deadline University of Toronto
December 1	Early admission deadline for UBC
December 15	Deadline to apply for Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarships at SFU
January 15	Final deadline for UBC applications, Emily Carr University and University of Toronto
January 31	Deadline to apply to SFU & UVIC
March 1	Deadline to apply to University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)

Most universities and colleges have application deadlines between January 15 – February 28. Please go to your institution's website to confirm their deadlines.*

It is recommended that students apply by December for most Ontario post secondary institutions, except for University of Toronto, as noted above.

U.S. College applications: Please let me know if you plan on applying to a U.S. college. Sometimes, we (Sands) are asked to prepare additional paperwork and we want to ensure that you submit the best possible application!

CREENTIALS

Bachelor Degree

4 years

Red Seal Trade

4 years

Associate Degree

2 years

Should you decide not to go directly to one of the research-intensive universities directly from high school, you can complete the first 2 years of your degree at a teaching university or college and transfer up to a research university for your third and fourth years. All credits earned are transferable and you will receive a quality education. This is a good option for those whose grades may not meet the minimum requirements for a research-intensive university (generally, 85% and upwards) directly from high school, who want to save a bit of money on tuition or who are more comfortable starting their post secondary education in a smaller environment.

The following credentials can provide you with both a credential that transfers to a research intensive university and/or a job ready skill.

Diploma

2 years

Some or all credits can be transferred to a degree program

Certificate

1 year

Some or all credits can be transferred to a diploma/degree program.

Citation

6 months

Some or all credits can be transferred to a certificate program

HOW TO APPLY

Once you have chosen where you want to go, the next step is to apply. To apply, go to your institution's website and click "APPLY NOW". You will then be directed to Education Planner BC if your school is in BC, or to a different application site if your school is in another province. **Note: Royal Roads and BCIT will direct you to their own application page.**

Once on one of these sites, you will need to follow the steps to create an account. Please have your **Personal Education Number (PEN)** handy. You can find it on your GO Card or Student Connect. Please see me (Ms. Sansregret) if you have problems locating it.

Once you have created your account, click on "CREATE APPLICATION"
Each application form will vary but you will be asked to choose a faculty (Arts, Sciences, Applied Sciences, Business, etc. or a specific program (Nursing, Legal Administrative Studies, Hearing Instrument Practitioner, etc.). Read the information on the application form carefully and ensure that the information you provide is correct. Your application **will not** be processed if you forget to provide your PEN.

Once you've completed your application, you need to pay the application fee online with a credit card. (If this is not possible, you can mail a cheque to your institution, keeping in mind that your application **will not** be processed until the payment is received. Print clearly on the bottom of the cheque, your name and application ID Number). You can also purchase a pre-paid Visa Card and pay your application fee with this.

The final step in the application process is to "**SUBMIT**" your application and print the page with your application ID Number. You will receive an email or letter from the school(s) you have applied to, and a Student ID Number that will allow you to set up your Student Portal. Your Student Portal allows you to check your application status and deadlines, submit documents, self report grades, tuition payment and course selection.

It is very important to set up your Student Portal as soon as you have a Student ID Number for each school you apply to. Check your Student Portal(s) frequently as this is how the university will communicate with you.

Submit your applications as early as possible. Colleges (and BCIT) accept students on a first come, first admitted basis, apart from Limited enrollment or Competitive Programs.

Most Institutions will allow you to choose 2 Faculties or Programs. Think carefully about this before you start your application. See me if you're not sure which to choose.

Have a back-up plan. No matter where you are applying, have a back-up plan just in case your original plan falls through. If you are applying to one of the research Universities (UBC, UVIC, SFU, UBCO, UNBC) apply to one of the teaching universities or college's associate degrees as a "Plan B". You can then transfer to your first-choice university after 1-2 years and completion of your degree will not be delayed.

TRADES TRAINING

Trades are in demand! Trades Training is offered through the Delta School District, BCIT, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), University of the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Community College (VCC). Upon completion of a Level One Program or a Foundation Program, students receive their Level 1 training certification and can seek employment as apprentices. For more information on apprenticeships please contact:

Mr. Dave Campbell at: dcampbell@deltaschools.ca

Delta School District Career Programs at: <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/>

Industry Training Authority at: <https://www.itabc.ca/>

Trades Training BC at: <https://www.tradetrainingbc.ca/About>

Trades Training & Apprenticeships Websites:

Trades Discovery for Women at BCIT: <https://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/1190acert>

BCIT Trades Training: <https://www.bcit.ca/study/trades-apprenticeships/programs/>

KPU Trades & Apprenticeships: <https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/>

University of the Fraser Valley: <https://www.ufv.ca/apprenticeship-training/>

VCC Apprenticeship Training: <https://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/apprenticeship-training/>

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE (STS)

Everyone needs to do this

The Student Transcript Service (STS) allows you to authorize the Ministry of Education to send your transcripts to post secondary institutions and or employers of your choice, electronically. You do this by **1. create a BCEID account** and then, **2. create a Student Transcript Service account**. Once you have applied to your post secondary institution, you will need to log on to your Student Transcript Service account and “order” and “send” your transcript. This service is free of charge for the first 25 transcripts.

IF YOU DO NOT “ORDER” AND “SEND” YOUR TRANSCRIPT, YOUR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR MARKS AND THEREFORE WILL NOT OFFER YOU ADMISSION.

In late November/early December, Ms. Sansregret will set up flex time workshops to help Grade 12 students set up their STS account. You can also go to: [Student Transcript Service - Student Help Videos](#) These videos will also guide you through setting up your BCEID Account, your Student Transcript Service Account and explain how to order and send your transcript.

Ordering transcripts: When you are completing the form to order your transcript, you will be given a choice on when and how you would like the Ministry to forward your transcripts. A default will be indicated when you get to this point. ***Please don't change this default*** as this is the way your post secondary institution would like to receive your transcript and changing it could result in a delay in the processing of your application.

One other important reminder: Once you have ordered your transcript through the STS, do not print off a paper copy of your transcript and send it to your institution, ***unless they specifically ask you to do so.*** Sending information that your institution has not specifically asked for will slow down your application's progress through the system.

Use your Personal email (not your Deltalearns email)

In addition to setting up a Student Transcript Service account, you **may** need to do one or more of the following. Your PSI will let you know which ones they want.

SELF REPORTING GRADES

Self Reporting Grades is a way for you to let your post secondary institution (PSI) know how you are doing in a course. You won't provide them with an official document but will simply give them your interim mark. You may also be asked what courses you have registered for. Once you have applied to your post secondary institution, you may be asked to "Self Report" your interim and/or final grades within a specific time frame. You will receive instructions on how and when to do this via an email to your Student Account/Portal (mentioned in the "How to Apply" section). Again, any problems with this, let me know.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Some PSIs will request an "Official Transcript" to be sent either by e-mail or by regular mail in a signed, sealed envelope. Please see either me or Ms. Marieiro in the school office. Remember, send a paper or electronic transcript **ONLY** if your PSI has asked you to do so.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

This one you can do yourself. Log on to your MYED account to access and print your transcript. Always check that the information on your transcript is accurate.

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

The cost of your education will vary depending on where you are going to school. Tuition fees range from \$1,500 - \$4,000 per semester plus additional fees for books, student fees, transportation, health plans and housing if applicable.

Scholarships A scholarship is a non-repayable monetary gift based on academic or extra-curricular achievements.

Bursaries A bursary is a non-repayable award based on financial need and often requires proof of the need. Secondary criteria such as academic capability or excellence in a specific area is often required.

Student Loans A Student Loan is a re-payable loan for students who are studying full or part-time.

Post Secondary Institution Entrance Scholarships

These are awards offered from universities, colleges, and technical schools and are based on grades usually above the high 80's.

School District and Government Scholarships & Awards

Sands Community Scholarships

Our supportive North Delta community offers many awards for Sands students. Applications will be available to students in approximately mid-April.

Delta School District Scholarships

These scholarships are open to all Delta School District students. Applications available in mid-April.

District/Authority Scholarships

These scholarships are non-academic and are available to students who excel in one of the following areas: Community Service, International languages, Indigenous Languages & Culture, Fine Arts (visual, dance, music, drama), Applied Design, Skills & Technologies, Physical Activity, and Technical & Trades Training. Applications available in mid-April.

Private Donor and Organization Scholarships and Awards

Awards & Bursaries are also offered through private businesses and corporations. For example, many unions will offer scholarships to children of their members. Go to an organization's website for details. You will also find scholarship opportunities on the following websites:

<https://www.bcscholarships.ca/>

<https://scholartree.ca/>

<https://studentscholarships.org/>

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://www.yconic.com>

****Please be aware that some scholarship websites/organizations may ask you to pay a (large!) fee to provide you with scholarship opportunities. The services they offer may not be any different from what the above sites provide free of charge.***

For more information on scholarships/grants and loans, go to:

Education Planner BC: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/plan/finance/scholarship>

Student Aid BC - <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships>

Scholarship reference letters: Give your referee at least 2 weeks notice ahead of the award due date and provide the scholarship criteria to your referee at the same time.

In early spring, I will either conduct a Scholarship Information workshop or prepare a Scholarship powerpoint presentation for the graduating class.

SCHOLARSHIP RED BINDER Any scholarship opportunity that comes through the Career Centre is placed in a **Red Binder, kept in the Career Centre. All the scholarships in this binder will have been sent out in my monthly update but can also be viewed in this binder.**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Each university and college have a minimum English Proficiency requirement that is separate from the general admission requirement and admission requirements for a specific faculty and program. This minimum requirement varies according to what level an institution requires for the student to be successful in their post secondary courses.

Most institutions require 3-4 years of English language instruction within Canada. If a student does not meet this requirement, it will be necessary for the student to write an English Language Proficiency Test (IELTS, TOEFL).

SAT EXAMS

Many U.S. universities will require students to submit an SAT or ACT score (your choice). You can register for and take these tests in Canada. Learn more about registration and studying for these exams at the test maker's websites.

[College Board](#) – You can register for the SAT and learn more about other testing products like the PSAT and AP exams.

[ACT](#) – You can register for the ACT and learn more about preparing for this exam

[Fairtest.org](#) – This website provides information on the universities that do not require the SAT/ACT for admissions. They also track the universities that have temporary test-optional policies.

Students who are considering a U.S. College education should connect with EducationUSA Canada at: [educationusa canada](#)

GAP YEAR

"A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one's practical, professional, and personal awareness."

For more information on GAP Year opportunities, go to:

Canadian Gap Year Association: <https://www.cangap.ca/>

DO YOU HAVE INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY?

Mr. Grant Jamieson is Sands' Indigenous Student Advocate who can provide you with information on Indigenous Student opportunities. You can contact Mr. Jamieson at: gjamieson@deltaschools.ca.

Post Secondary Institution Indigenous Student Services :

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) <https://www.kpu.ca/indigenous>

University of British Columbia (UBC) <https://you.ubc.ca/indigenous-students-ubc/>

Simon Fraser University (SFU) <http://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/>

Douglas College <https://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/student-support/indigenous-student-services>

Langara College <https://langara.ca/student-services/indigenous-services/index.html>

Industry Training Authority (ITA) <https://www.itabc.ca/indigenous-peoples-trades/overview>

If you require information or need to clarify admission requirements, program searches, how to apply, etc. for any University, college, or technical institution, please see Ms. Sansregret or send an email to her at: jsansregret@deltaschools.ca.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Virtual (on-line) and In-person Information sessions hosted by universities and colleges are ongoing and I will do my best to keep you up to date on when, where and what is being offered.

Sands will be hosting the PSBC Fair on November 10 from 6-8 pm. This will be an opportunity for students to connect with one of our twenty-six post secondary institutions in BC.

Canadian Universities Event (A resource for students and parents) www.cuebc.org

Post Secondary BC www.postsecondarybc.ca

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this Guide please contact me, Ms. Sansregret at: 604-594-3474 (Ext. 249) or at:

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