



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. **Notes are not accepted** to excuse absences, sign out or leave early. Parents/Guardians are required to report absences, lates and early departures using **School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system**. *Please do not call the main office.*

LATE

Students that are **more than 30 minutes late for class must check in at the office.**

The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, their teacher will change the Absence to a Late. If this is an excused late, parents may report this in Safe Arrival. If a parent has an enquiry regarding an absent/late, they are to contact the classroom teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE

Parents are required to report early departures into School Messenger. Once reported, the teacher will see this in MyEd and release the student at the reported dismissal time. If there is no excused absence in MyEd, students will be sent to the office for follow-up. This may delay student dismissal as the office obtains parental approval. If no parental approval is obtained, the student will be sent back to class.

TEAM ATTENDANCE

Coaches will report their team absences to the office. Students are expected to have a "Student Authorized Absence Form" filled out by their teachers for classes they will miss and show this form to their coach. Students keep this form as their homework is listed here.

Thank you for utilizing School Messenger and helping us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Upcoming dates . .

May 5-9	Mental Health Week
May 5-15	AP Exams
May 7-8	Move4Mana in MPR at lunch
May 13 & 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 15	District Award Scholarship Presentations AM
May 16	PROM - <i>see following pages</i>
May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 20	KSS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. in LLC (<i>all parents welcome</i>)
May 21	Diner en Blanc
May 21-22	Multicultural Festival in MPR
May 26-30	Night Owl Theatre
May 27	Global Awareness Market in MPR
May 28	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Capstone Presentations PM



May 5 is Red Dress Day/2024MMIWG2S+. Red Dress Day is to remember and take action to prevent any more Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit folks to be lost to violence and colonialism.



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors

Mindset shift:

Gratitude turns what you have and where you are into enough.

PROM SEAT RESERVATIONS



Prom table seats will be reserved online. There are 8 seats per table.

There is a diagram of the table set-up in the MPR students can view.

The link to reserve seats will be emailed to Grade 12 students Monday morning by 9:00 a.m.

Students must sign in via their @learn account to select their seats.

GRADE 12 FRENCH IMMERSION PARENTS and GRADS

Bonjour parents and students!

In recognition of the outstanding achievement of finishing school with a Double Dogwood, KSS and the district would like to celebrate our FI Grads.

We will do so on **Wednesday, May 21**, with a Diner en Blanc. This is an event that originated in France, so is very apropos for this celebration! Students should be dressed formally and all in white, although very light grey or tan pants are acceptable. Students will meet at KSS, they will be bussed to a secret location, where they will be celebrated with a dinner and dance. They will then be returned to KSS at the end of the evening.

You have been emailed the permission form. If you did not receive one, please let me know! Please send it in ASAP so we can let the venue know how many people to expect.

****There is a place for dietary restrictions on the form, but could you also please e-mail me with the dietary restrictions as well. (shannon.bracken@sd23.bc.ca)**

Once the form is complete, ***please make sure that payment has been made via school cash online by Friday, May 16.***

Merci!



KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

<https://kss.sd23.bc.ca/>

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook, Student Services, Drama, Library and Tech information, Whoo's News, PAC Meeting Minutes, Grad information, Career-Life Programs and student volunteer opportunities and much more!

KELOWNA OWLS ATHLETICS Page and Gym Calendar is under "Students" tab and "Athletics". Link [HERE](#)

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR is on the KSS Website [HERE](#) is a link.



GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom
- ◇ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees (*including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee*); and,
- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

PROMENADE & BANQUET

Promenade (Grad Walk), followed by Grad Banquet and Dance, is on **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Prom tickets will be on sale **April 28—May 2**, before school (8:00-9:00 a.m.), during lunch, or after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.) in Room 147. Each ticket is **\$110 each** and will be sold in person only to Grade 12 students.

**** Students must not have any outstanding fees or books in order to purchase Prom tickets. ****

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP.

Promenade will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. **Grads must arrive** at The Dolphins downtown **by 5:00 p.m. to line up!** The walk will begin at The Dolphins and conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place.



Prom banquet and dance is for Grade 12 students only. **Grads must show photo ID to enter The Grand.** More information is to come regarding table/seat selection.

The KSS Code of Conduct will be in place for the entire evening.

CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**



Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets**. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the end of May. Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Web-site (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend. The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Parents may check School Cash Online for overdue fees. **Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).**

If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.



Kelowna Secondary School

École Secondaire Kelowna

1079 Raymer Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 4Z7
Ph : (250) 870-5105 Fax : (250) 870-5105

On behalf of the graduating class of 2025 and this year's grad council at Kelowna Secondary School, we would like to request donations to help fund and execute this year's upcoming graduation/prom. With such a large graduating class, the PAC, grad council, as well as staff at KSS have taken on the large task of planning this event. Any donations would be put towards helping lower the cost of each student's admission into the event but could also be used towards the expenses of the event itself. Some of the expenses include food, entertainment (music and photography), decorations, and the venue rental.

Donations can be made to cover or lower the cost of specific items or can be given for general use. All funds donated will go entirely towards putting together an unforgettable event for our grad class. Tax receipts can be provided if your donation is made through the Central Okanagan School District's website **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**. You can register/log into this site and select the button **Make A Donation**, select an amount for your donation, choose **KELOWNA SECONDARY** as the Fund Destination, and add **KSS PROM** to the Message to School Board to ensure your donation is added to our event. If you do not require a tax receipt, a cheque can be made to **KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL** attention **KSS PROM**.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/56/15/false/true>

Any help would be greatly appreciated, as it would help ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend the event at a minimal cost to all and make it a memorable night for our grads.

Sincerely, KSS Grad Class of 2025



The Southern Medical Program is hosting a virtual information session for prospective applicants to the **UBC Faculty of Medicine's MD Undergraduate Program**. Students and families will learn about the admission requirements, the application pathways, and how the program is training the next generation of physicians in our province.

The event will be held on **Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm** in the Reichwald Health Sciences Centre, lecture theatre 260.

Presenters include Dr. Shahin Shirzad, Assistant Dean, Admissions, UBC Faculty of Medicine and current Southern Medical Program students.

To register please complete the registration link [here](#). If you are attending via Zoom, the link will be sent to your email address the morning of the event (May 15).

For more information, please contact Carri Folk, Admissions and Student Affairs Coordinator, Southern Medi-



Career-Life Programs –

Experience OC at Okanagan College,
May 1st

This past Thursday morning, Okanagan College hosted just under 400 SD23 high school students at their annual Experience OC event! This popular event gives prospective students not only the excellent opportunity to explore the campus, meet faculty and staff but to also immerse themselves in new program areas and learn more about the individual programs and subject areas offered at OC or that they may want to explore at another post-secondary institution. Students were required to sign up for two sessions which were led by OC professors and instructors covering a wide variety of program areas in Arts, Business and Tourism, Trades, Engineering Technologies, Health & Social Development, and Continuing Studies. Session subjects included topics such as Intro into the Culture of Videogames, Kinesiology in Action, The World of Tourism and Hospitality, Intro to Health Care Assistant and Practical Nursing, Homicide (very popular!!), Time Warps and Black Holes, Mechanical Challenge (Balloon Car), Woodworking and many, many more. The event wrapped up with a hot dog lunch and yard games in the courtyard in the sunshine!

Career-Life Programs would like to thank Okanagan College for organizing this educational and fun-filled opportunity for our students to get a feel for a college campus and what attending college might be like!





PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

You are a Part of the PAC

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC for the 2025-26 school year! As a member you are invited to the upcoming AGM; and are encouraged to consider getting more involved and letting your name stand for a PAC executive role.

The PAC Executive

For those new to the school, the PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. The major role is allocating the approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds to help fund extracurricular activities such as; class field trips, musical instruments, sports uniforms, dance instruction, robotics, and more.

KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding. We will be voting in the 2025-26 PAC executive at the AGM. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSS.PACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2025-26 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair §
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer (1 nominee)
- Secretary §
- Academic Chair §
- Athletic Chair §
- Fine Arts Chair §
- Indigenous Chair §
- Technical Education Chair §
- Student Support Chair §
- Clubs Chair §
- COPAC Rep - **Open for nominees**

§ denotes that the current person in the role is willing to stay in the role for next year

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. We look forward to seeing you!

AGM : **May 20th @ 6:30pm**
: **in the school library**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

impact
EVENTS + BRAND MGMT

7-8

JUNE 2025

CMHA Ride Don't Hide



ridedon'thide

The 2025 CMHA Ride Don't Hide event on June 8, 2025, brings participants from all over the Okanagan to ride in support of mental health. The post ride festival features live music and fun for the whole family.

Deadline to apply: May 7th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



13-14

JUNE 2025

Kelowna Wine Country Runs

**KELOWNA
WINE COUNTRY** | **25**
5KM | 10KM | 21KM

The 2025 Kelowna Wine Country Runs is a scenic running event held on June 14, 2025, offering participants the chance to run a Half Marathon, 10km, or 5km through the stunning Okanagan Valley.

Deadline to apply: May 15th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



15

JUNE 2025

CSN Collision Father's Day Car Show



CSN Collision is hosting a family-friendly event at Kelowna City Park on June 15. This free event features a variety of vehicles, including hot rods, custom cars, and motorcycles.

Deadline to apply: May 15th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



3-6

JULY 2025

Kelowna Ribfest



The 2025 Kelowna Ribfest is a three-day family festival featuring rib competitions, live music, a kids' zone, family activities, and an artisan marketplace.

Deadline to apply: June 20th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER





Summer 2025

Learn. Lead. Inspire!

Develop your leadership skills while earning high school credit or volunteer hours at Camp OC

Take your leadership skills to the next level with our **Leadership in Action** program.

Three options:

Option 1: Earn 2 credits

- 15 hours of online coursework + 1 week volunteering at Camp OC

Option 2: Earn 4 credits

- 15 hours of online coursework + 2 weeks volunteering at Camp OC

Option 3: Earn Hours

- Volunteer at Camp OC and earn work experience hours toward graduation

Learn leadership fundamentals, communication and conflict resolution strategies and teamwork skills – all while making a difference in your community!

See your school career centre for an application package today!

DEADLINE TO APPLY: THURSDAY, MAY 22ND



For more information visit our website
or email us at www.campoc.ca





Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn



Dual Credit Programs – Central Okanagan Public Schools

Computer Information Systems Administration

Begin your post-secondary career path while in grade 12. The **Computer Information Systems Administration (CISA)** Dual Credit program is currently accepting applications for the January 2026 intake. For over 20 years this program has been successfully transitioning students from high school into BCIT and now Okanagan College. Discover the benefits of getting a head start on a fulfilling and rewarding career. Tuition sponsorships available for all participating students.

Space is still available for semester 2 (January 2026). Apply NOW!

For more information see your high school **Career Center** and speak with a career coordinator or visit our website,
www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

See the attached computer technology pathway chart to view the exploratory options for students starting in grade 9!

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION (CISA)



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn



CISA is a dual-credit program in partnership with BCIT. Successful students in the CISA program are also able to apply to Okanagan College's Infrastructure and Computing Technology (ICT) diploma program with prior learning credit as well. Through a series of labs and projects students will learn; Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials), Network Fundamentals (CCNAv7: Introduction to Networks) and NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials). the program is based upon appropriate industry standards, infrastructure and technology. It covers computer hardware, operating systems, networking and internet technology.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from this program will find job opportunities in every sector of business that processes, installs, configures, and troubleshoots both PC hardware, software and networking components as part of its activities and/or day-to-day operations. Manufacturers such as Cisco, HP and IBM, typically have "partners" who sell their products. It is with these partners that our students find employment. Other sources of employment include Internet Service Providers (ISPs), government, municipalities, hospitals, health authorities, management companies, airports, transportation services, insurance companies, and many small businesses.

WorkBC - www.workbc.ca

Program Outline

This program combines theory and hands-on training in the following courses.

- Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials)
- Network Fundamentals (CCNAv7: Introduction to Networks)
- NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials)
- ITUS 120-Bridging course to OC's ICT Diploma program.

Tuition

Tuition for dual credit programs may be paid in part or fully by the school district. Secondary school students will be responsible to pay for course materials & student tool kits.

- Tuition: n/a
- Student cost: \$250

*All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.



Program Schedule

Schedule: 20 weeks (+3 weeks in June/July ITUS 120)

Start Date: Semester 2 - every second day

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm



Location

705 Rutland Rd N., Kelowna

Rutland Senior Secondary School



Student for a Day

Arrange your Student for a Day experience by contacting your school Career Coordinator.

Credentials Received

On successful completion of the CISA Program at SD#23, students will receive a Year-1, Level-1 advanced standing to transfer into the CISA Program, Year 1 Level 2 at BCIT in Burnaby upon successful completion of remaining 3 of 6 articulation/bridging courses and successful competitive acceptance.

Students will also have the opportunity to complete an additional 30-hour bridging course through Okanagan College to provide advanced placement into the ICT diploma program at Kelowna's OC campus.

Finally, students will earn up to 16 grade 12 elective credits towards high school graduation for successful completion.

Physical Requirements

- Lift and carry tools, equipment, supplies and materials weight up to approximately 7 kg
- Ability to work in a seated position for an extended period of time.

Recommendations for Success

- Good general health
- Capable of stationary work for extended periods of time
- Ability to tolerate noise and vibration
- Commitment to continuous learning and training
- Good inter-personal and team work skills

Recommended Prerequisites

- SD23 students are encouraged to take the following IT courses prior to the CISA program:
 - Cybersecurity (Delivered at RSS)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: Math 10, Gr. 11 or 12 students
 - Gateway to Technology (Delivered by OC)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: none

Sponsorship Requirements for SD23 Students

- Attend "Student for a Day" at the Rutland Senior Secondary
- Complete the School District application package and hand it into your Career Programs Coordinator
- Be on track to graduate with a Dogwood diploma
- Meet with Career Coordinator to review program and school district exemptions
- BCIT course requirements/admission requirements met for program
- Application approved and accepted by School District
- An interview may be required for potential applicants

Focus on Safety

BCIT is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students. All students are responsible for:

- Knowing safe work procedures in classroom, shop and work areas
- Following the safety standards as taught by the instructor. These standards meet or exceed the regulatory requirements of the WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

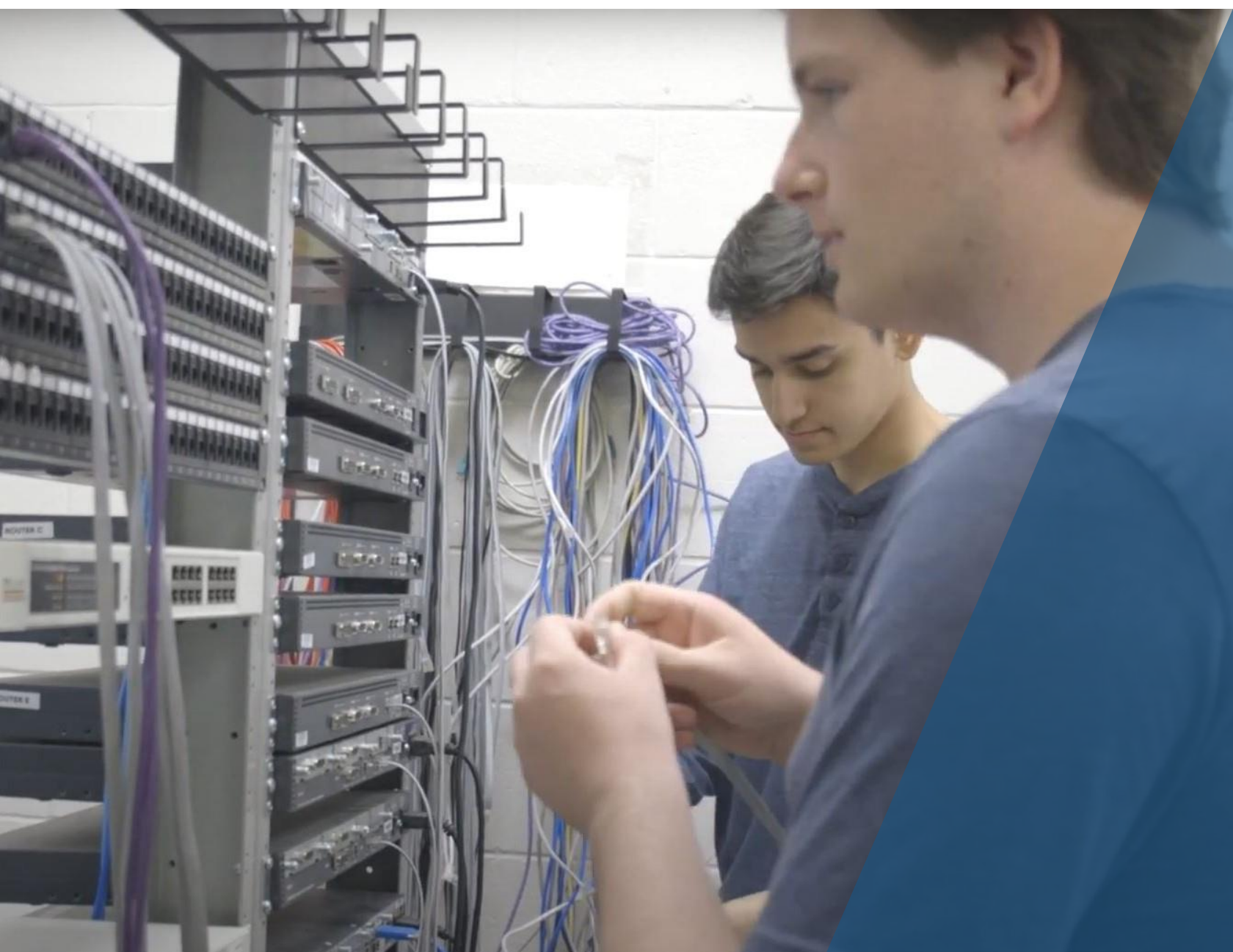
Failure to do so may result in suspension from the program. Each student is expected to report any unsafe condition or unsafe behavior to their instructor.

**Applications are available at your
school Career Centre or
www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca**

CONTACTS:

Lynn Kumalae, Dual Credit Admin Asst.
lynn.kumalae@sd23.bc.ca

Rafie Relova, Teacher
rafie.relova@sd23.bc.ca





Computer Technology Pathways for Students

