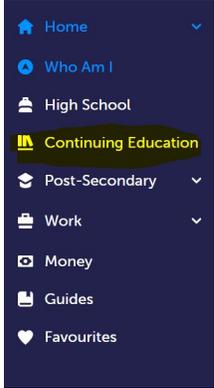
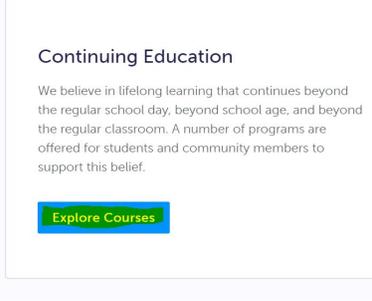


Frequently Asked Questions about Summer Reach-Ahead Credits - Students

Here are the instruction to sign up for summer reach ahead credits:

<p>Log into myBlueprint (found on ugcloud)</p>	
<p>Choose “Continuing Education” on the left hand side</p>	
<p>Click - “Explore Courses”</p>	
<p>Click “Submit Course” for the Course you are choosing to take in Summer School: GLS10- Learning Strategies CHV20 (.5) - Civics FI - CHV2OF GLC20 (.5) - Careers FI - GLC2OF</p>	

What are “Reach Ahead” credits?

Reach ahead credits allow students to earn a high school credit before you start high school. You will get a head start on credit accumulation, develop learning & technology skills that will be useful in all secondary settings while gaining self-confidence through successful completion of a high school credit. You can choose between two course options: **GLS 10** or **CHV 20/GLC 20 (English or French Immersion)**. These courses will be delivered virtually. Special education supports will be available.

What do the different course codes mean?

GLS 10—Learning Strategies: Skills for Success in Secondary School (1 credit) **Elective high school credit. This course focuses on learning strategies to help students become better, more independent learners. Students will learn how to develop & apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal & teamwork skills to improve their learning and achievement in school, the workplace, and the community. The course helps students build confidence and motivation to pursue opportunities for success in secondary school and beyond.

CHV 20 - Civics (1/2 credit) / French Immersion (CHV2OF) **Compulsory credit for high school graduation. This course explores rights & responsibilities associated with being an active citizen in a democratic society. Students will explore issues of civic importance such as healthy schools, community planning, environmental responsibility, & the influence of social media, while developing their understanding of the role of civic engagement & of political processes in the local, national, &/or global community.

GLC 20 - Careers (1/2 credit)/ French Immersion (GLC2OF) **Compulsory credit for high school graduation. This course teaches students how to develop & achieve personal goals for future learning, work & community involvement. Students will assess their interests, skills & characteristics and investigate current economic & workplace trends, work opportunities, & ways to search for work. The course explores post-secondary learning & career options, prepares students for managing work & life transitions, and helps students focus on their goals through the development of a career plan & post-secondary budget.

Q: What is the difference between the Grade 7/8 Literacy & Numeracy course and the Reach Ahead courses being offered?

A: The Grade 7/8 Literacy & Numeracy programming is to improve your literacy and numeracy skills in preparation for high school. **You do not earn a credit.** Speak with your teacher or your Grade 7/8 Guidance Counsellor if you have any questions. These courses run from July 2-14th, with a half day each dedicated literacy and numeracy learning.

Q: Do I have to take Civics and Careers or can I take just one?

A: We recommend that you take Civics and Careers at the same time. As each credit is worth 0.5, for your future timetables it makes the most sense to earn both credits at the same time. Otherwise, you will have a 0.5 missing from your compulsory credits that you will need to fit in during day school or summer school in the future.

Q: Can the courses being offered this summer count towards the mandatory e-learning credits?

A: No.

Q: If I am enrolled in a Learning Strategies course for September (GLS10/GLE10) , can I also take the GLS10 course that is being offered this summer?

A: No. You can not earn two “GL” or Grade 9 Learning Strategies credits. We recommend that you reach out to your Grade 7/8 Guidance Counsellor, Principal/Vice Principal to discuss the best option for you.

Q: If I take one of the Reach-Ahead courses this summer, can I take an extra elective in Grade 10 ?

A: Yes. The GLS credit is an Open course and counts towards an elective. The Civics/Career credit is a Grade 10 compulsory, open course, so in Grade 10 that opens a spot in your schedule for another credit. You cannot take a spare in Grade 9, 10 and sometimes Grade 11 so you will still have to have a full course load in each semester.

Q: How are these courses going to be delivered?

A: The structure of the online reach ahead courses are set up like a virtual school day - you will need to attend every day. The course runs from June 30th - July 24th (18 instructional days for GLS10 and 9 days for Civics/9 for Careers). Monday - Friday from 8:45 am - 2:45 pm, including a lunch break and two 15 min. breaks.

Q: If I complete my assignments in less than six hours per day do I still have to stay online?

A: Not necessarily.- You will not be online for 6 hours per day. Each day, the teacher will lay out a plan for the course including times which the class will meet virtually.

Here’s an example of a possible structure:

- Your teacher asks that everyone starts the day together @ 8:50 a.m. for a greeting, review and a lesson.
- Work is assigned.
- Students are divided into smaller groups with a time to go back online with their teacher just before or after lunch.
- Later, students might be booked for 1-to-1 meetings with the teacher or there may be a drop-in Google Meet for anyone who needs help.

Your teacher will communicate the format for each day - you need to be available/doing school work 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. but not necessarily online.

Q: With the Careers/Civics class, is it recommended for the Grade 8 students to take it since it's a Grade 10 course? Won't the teachers be looking for students to perform at least at a Grade 9 level?

A: Both online courses (Learning Strategies and Career/Civics) have been specially developed for you. Special care and attention will be paid to supporting you in an online environment for the first time and for your first high school credit.

Q: I am going to GCVI next year for the IB program, can I take the Careers/Civics course that is being offered?

A: No, because the IB Preparatory Global Citizenship: Perspectives, Purpose and Action course covers the Civics and Careers curriculum. This course also prepares students for Creativity, Activity and Service, the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge- all parts of the IB Diploma Core. The IB Preparatory Global Citizenship course is part of the IB Preparation Program and will teach you the knowledge and skills needed for the IB DP. However, you can still take the GLS10 course.

Q: If I am planning on enrolling in the Hockey Program at CWDHS or CDDHS. Can I still take the Civics/Careers Reach Ahead course this summer?

A: No, because Careers and Civics are offered as part of a package in the Hockey Program. However, you can still take the GLS10 course. This applies for students in the FI program as well.

Q: If I am planning to enroll in CELP in Grade 10, can I take Careers/Civics this summer:

A: No, because Careers and Civics are offered as part of a package in the CELP program. This course will be covered as a credit in CELP. However, you can still take the GLS10 course.

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/celp/>

If you have any questions please reach out to your Grade 7/8 Guidance Counsellor, Principal/Vice Principal, or future high school Guidance Department.