

CSS FLEX BLOCK

<u>Rationale</u>: Flex block has been added to the CSS bell schedule as an intervention strategy, to systematically allow teachers and students the opportunity to **revisit concept** that have not yet been mastered, time to **do make up** assignments, tests or projects, or to **do extension** activities for those who already understand concepts being taught. We know that students learn in different ways and at different rates. This time allows students to better customize their learning at CSS.

<u>Structure:</u> Flex is a 1 hour block of time every Tuesday and Thursday following block 1. Students and teachers will be given a choice each week on where they wish to go. Students will be allowed to choose a session with any of their 4 classroom teachers or from a variety of school wide offerings. If a teacher selects a student to attend their flex session the teacher choice will OVERRIDE the student choice.

<u>Mandatory Large Sessions</u> We will be introducing mandatory large group sessions periodically by grade or whole school on relevant topics. Below is a **DRAFT** of the schedule for next year. (*subject to change based on availability of presenters*)

	Flex Grade Assembly Ideas						
Date	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12			
	2018						
		Training (all)					
				Grad Session 1 GT-Photos-Banner- Post Cards			
			PSI				
Sept 25 Confirmed	Safe Online that Clicks (All) (good)						
				Grad Session 2 Scholarships-Prom-Auctio n-Yearbook			
Oct 9 Confirmed	Healthy Eating Stud Terry Small (good)	iy Skill					
		Remembrance Day (ALL)					
Dec 11 Need to contact Rcmp		Drugs and Alcohol (good) Also trying MADD will get back to me first week of july					
		Christmas Assembly					
2019							
Jan 15 Emailed No Response			CWill BC Anxiety				
		Flex Online Component					

		Course Selection				
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Feb 5 confirmed	Bullying Ends Here	Tad Williams				
		Gang Involvement BC Lions Grade Wide (good)				
Mar 5 Emailed Confirmed			Work Safe BC (Okay)			
Apr 4 Confirmed \$800	Dave Hamilton: Kindness Changes Everything					
				Grad Session 3 Commencement quote-dry Grad		
		Terry Fox				
May 7 Emailed		Young Drivers (Okay) Also emailed teenslearm to drive				
May 28 Emailed Confirmed			ICBC (good)			
		Year End				

<u>Online Component</u>: Each grade level has a grade specific online component that they are to complete. Students are to complete an online evaluation form for each of the sessions that they are to attend for their grade level or as a school. In addition students are to set goals for each course for each term and evaluate those goals at the end of each term. All online assignments are on the students MOODLE account and it is there responsibility to complete these assignments either in their flex block of choice or on their own time.

<u>Attendance</u>: Flex is a block of instructional time so attendance is **MANDITORY**. We have carved this time CAREFULLY out of instructional time because we believe allowing students to determine where this time best serves their learning needs is a key to student's success at CSS. Attendance is monitored, but we hope that students and parents see the value in shifting this time into the hands of students and that they choose responsibly.

Assessment: Flex is a 2 credit course. Assessment is based on **student choice** (making a choice each week using the Moodle APP, **goal setting** (at the beginning and end of each term) and **online component** (completing grade relevant online assignments). Students and parents are able to keep track of progress using Moodle.