

# Timberline Secondary School – Your Path to Success

## How to do better in your courses:

1. Attend all classes. Get a buddy to bring you the work if you are sick. Speak to your teacher as soon as possible afterwards.
2. Keep in close contact with your teachers about grades and assignments.
3. Pay attention and participate in all class activities.
4. Put up your hand and get the teacher to help you in class.
5. Ask questions when you are not sure about an assignment or the course content.
6. Do homework every night. Math, for example, should be one hour per night. If you don't have an assignment due, review the material covered to date.
7. Develop good study and organizational skills.
8. Effectively study for tests.

## Tutoring and help:

9. Take advantage of extra help times from teachers. For example, some teachers are in their rooms before school, at lunch and after school to help students.
10. Use internet help sites:  
[www.learnnowbc.ca](http://www.learnnowbc.ca)  
[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)  
[www.bcscience.com/bc10](http://www.bcscience.com/bc10)  
[www.liveteacher.ca](http://www.liveteacher.ca)

## Watch the next day's lesson the night before.

11. Get a tutor. Ask your teacher and/or see the bulletin board inside the Counselling area for tutor postings.
12. The bottom line: attend, focus, stay organized, prepare, ask questions, work hard.
13. Want more? Sign up for the Brain Bulletin at [www.terrysmall.com/newsletter.asp](http://www.terrysmall.com/newsletter.asp).

## Do you know what you are going to do after secondary school?

Use these three websites to help you find some possibilities:

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) – match your interests to possible careers.

user name: timber password: wolves

[www.workbc.ca/Careers/Pages/Careers.aspx](http://www.workbc.ca/Careers/Pages/Careers.aspx) – great information on many, many jobs.

[www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca) – figure out what courses you need now to get into the training program after grade 12 so you can get the job you want.

Apply to B.C. colleges and universities at <https://applybc.ca/>

Release your marks directly to the post-secondary school of your choice at the B.C. Ministry of Education secure website: <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>

Language Proficiency Index: [www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)

Find a school for you: [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

University rankings and reviews: <http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/rankings/>

SAT tests for American university entrance

Call 1-212-713-7789 [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## How to choose and apply to a university or college:

1. Pick a possible career path. See the websites and instructions above.

2. Take the secondary school courses now that you will need to get into the program at a post-secondary school you want.
3. Get good grades so that you meet the admission requirements.
4. Start in grade 11 by researching which institution(s) offers the program(s) you want. Use [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca) and internet searches to help find options.
5. Go to the website for those institutions and begin to explore the programs that interest you.
6. Once you have your list of possible schools, email the academic advisor for the faculty you want to get in. Ask for advice. Some details to ask about are: admission deadlines, self-reporting of marks, application fees, the Language Proficiency Index test, required secondary school courses, percentages required for admission.

## **Scholarships and Bursary Information**

There are a wide variety of scholarships and bursaries available to students moving to post-secondary institutions. There are four areas for students to explore:

1. The Timberline Counselling website:  
<http://www.sd72.bc.ca/school/timberline/Departments/Counselling/Pages/default.aspx>  
There are many links on this site to scholarship search engines, scholarship sites and post-secondary institutions scholarship information.
2. The Financial Aid Office of the post-secondary institution being considered.
3. The files and postings in the Timberline Counselling Office.
4. Any service group or employer that any member of your family is associated with.

To optimize your chances of getting a scholarship or bursary:

1. Keep your grades as high as you can.
2. Work toward having a well-rounded resume with service, leadership and citizenship activities as part of your profile.
3. Keep your resume up to date.
4. Develop a comprehensive file of reference letters from people who know you well. Give the references specific information about what you need the letter for, ample time to write it and your resume to draw information from it required.
5. Have a 300 – 500 word essay about yourself prepared tell why you are a good candidate for a scholarship or bursary.
6. Apply early. Do not leave your application until the last minute.
7. Research as many possible sources for scholarships and bursaries as you can and apply for them. An hour or two spent completing an application could be worth a \$1000.