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Notre Dame High School Graduation Requirements

To earn an Alberta High School Diploma AND participate in the Notre Dame Graduation Ceremonies, a student must:

- Earn a minimum of 100 credits
- Complete and meet the standards for the following:
 - Religious Education 15, 25, 35 or Religions of the World 30
 - English Language Arts at the 30 level
 - Social Studies at the 30 level
 - Mathematics at the 20 level
 - One Science at the 20 level
 - Physical Education 10 (minimum 3 credits)
 - Career and Life Management (CALM, 3 credits)
 - 10 credits from Career and Technology Studies (CTS), or Fine Arts, or Second Language, or Physical Education (in addition to PE 10), or locally developed authorized courses in CTS, Fine Arts or Second Languages
 - 10 credits in any 30 level courses in addition to English 30-1 or 30-2, and Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2

Notre Dame High School Certificate of High School Achievement Requirements

To earn an Alberta High School Certificate of Achievement AND participate in the Notre Dame Graduation Ceremonies, a student must:

- Earn a minimum of 80 credits
- Complete and meet the standard in TWO of the following:
 - Religious Education 15, 25, 35 or Religions of the World 30
- Complete and meet the standard in the following:
 - English Language Arts 20-2 or 30-4
 - Social Studies 10-2 or 20-4
 - Mathematics 10-3 or 20-4
 - Science 14 or 20-4
 - Physical Education (3 credits)
 - Career and Life Management (3 credits)
 - 5 credits in:
 - 30 level Knowledge and Employability occupational course, or
 - 30 level Career and Technology (CTS) course, or
 - 30 level locally developed course with occupational focus
 - and 5 credits in:
 - 30 level Knowledge and Employability Workplace Practicum course, or
 - 30 level Work Experience course, or
 - 30 level Green certificate course, or 30 level Special Projects 30

OR

5 credits in 30 level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course

*Requirements into post secondary institutions and some workplaces may require additional and or specific courses.

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Graduation Participation

- You must have completed, or if currently enrolled in, be passing all required classes by the last day of classes, (June 14), in order to participate in Notre Dame's Graduation Ceremony.
- Watch for Grad Lists to be posted during Semester 2 outside the office.
- If unexcused absences exceed 10%, students may not be permitted to participate in graduation activities.

Graduation Mass

- Graduation Mass will be held in the École Secondaire Notre Dame High School gymnasium on **Thursday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m.**

Graduation Rehearsal

- Graduation rehearsal will take place on **Wednesday, June 26**. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Graduation Ceremony (Morning Event)

- The morning Graduation Ceremony (diploma presentations) will be on **Thursday, June 27** at the Peavey Mart Centrum at Westerner Park starting at 9:00 a.m.
- The morning ceremony includes Prayer, Valedictorian Address, Presentation of Diplomas and address from our Grade 12 Administration team. The morning ceremony will conclude by 12:00 p.m. Gowns and V-stols will be collected from grads as they exit the ceremony. Tickets are not needed for the morning event.

Graduation Celebration (Evening Event)

- Tickets are required to attend the Graduation Celebration (evening event).
- Tickets will go on sale on **Monday, June 3 at noon**. Tickets are \$21 each. Graduates do not need to purchase a ticket but all guests must have a ticket to attend the evening celebration. Tickets can only be purchased online through the school website and are not available at the school. There is no limit on the number of tickets graduates can purchase. Tickets will be available for purchase until **Thursday, June 20**.
- If the \$45 graduation fundraising fee has not been paid or flowers were not sold, the fundraising fee will be added to the cost of your first ticket. Outstanding school fees and library fines will be added to your ticket purchase as well.
- Our evening celebration begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Peavey Mart Centrum at Westerner Park. We begin with a Grand March of all of our grads across the stage. We encourage graduates to walk across the stage with their friends. To begin the program, students and staff will deliver tributes. Once the tributes are complete, our DJ will get the celebration started with family first dances. The dance will continue until 10:00 p.m. on ice level. Clusters of tables will be set up around the Concourse level with sweets and treats and refreshments. We encourage families to stay and celebrate.

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Fundraising fee

- Each Grade 12 student must pay a \$45 fundraising fee - pay at the office, pay when you purchase your grad gala tickets online or participate in one of our grad fundraising options throughout the year.

Grad Photos

- January 29 - February 3, February 6-10, February 13-16
- All graduates need to have a photo taken for the yearbook.
- Book your appointment online beginning December 18. The link will be on the Notre Dame website. Pay a \$40 sitting fee and receive proofs. Free photos available for the yearbook photo only.

Get involved

- Stay connected and don't miss events hosted throughout the year.
- Grad song contest - watch for details in semester two
- Email a baby or toddler photo of your grad to shannon.nivens@rdcrs.ca to be featured during grad - deadline May 3.

Each year, Notre Dame's graduating class leads a service project. A charity is chosen by the students and an event is designed to raise money for that charity.

The class of 2024 has proudly chosen to support the Central Alberta Women's Shelter. Our project; Hope for Her. Students in all grades are encouraged to create a team! Notre Dame's annual service project is a tradition of school pride and giving back to our community. In the past 17 years, students have raised more than \$800,000 for local and global causes.

Don't miss this! Team registration forms are out! Get your team together now and start raising funds! Teams of 6 students, one or two ND staff and parents work together to raise a minimum of \$2024 to participate. 100% of the money raised will be given to the Central Alberta Women's Shelter. Get your team form here: [Team registration 2023-24](#)

Although team fundraising events have begun, this year's event takes place March 11 – March 16. Each week day, teams of students and their team teachers work together to complete challenges and earn points. The final days of competition will pose the biggest competition; student teams along with team parents will compete in a 24-hour extreme scavenger hunt throughout our community. The challenge is to complete the tasks and collect all 2024 items on the list!

Prizes are awarded to the team that earn the most points in challenges and for those that raise the most money.

To donate, for questions or more information about our annual service project, please contact Shannon Nivens.