



REACH AHEAD 2020

Questions and Answers



What is the REACH AHEAD program?

[REACH AHEAD](#) is a credit-bearing transitional program available for all Grade 8 students registered at a BHNCD SB secondary school for September 2020. Students will receive a grade 9 credit for attending the 4-week program, June 29 – July 24, 2020 (Holiday July 1), at two of our secondary schools St. John's College & Holy Trinity Catholic High School. (Assumption college is closed due to construction) [Registration](#) opens January 13 and closes June 14, 2020.

Is it "first come, first serve" registration?

No, however all required documentation must be completed and submitted (i.e. student survey, student registration form including parental consent) before a student can be considered for the program.

Can students currently attending secondary school take the REACH AHEAD program?

The [REACH AHEAD](#) program is solely for Grade 8 students transitioning to secondary school. The daily course work will include transitioning activities.

Is there a limited number of students allowed in each program?

Enrollment is open to all grade 8 students interested in the program up to the deadline date.

When is the deadline to sign up?

Sunday, June 14, 2020

What is the location of the REACH AHEAD program?

REACH AHEAD will be held at two of the BHNCD SB secondary schools: [St. John's College](#) and [Holy Trinity Catholic High School](#) **Please note**, Assumption College School is closed due to construction at this time. Assumption College Students program(s) will be held at St. John's College and transportation will be provided.

Is transportation to REACH AHEAD locations provided?

Yes, transportation may be provided from central locations to the secondary schools. Central locations will be determined based on enrollment as of June 5, 2020.

What are the daily start and end times of [REACH AHEAD](#)?

Daily start and end times will be coordinated with transportation schedules and released closer to July.

Are there additional enhancement course fees for this course?

No, there will be no additional fees charged for the student to participate in this summer school course.

How do students register for REACH AHEAD?

BHNCD SB Grade 8 students must register via [My Blueprint](#)

Grade 8 Students from outside of BHNCD SB who are pre-registered to attend a BHNCD SB Secondary School must complete **only** the survey registration form by clicking on the "[Register Now](#)" button on the main page of www.bhncdsb.ca or any of the [BHNCD SB secondary school websites](#).

Will there be a Student/Parent information event?

If required, an information evening will be held and dates will be determined by each secondary school at a later date. Students will receive an invitation to attend through the e-mail address they provided when they registered. **Please note:** Schools may opt to share information via email communications or website only.

Can students enroll in the program at a school other than their designated secondary school?

Due to the transitional nature of the program, students **only** have the option to enroll at their designated secondary school.



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Can student take online and face-to-face courses simultaneously?

Taking both online and face-to-face courses simultaneously during summer school is not recommended.

What do the course codes mean?

- PAD 10 – Healthy Living and Outdoor Activities
- SNC 1D – Academic Grade 9 Science

What are the course descriptions?

- **SNC 1D** - Offered to Holy Trinity Catholic High School, St. John's College and Assumption College School students
This course enables students to develop their understanding of basic concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and to relate science to technology, society, and the environment. Throughout the course, students will develop their skills in the processes of scientific investigation. Students will acquire an understanding of scientific theories and conduct investigations related to sustainable ecosystems; atomic and molecular structures and the properties of elements and compounds; the study of the universe and its properties and components; and the principles of electricity.
- **PAD 10** - Offered to Holy Trinity Catholic High School, St. John's College and Assumption College School students
The Healthy Active Outdoor Living course follows smoothly from the elementary health and physical education program. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students will develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active living. They also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own choices and behaviours, as well as various factors in the world around them, affect their own and others' health and well-being. Students will build a stronger sense of themselves, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively. The course will focus on a variety of individual, dual, and small group activities, such as hiking, biking, and curling to give students the opportunity to experience a variety of physical activities as they acquire knowledge and skills related to healthy living. This course will also include the healthy living expectations and integrate the development of living skills.

Do these credits fulfill compulsory requirements?

Yes, if the credit is needed to fulfill a student's secondary school graduation requirements it will be applied.

Can a student do both the [REACH AHEAD](#) and [Ready, Set, Go!](#) programs being offered in the summer of 2020?

Yes, enrollment in both programs is permitted. Students can attend one or both programs if desired.

What is the attendance policy?

Attendance is **mandatory**. Daily attendance calls will be made. Absences that extend beyond three consecutive days or three days in total will be referred to the summer school principal.

Can Grade 8 students attending a public school participate in [REACH AHEAD](#)?

Only Grade 8 students currently enrolled in the public system that are pre-registered at Assumption College, Holy Trinity or St. John's College in September 2020 are eligible to participate.