

ESBCHS - Early Course Advancement Policy

ESBCHS defines *early course advancement* as students taking a course ahead of their grade level after finishing the prerequisite course. For example, taking Biology 20 in semester 2 of grade 10. Requirements of courses within a sequence not only progress in an intellectual sense but also socially and emotionally. Many times students fast-tracking through core classes in high school fail to achieve the mark they would have achieved if they had waited until the following year. ESBCHS strongly encourages students to take a variety of courses to grow as individuals by exploring multiple disciplines and discovering what drives them the most.



Students wishing to advance a course early need to request in writing or in person with their counsellor or school administrator. Early course advancement will be considered if:

- It is recommended that the student achieved a minimum of 80% in the prerequisite course
- The student is on track in all other requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma or a Knowledge and Employment Certificate of Achievement.
- There is room in the course after all course requests have been met for students in the grade level.
- Students can only advance one course per year.
- The student should be in good standing with the school with regards to attendance, academic standing and behaviour