



DAVID
THOMPSON'S

ODYSSEY PROGRAM

Information Presentation



A lush green forest with a wooden boardwalk path leading through ferns and moss-covered trees. The path is made of wooden planks and has a simple wooden railing on the right side. The forest is dense with tall trees and a thick canopy of green leaves. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the forest floor. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Indigenous Acknowledgement

Acknowledging that we live, work and play on the unceded and the traditional territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), seííwítulh (Tseil Waututh) and sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Coast Salish peoples.

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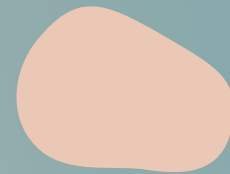
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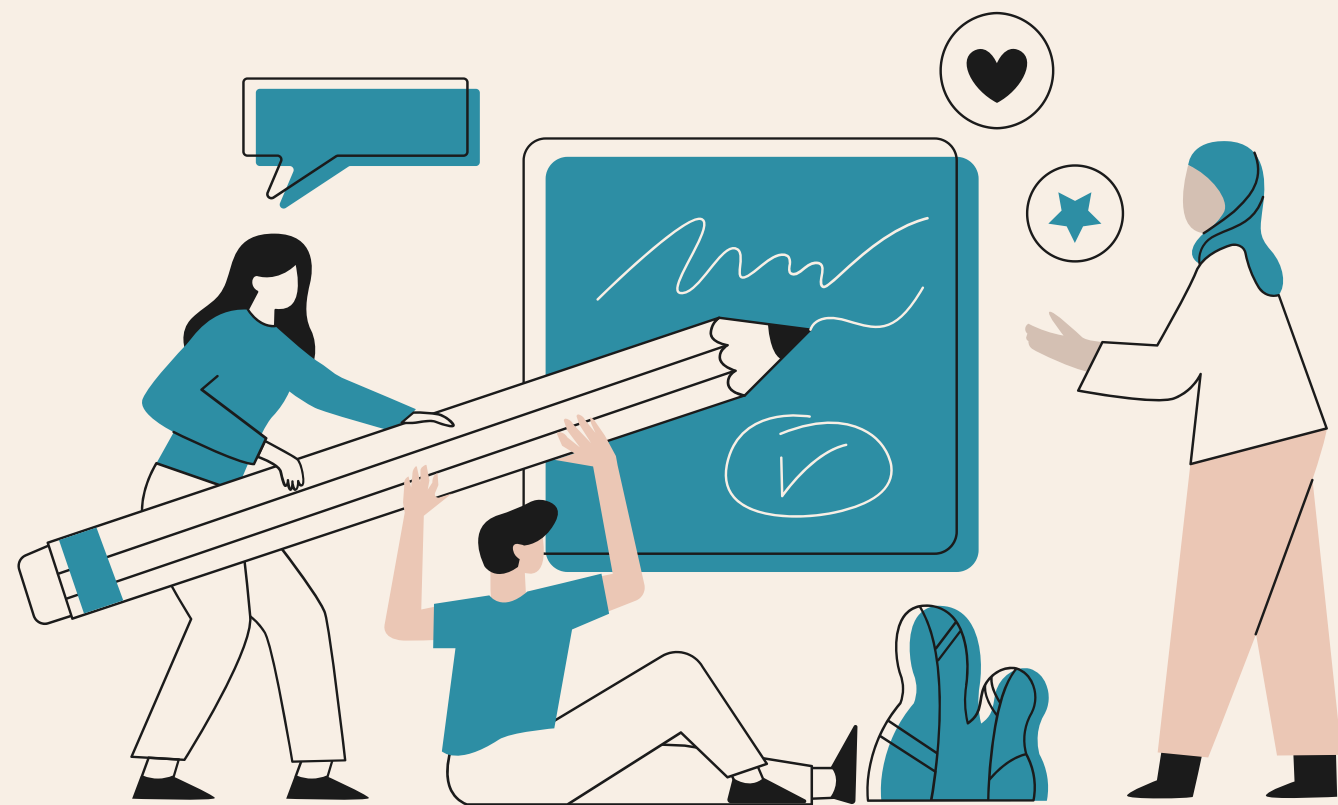
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WHAT IS ODYSSEY?

David Thompson Odyssey students learn new things every day in a fun, tight knit classroom. David Thompson offers a variety of Advanced Placement courses. The opportunity exists to earn university credits in a diversity of subjects such as Physics, Biology, Calculus, English Literature, and Economics. As part of the Odyssey program, students remain as a cohort in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Applied Skills in grades 8 and 9.

WHAT IS ODYSSEY?

Summary of Standard Odyssey Academic Pathway

Odyssey is a flexible program that will accommodate students who have a variety of talents and interests.

Students will...

- Complete grades 8-10 Science and Math requirements within two years
- Opens more opportunities to pursue their passions at a higher level and enroll in more courses
- Have the opportunity to enroll in enriched and Advanced Placement courses in grades 10-12 (i.e., English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Be offered extended field trips to regions in BC, Alberta, and Japan for learning enrichment

PROSPECTIVE ACADEMIC JOURNEY IN ODYSSEY

COHORT

PATHWAY

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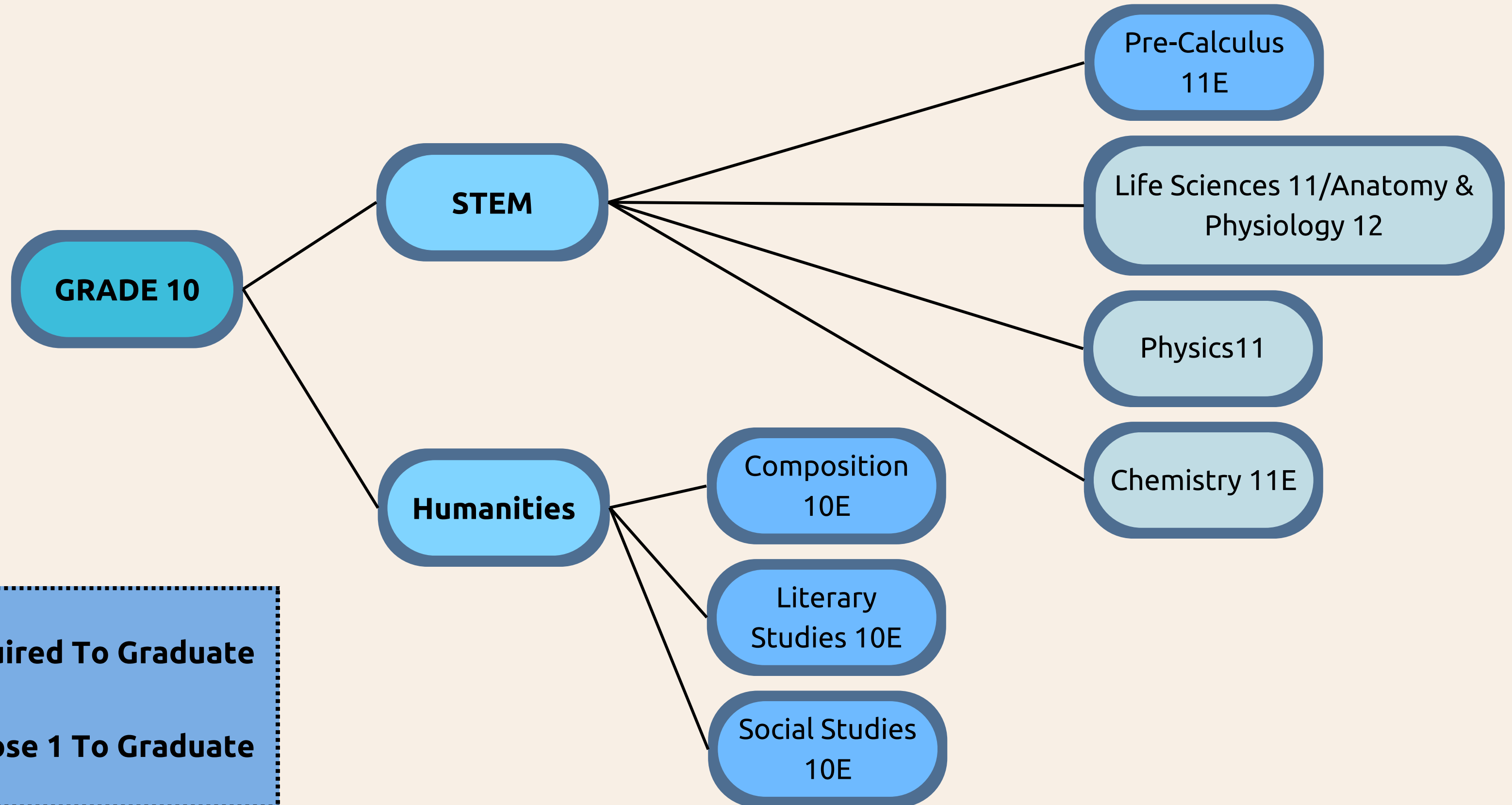
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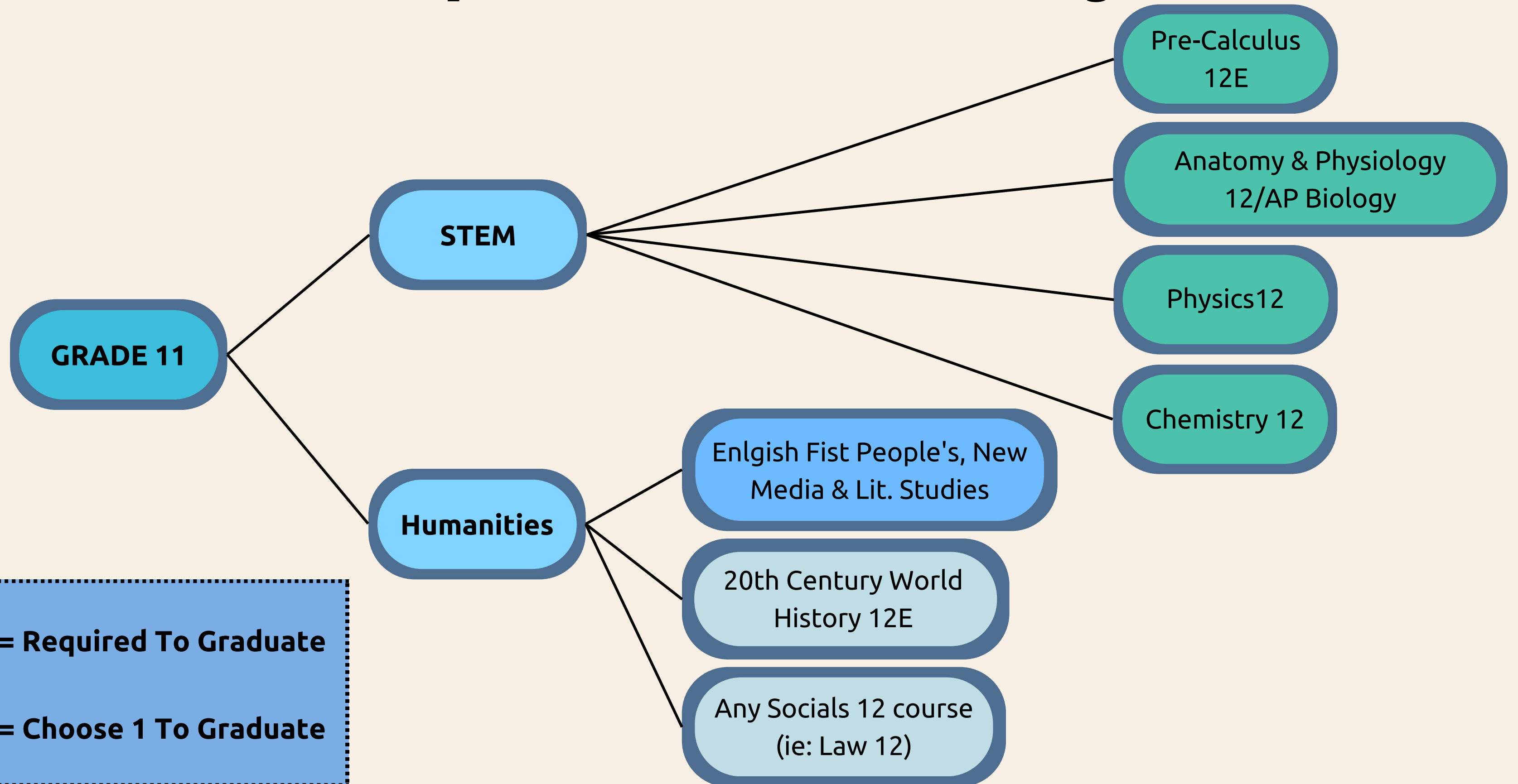
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| MATH 8E | MATH 10 E | MATH 11E | PRE-CALCULUS 12E | AP CALCULUS AB AP CALCULUS BC |
| SCIENCE 8E | SCIENCE 10E | LIFE SCIENCE 11 CHEMISTRY 11E PHYSICS 11 | CHEMISTRY 12 ANATOMY & PSYCHOLOGY 12 PHYSICS 12 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 12 | AP BIOLOGY AP CHEMISTRY AP PHYSICS 1 AND 2 AP PSYCHOLOGY |
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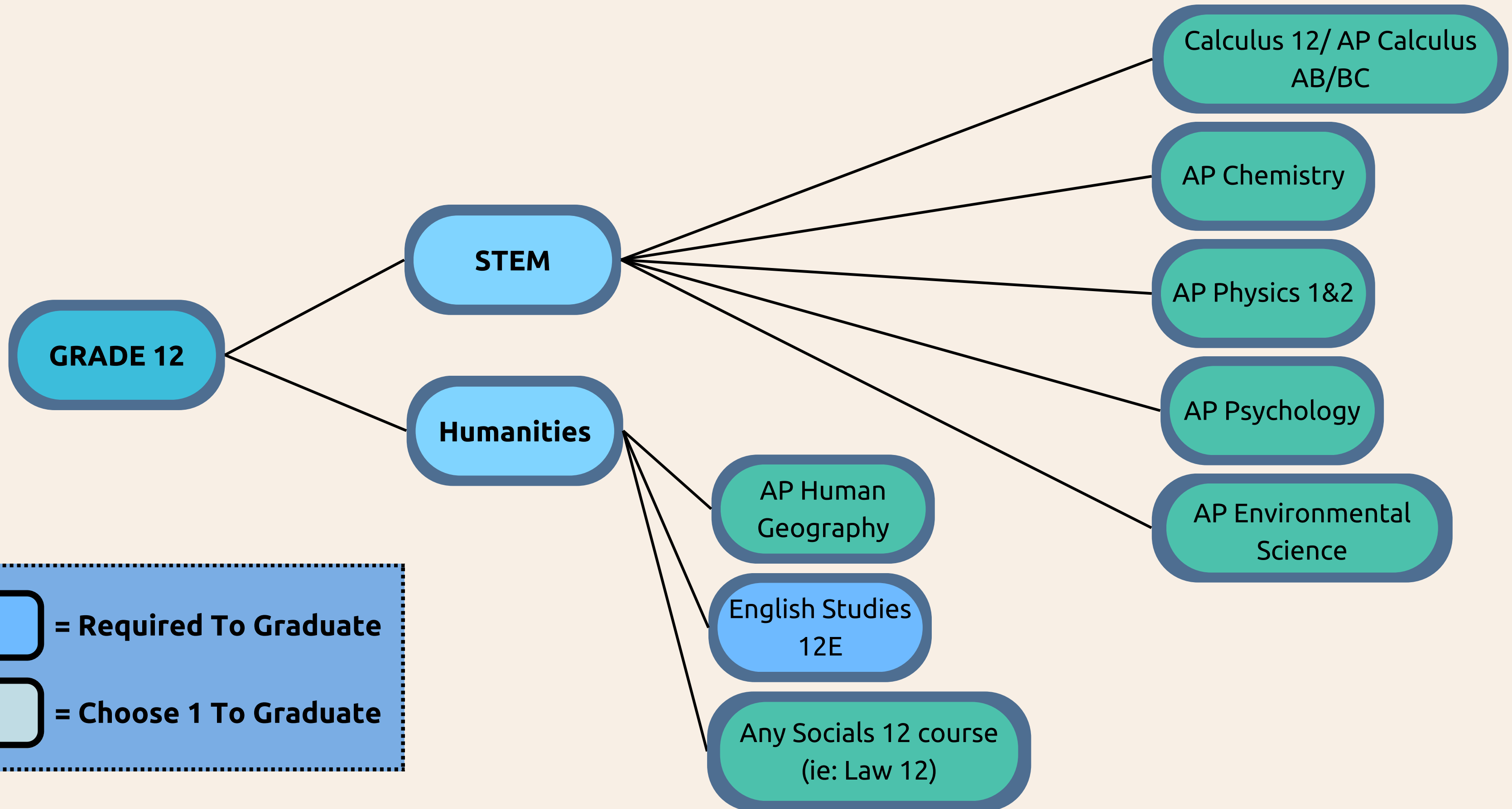
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Other AP courses

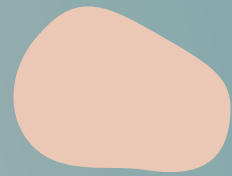
AP Chinese Language and Culture
AP Computer Science A and Principles
AP French Language and Culture
AP Microeconomics

Note

AP Course selection depends on student enrollment and staffing
Some students self-study and write AP exams independently



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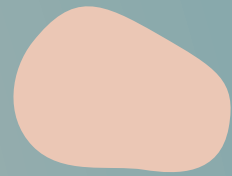
WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN AN ODYSSEY STUDENT...

- Academically motivated
- Independent
- Passionate about their learning
- Goal driven
- Ability to work individually and in groups
- Well rounded





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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

01

Register student on the
VSB Mini School District
Registry

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Complete the DT
Odyssey Application
Form

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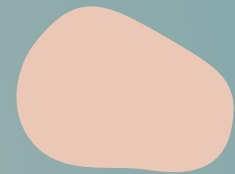
Submit a copy of the
student's final Gr 6 and
Dec's Gr 7 report card
with a photo of the
student

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Submit the Odyssey
Program application,
report card, portfolio
and any relevant files to
DT's main office

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Write the student
assessment test and
submit latest version of
the Gr 7 report card



| DATES | EVENT |
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| November 14 – December 21, 2023 | Register the student in the VSB Mini School District Registry Submit the DT Odyssey Mini School Application |
| December 21, 2023 (by 3 PM) | Deadline for submitting DT School Odyssey Program Application |
| January 12, 2024 (3:30 PM to 4:30 PM) | Student Assessment Test |
| February 1, 2024 (8:30 AM to 12 PM) | Selected Applicant Interviews |
| February 28, 2024 (around 9 AM) | First round offers to students |
| March 1, 2024 (by noon) | Deadline for student acceptance to first round offers |
| March 6, 2024 (around 9 AM) to March 7, 2024 (by noon) | Second round offers sent and deadline for acceptance (if applicable) |



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OUR FIELDTRIPS

Students making new friends and experiencing memorable moments!



Explore

Taking time out of the school building to go explore the world is a great way to enrich and to build new friendships.



Experiences

Students claim that field trips were the most memorable events in their Odyssey experience.



Variety

Kayaking, dragon boating, sailing, sightseeing, attending workshops, etc. are just a few of the extra activities that take place at DT.

Activities



Dragon Boating



**Problem Solving
Workshops**



**University Lab
Workshops**



Kayaking



Museum Tours



Cohort Activities

Check out the DT Odyssey Gallery for more photos!

<https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/thompson-odyssey/gallery/>

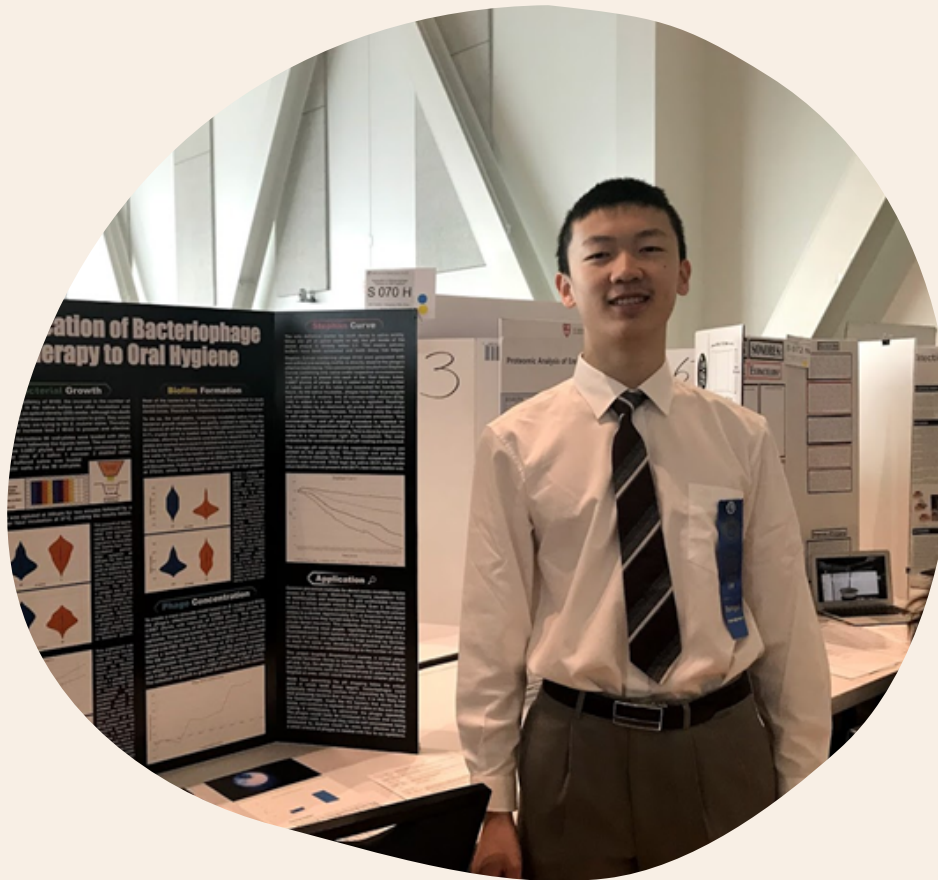
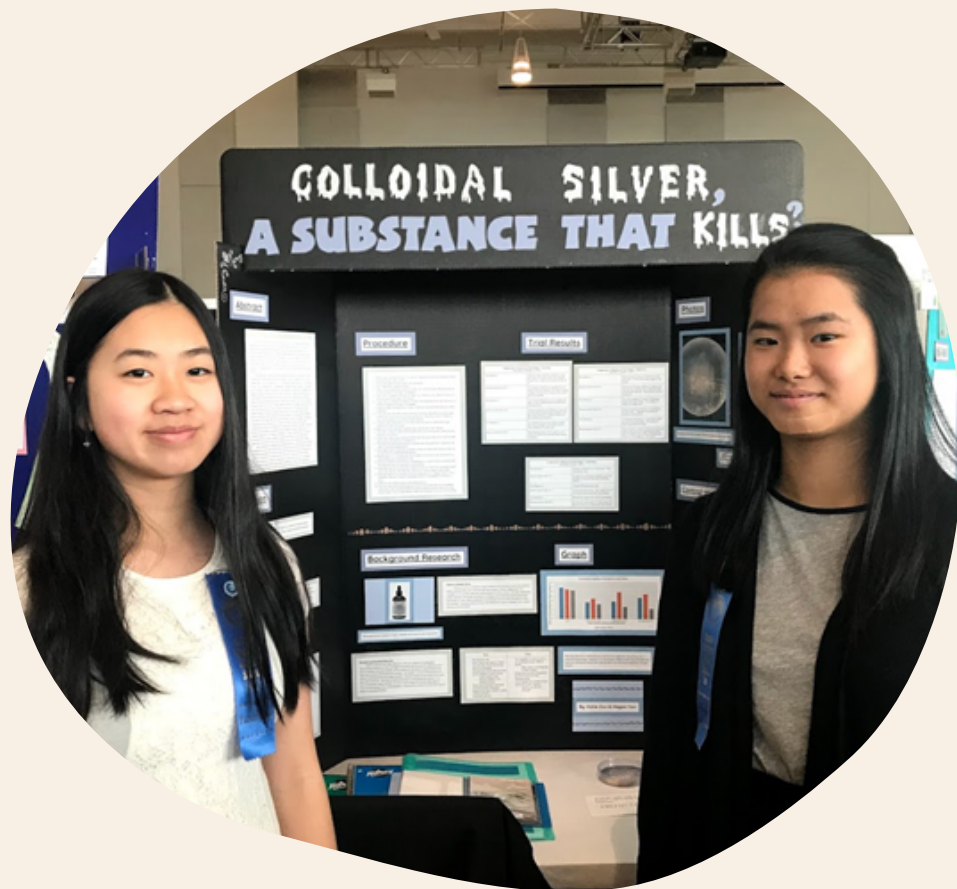


Science Fair

Building a science project encourages a student to explore and innovate. Students can explore their passion, showcase it and compete for awards. Students participate in the Greater Vancouver Regional and the Canadian Science Fairs. Some students have even advanced to international science fairs.

For science fair updates, view our DT Science Fair website at <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/thompson-odyssey/science-fair/>

Science Fair



Math Competitions

UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS



01 Opportunities

Odyssey students will be given the opportunities to compete in math competitions throughout grades 8 to 12

02 Variety

There are a variety of math competitions locally and nationally, such as the University of Waterloo's Gauss Math competition and Canadian Mathematical Society's annual COMC competition.

03 Club

Math Challengers is a math club where students that are passionate about math share their ideas and learn to compete in math competitions



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Odyssey Alumni

Students that have graduated from the DT Odyssey program have been offered many choices for their post secondary education. The choices are vast and many have been accepted at prestigious post-secondary institutions.

Their achievement and success has allowed them to give back to support DT students and their community. The DT alumni have been very supportive of many of DT's school programs.



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Scholarships

David Thompson Odyssey alumni have recently received the following scholarships and more...

- Schulich Leader Scholarship (\$80,000)
- McGill University Schulich Leadership Scholarship (\$100,000)
- Intel International Science & Engineering Science Fair Award (\$75,000 US)
- Murdoch University International Welcome Scholarship (AUD \$11,000)
- University of Exeter Global Excellence Scholarship (£5000)
- Queen's University-Excellence Scholarship (\$36,000)
- Beedie Luminaries Scholarship (\$10,000)
- Wildred Laurier University President's Gold Scholarship (\$20,000)





FAQ

What makes Odyssey classes enriched?

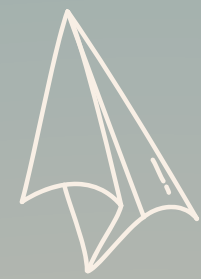
In grade 8, Odyssey students will be in all the same enriched classes together (excluding electives). Through the program, there will be activities like enriching field trips, Odyssey-related school projects, science fairs, and math contests. Additionally, students in the Odyssey cohort will be inspired by their hardworking peers to step out of their comfort zone.

Do mini school students attend separate classes other than their own?

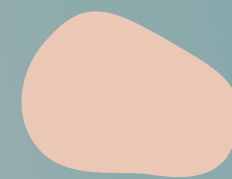
Odyssey is a program within the greater David Thompson Secondary School Community. As Odyssey students progress through high school, they will be able to pursue their own interests by taking elective courses beyond their Odyssey cohort, therefore, Odyssey students will have plenty of interaction with the general student body.

Do you accept students from other grades in to the program?

Of course! If there are openings when students move away or join other programs, students can apply whenever a spot opens, regardless of what grade they are in. However, we do encourage that you apply in grade 8 so that you get the most out of our program.



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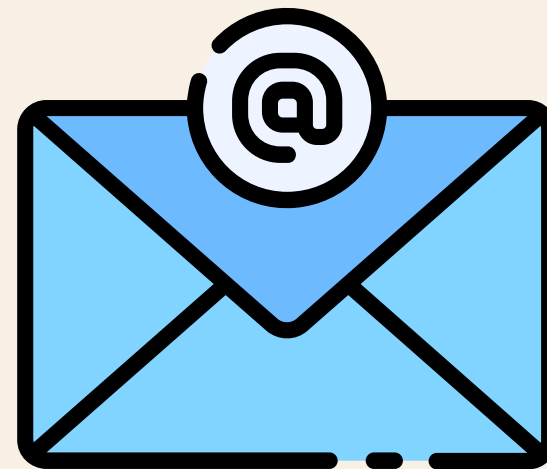


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Continue on to the DT Odyssey website!

*Thank
You*

