

POINTS OF STRENGTH:

√ The Graduation Program at Dasmesh Punjabi Secondary School provides a **culture of commitment and focused academic studies.**

- Its **Honors and AP Programs** prepare academically gifted students for competitive university courses and scholarships in North America, as well as other parts of the world.
- Its **Regular Grad Program** also prepares students for college and university. As well, it fits the needs of those seeking less rigorous studies, so they can **enter the workforce sooner** with options of choice programs such as those provided at UVF or BCIT.

√ Our **teachers** are the most **dedicated** anywhere. **Students** study in a **supportive and positive environment.** **Parents and teachers** form part of a **closely linked team.** **INDIVIDUAL CHANCES OF STUDENT SUCCESS ARE MAXIMIZED.**

√ Our School's hybrid linear- semester schedule for senior grades allows students **flexibility for electives/their own choices**, and enables them, simultaneously, to benefit from the year-long timetable for the more important, required core subjects

√ The right combination of subjects for high-demand jobs in science and applied science fields later are given a priority in grade 11 and 12. This initiative taps into the natural inclination and talent of most of our students, beginning right from the elementary school level. This school is at the cutting edge of what is currently important. DPS has 4 science labs- three specialist and one general.

EVEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ENDORSES THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD WITH ITS SLOGAN, "CHOOSE SCIENCE; GO FAR!"

√ **Our Mission Statement** emphasizes a **safe environment free from drinking, smoking and taking drugs.** Our Police Liaison Officer has stated that there is no need for him to visit this school as often as he has to visit other schools because of our relative safety factor. Our School is also protected by surveillance cameras.

√ Our **former students** are **consistently at the top of the graduating lists of students in area high schools**, and most have become very successful in highly desirable professions and other careers

√ Select senior grades are given the chance of a 3-day camping trip to YMCA Camp Elphinstone (Gibson, off Vancouver) at the end of May or early June. This teaches them **vital survival and social skills.** Parents are an integral part of the team.

*"Dasmesh students in our senior secondary schools stand out because of their **excellent academic skills and their balanced attitude.**"*

- Des McKay, former District 34 Superintendent.

"Education is the key that unlocks doors...the key to **everything** in life- job, satisfaction..."

-Andrew Petter, SFU President



DASMESH SENIOR SECONDARY GRADUATION PROGRAM (Grade 10, 11 & 12)

A college and university prep program

*What does the Ministry
of Education require for graduation?*

**Successful completion of 80 credits:
A minimum of 48 credits for REQUIRED
COURSES, a minimum of 28 credits for
ELECTIVE COURSES, a 4-credit
GRADUATION TRANSITIONS, and 5
GRADUATION PROGRAM EXAMS (3 in
Gr.10, 1 in Gr.11 and 1 in Gr.12)**

*Dasmesh Punjabi School
is a full-fledged K-Grade12 independent traditional school that emphasizes
balanced education. There is a Science and Applied Science focus
in grades 11 and 12.*

WHAT DOES DASMESH OFFER GRADES 10-12?

A balanced, strong, and intensive academic program of studies.

Honors Programs were added to our curriculum in 2010 as a sure step to ensuring our Grad Program has a college and university prep focus, and interested students can have access to the challenging and rewarding AP Program in Grade 12.

GRADE 10 COURSE OFFERINGS

Required Courses	Credits
PLANNING 10	4
ENGLISH 10/HON	4
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH & PRECALCULUS 10/ HON	4
SOCIAL STUDIES 10	4
SCIENCE 10/HON	4
PE 10	4
INFOTECH (Applied Skills)	4

These contribute to 28/48 required credits towards graduation.

Elective Courses	Credits
PUNJABI 12 (Accelerated Gr. 10)	4
PUNJABI 11 (GR.9)	4
PUNJABI 10 (GR.8)	4
BAA* YEARBOOK 10 (GR.9)	2
BAA GURMAT SANGEET 10 (Devotional Music)	2

Students here qualify for 28 credits for REQUIRED COURSES and 16/28 credits for ELECTIVES in Grade 10.

EXAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 10 students appear for 3 MANDATORY PROVINCIAL EXAMS in English, Math, and Science. For Grade 11, the Provincial Social Studies 11 exam is compulsory. In year 12, the English 12 exam is compulsory.

The Provincial Scholarship Program is based on these 5 Ministry of Education exams only (new legislation). Students must achieve at least one "A" (86% or higher) on four of their best provincial exams. Students must achieve at least a "B" (73% or above) final mark in one of the Language Arts 12 (EN 12, Communications 12 etc).

Some stats:

Between 2 to 4 Grade 10 students have received **Passport to Education Scholarships from the Ministry of Education** every year in Dasmesh. Grade 10 students here also qualify for bursaries and scholarships from the DPS Endowment Fund, or from community-staff contributions every year.

The goal is to maintain this momentum and build up the chances for scholarships in year 11 and 12. The sky is the limit once students are in Grade 12, have done as well as expected according to the given criteria, and made a difference with their social contributions. There are hundreds of big scholarships available from the colleges and universities themselves, and from different organizations e.g. RBC (Royal Bank) Scholarships, BC Hydro Scholarships etc. The new Schulich Leader Scholarship, to be fully implemented in 2014, will award \$60,000 over 4 years to top students enrolling in science, technology, engineering or math programs in universities in Canada.

Google search: Abbotsford Community Foundations Awards Program or www.keytoscholarships.com for more info on scholarships.

GRADE 11 COURSE OFFERINGS

Required (Linear):

ENGLISH 11/ EN 11 HONORS	4
SOCIALS 11 (+Prov. Exam for 20% of marks)	4
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH 11 or PRE-CALCULUS 11 or PREC 11 HONORS	4
CHEMISTRY 11 or CH 11 HONORS	4
Plus GRAD TRANSITIONS (CAREER PLANNING +DPA/PE+ COMMUNITY SERVICE) completed in the Grade 12 year	-

Electives (Semestered):

Any 2 per semester, according to students' choice of career path and counselor's /subject teacher's recommendation. Availability of an elective will be dependent on at least 1/3 of the students enrolling for a course. Certain electives may be semester- specific.

BIOLOGY 11 or BI 11 HONORS	4
PHYSICS 11 OR PH 11 HONORS	4
DIGITAL MEDIA DEVELOP. (ICTM) 11	4
BAA LAB ASSISTANT 11	2
BAA GYM ASSISTANT 11	2
BAA PEER TUTORING 11	2
BAA FIT FOR LIFE 11	2
BAA PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES 11	2
BAA TABLA/ DRUMS 11	2

Some points worth looking at:

► During 0- block, Sikh Study Assembly time for elementary and junior secondary grades, our senior students benefit from individualized learning support (EXTRA).

► Bhangra was made a credit course at SFU recently.

► At UFV, since 2009, students hoping for a head-start on their university science studies have been able to apply for the BSc Program while still in Grade 11. The benefits: students get connected to the university community and are invited as participants in activities hosted by the university eg. Seminars, distinguished speakers panels, science career nights, direct access to science professors etc.

GRADE 12 COURSE OFFERINGS

Required (school focus):

ENGLISH 12 + Prov. exam	4
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH 12 or PRE-CALCULUS	4
CHEMISTRY 12 or AP CHEMISTRY 12	4
BIOLOGY 12 or AP BIOLOGY 12	4
GRAD TRANSITIONS (GT) 12 (completion this year)	4

Electives:

Any 2 of the following per semester

AP CALCULUS 12	4
PHYSICS 12 or AP PHYSICS 12	4
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 11/12	4
ENGLISH LITERATURE 12	4
CREATIVE WRITING 12	4
HISTORY 12	4
GEOGRAPHY 12	4
ACCOUNTANCY 11/12	4
BAA COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS 12	2
BAA PEER TUTORING 12	2
BAA LAB ASSISTANCE 12	2
BAA PUBLIC SPEAKING 12	2
BAA BHANGRA & GIDDA DANCING 10	2
ANY ONE OF THE GR. 11 MINISTRY OF EDU. ELECTIVES (repeat allowed)	4

AP students can write AP Exams in Grade 12 (apart from the mandatory Ministry of Education English exam). This will give them university credits or an edge when they seek early acceptance into programs of their choice.

To graduate and receive a Dogwood Diploma (BC Graduation Certificate), a student must have at least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level.