

B.C. School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate) Program

The B.C. School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate) recognizes the accomplishments of students with Ministry of Education special needs designations who have successfully met the goals of their individualized education program (IEP). The Evergreen Certificate program pathway does not meet the requirements of the B.C. Graduation Program (Dogwood Diploma). The Board of Education will award School Completion Certificates (Evergreen Certificates) based upon Ministerial Orders and Regulations in accordance with the School Act.

In order to be considered for an Evergreen Certificate a student must have:

- Intellectual Disabilities, or
- Multiple challenges such as complex medical and mental health conditions

The decision to place a student on the Evergreen Certificate program should not be made prior to Grade 10. Consultation must be offered to parents prior to the selection of the Evergreen Certificate program pathway and must include discussion of all three graduation program options: Dogwood Diploma, B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma, and Evergreen Certificate. The decision should be reviewed annually by the school team in consultation with District personnel.

Students on the Evergreen Certificate program pathway might be enrolled in:

- Courses where they are able to engage with the regular course curriculum with supports and for which they will be marked accordingly and receive course credit, and/or
- Courses where they are not able to engage with the regular course curriculum even with supports in place. For these non-credit courses, replacement curriculum goals must be included on the student's IEP to document what skills are being explored and developed. For these courses, students will be marked according to progress towards IEP goals.

References:

[Supporting Meaningful Consultation with Families \(BCCASE, 2008\)](#)
[B.C. Ministry of Education – School Completion \("Evergreen"\) Certificate](#)
[Ministerial Order M150/89 Special Needs Student Order](#)
[Ministerial Order M638/95 Student Progress Order](#)
[Ministerial Order 191/94 Student Progress Order](#)
[Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program 2022](#)

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