

**ST. THOMAS MORE
COLLEGIATE**

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Course Selection Presentation

Grade 8/9 Into Grade 9/10 - 20-FEB-2018

Guiding principles in course selection



- ✓ Interest, passion, and fascination in subject matter
- ✓ Potential to succeed in subject
- ✓ Future academic goals



Keeping options open

As a faith-based preparatory school, St. Thomas More Collegiate encourages its students to follow a curriculum that is challenging and rich and allows each student to maintain their options for post-secondary study.





Pre-Selected Grade 9 Courses

- ✓ *Career Education 9*
- ✓ English 9
- ✓ French 9
- ✓ Mathematics 9
- ✓ Physical & Health Education 9
- ✓ Religion 9
- ✓ Science 9
- ✓ Social Studies 9



Grade 9 Program - 8 Block Timetable

English 9

Mathematics 9

Social Studies 9

Science 9

French 9

Physical & Health Education 9

Religion 9

Elective(s) – One Full Year OR Two ½ Year Electives

Career Education 9 (Integrated Approach)



Applied & Fine Arts Electives @ Gr. 9

➤ Students may choose **ONE** Full Year Elective Course [Band or Choir]

OR

➤ Students may choose **TWO** ½ Year Elective Course

- Band 9 (Full-Year)
- Choir 9 (Full-Year)
- Drama 9 (1/2 Year)
- Design & Technology 9 (1/2 Year)
- Visual Art 9 (1/2 Year)
- Woodworking 9 (1/2 Year)



Outside-of-Timetable Electives

Students may also choose an outside-of-timetable elective:

- Chamber Choir 9 (by Audition)
- Jazz Band 9 (by Audition)
- Jazz Choir 9 (by Audition)

Students must speak with Mr. Shoemaker, our Applied & Fine Arts Head of Department, to sign up for these courses



Gr. 8 Students accelerated in Mathematics

Students currently completing
Mathematic 9 or **Mathematics 9 Enriched**
may choose either:

Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10

OR

Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10 Enriched



Pre-Selected Grade 10 Courses

- ✓ *Career Life Education 10*
- ✓ English 10
- ✓ French 10
- ✓ a Mathematics 10
- ✓ Physical & Health Education 10
- ✓ Religion 10
- ✓ Science 10
- ✓ Social Studies 10



Grade 10 Program - 8 Block Timetable

English 10

a Mathematics 10

Social Studies 10

Science 10

French 10

Physical & Health Education 10

Religion 10

Elective – One Full Year Electives

Career Life Education 10 (Pull-Out & Integrated Approach)



Applied & Fine Arts Electives @ Gr. 10

➤ Students may choose **ONE** Full Year Elective Course:

Band 10

Choir 10

Drama 10

Guitar Building 11

Multimedia 11

Visual Art 10

Architectural

Design 10

Yearbook 10

Fitness & Conditioning

10



Outside-of-Timetable Electives

Students may also choose an outside-of-timetable elective:

- Chamber Choir 10 (by Audition)
- Jazz Band 10 (by Audition)
- Jazz Choir 10 (by Audition)

Students must speak with Mr. Shoemaker, our Applied & Fine Arts Head of Department, to sign up for these courses



Gr. 9 Students accelerated in Mathematics

Students currently completing:

Foundation of Mathematic & Pre-Calculus 10 *OR*

Foundation of Mathematic & Pre-Calculus 10 Enriched

may choose either:

Pre-Calculus 11

OR

Pre-Calculus 11 Enriched

Different Requirements



❖ BC *Dogwood Diploma*: high school graduation

- University & Post-Secondary admissions:
 - Canadian schools
 - US
- Technical, Vocational, Trades Training Programs



NEW BC Dogwood Diploma Requirements

Of the 80 credits needed, these are the **required 52 credits**:

Grade 10 areas of learning	Grade 11 areas of learning	Grade 12 areas of learning
Language Arts 10 (4)	Language Arts 11 (4)	Language Arts 12 (4)
Science 10 (4)	Science 11 (4) or Science 12 (4)	
Social Studies 10 (4)	Social Studies 11 (4) or Social Studies 12 (4)	
Math 10 (4)	Math 11 (4) or Math 12 (4)	
PHE 10 (4)		
	Arts Education 10, 11 or 12 (4) <i>and/or</i> ADST 10, 11, or 12 (4)	
Career Life Education (4) * Two versions: CLE (4) or CLE-A (2) & CLE-B (2)		Career Life Connections (4) + Capstone * Replaces Graduation Transitions in 2019/2020

Impending Changes to both SFU & UBC's admissions policies



Current (Fall 2018) – Current Gr. 12s

Required Grade 11 courses:

- English 11
- Science 11
- Language 11
- Mathematics 11

English 12 with a minimum final blended grade of 60%

Minimum of 4 Grade 12 courses from SFU's/UBC's approved course list (including English 12)

Admission average based on 4 Grade 12 courses (including English 12) required by program

Effective Fall 2019 – Current Gr. 11's

Required Grade 11 courses:

- English 11
- Science 11
- Language 11
- Mathematics 11

English 12 with a minimum final blended grade of 70%

Minimum of 5 Grade 12 courses from SFU's/UBC's approved course list (including English 12)

Admission evaluation based on all Grade 12 courses taken from SFU's/UBC's approved course lists.

Effective Fall 2020 – Current Gr. 10's

Required Grade 11 courses:

- English 11
- Science 11
- Language 11
- Mathematics 11
- Social Studies 11/12**

English Studies 12 with a minimum final grade of 70%

Minimum of 5 Grade 12 courses* from SFU's/UBC's approved course list (including English Studies 12)

Admission evaluation based on all Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses taken from SFU's/UBC's approved course list.

University admissions



- Canadian universities:

- ✓ Students should have a minimum of **5 Grade 12 courses** that qualify for university acceptance, in their preferred program of study, by the end of grade 12.
- ✓ Schools are looking specifically at the **Breadth, Rigour, and Relevancy** of coursework.

Academic courses at STMC



Grade 11 Courses	Grade 12 Courses	
English 11	English 12	Geography 12
Workplace Mathematics 11	English Literature 12	History 12
Foundations of Mathematics 11	Pre-Calculus 12	*Comparative Civilizations 12 / Comparative World Religions 12 Accelerated (8 Credit Course)
Pre-Calculus 11	Foundations of Mathematics 12	
Astronomy 11	Calculus 12	Law 12
Biology 11	*Pre-Calculus 12/Calculus 12 Combo	Economics 12
Physics 11	Biology 12	Psychology 12
Chemistry 11	Physics 12	*Social Justice 12 / Genocide Studies 12 Accelerated (8 Credit Course)
Earth Science 11	Chemistry 12	
Astronomy 11	French 12	
French 11	Religion 12	
Religion 11		

Examples of Canadian university requirements:



Engineering - UBC

- English 12, Pre-Calculus 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12, 1 other approved Grade 12 course, **PLUS** English 11, Pre-Calculus 11, Chemistry 11, Physics 11, a Grade 11 second language, a Social Studies 11/12

Business Administration – Carlton University

- English 12, Pre-Calculus 12, Calculus 12, 3 other approved Grade 12 courses

Arts - McGill

- English 12 and 4 other approved Grade 12 courses

Sciences - UVic

- English 12, Pre-Calculus 12, **and 3** of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Geography 12, Physics 12, **PLUS** Physics 11, Chemistry 11, a Social Studies 11/12, Pre-Calculus 11, and English 11

The Big Picture

What might an Arts, Business, Engineering and Sciences-bound student's Grade 11 & Grade 12 program look like?





Pathway of an ARTS student

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Socials 9	Socials 10	a Socials 11 or 12	Religion 12
Math 9	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Pre-Calculus 11 / <i>*Foundations 11</i>	<i>*Foundations 12</i>
Science 9	Science 10	Any Science 11	Elective
French 9	French 10	French 11	Elective
PHE 9	PHE 10	Religion 11	Elective
Religion 9	Religion 10	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective (Fine Arts or Applied Skill)	Elective	Elective
Health & Career Education 9	<i>*Career Life Education 10</i>	<i>*Career Life Connections 11/12</i> <i>*Capstone 12</i>	



Pathway of an “ideal” BUSINESS student

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Socials 9	Socials 10	a Socials 11 or 12	<u>Pre-Calculus 12</u>
Math 9	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Pre-Calculus 11	<u>Calculus 12</u>
Science 9	Science 10	Any Science 11	Religion 12
French 9	French 10	French 11	Elective
PHE 9	PHE 10	Religion 11	Elective
Religion 9	Religion 10	Elective 11	Elective
Elective	Elective (Fine Arts or Applied Skill)	Elective 11	Elective
Health & Career Education 9	<i>*Career Life Education 10</i>	<i>*Career Life Connections 11/12</i> <i>*Capstone 12</i>	



Pathway of an “ideal” ENGINEERING student

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Socials 9	Socials 10	a Socials 11 or 12	<u>Pre-Calculus 12</u>
Math 9	Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Pre-Calculus 11	<u>Calculus 12</u>
Science 9	Science 10	<u>Physics 11</u>	<u>Physics 12</u>
French 9	French 10	<u>Chemistry 11</u>	<u>Chemistry 12</u>
PHE 9	PHE 10	French 11	Religion 12
Religion 9	Religion 10	Religion 11	Elective
Elective	Elective (Fine Arts or Applied Skill)	Elective	Elective
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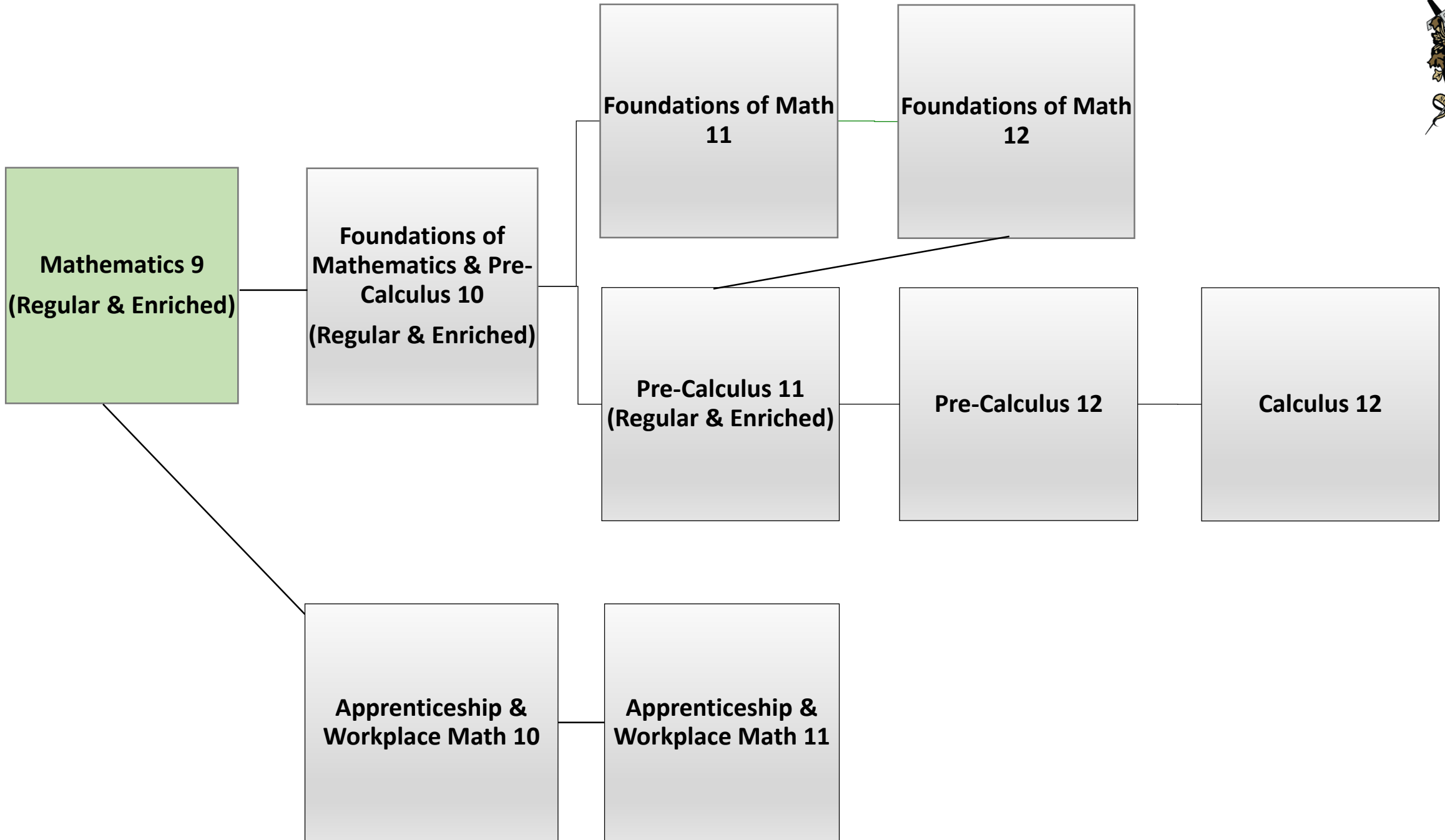
Pathway of an “ideal” SCIENCES student

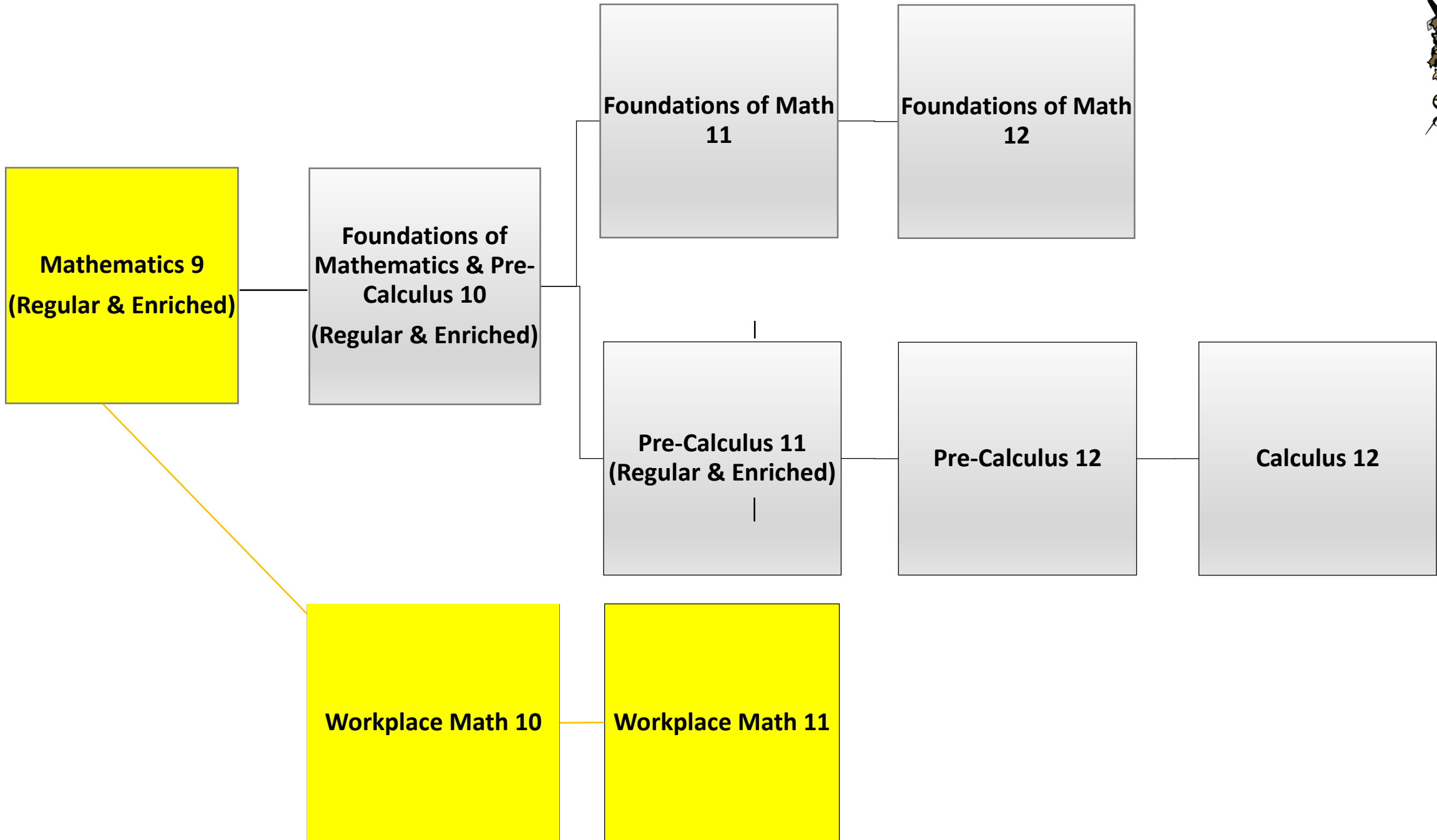
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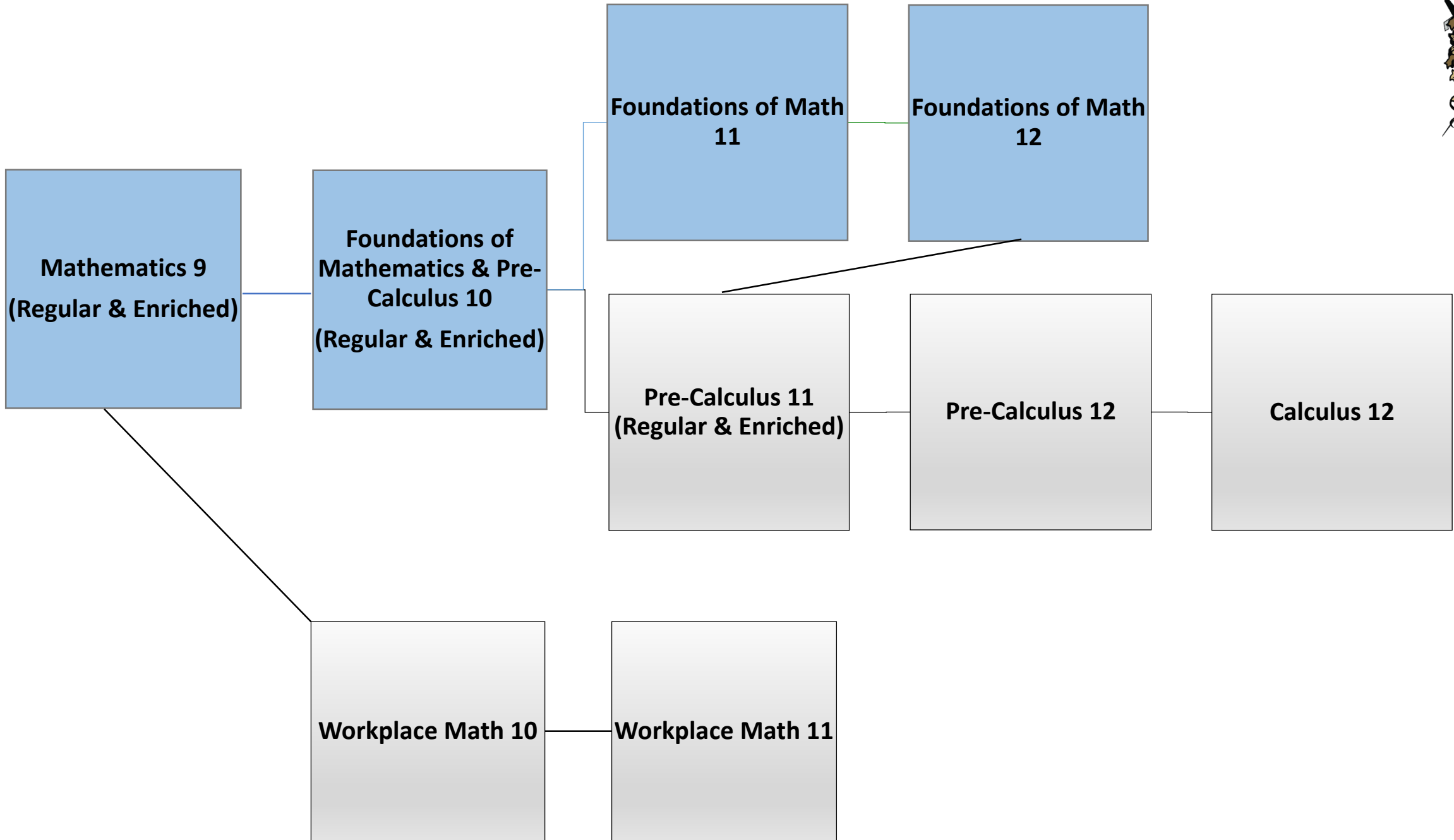


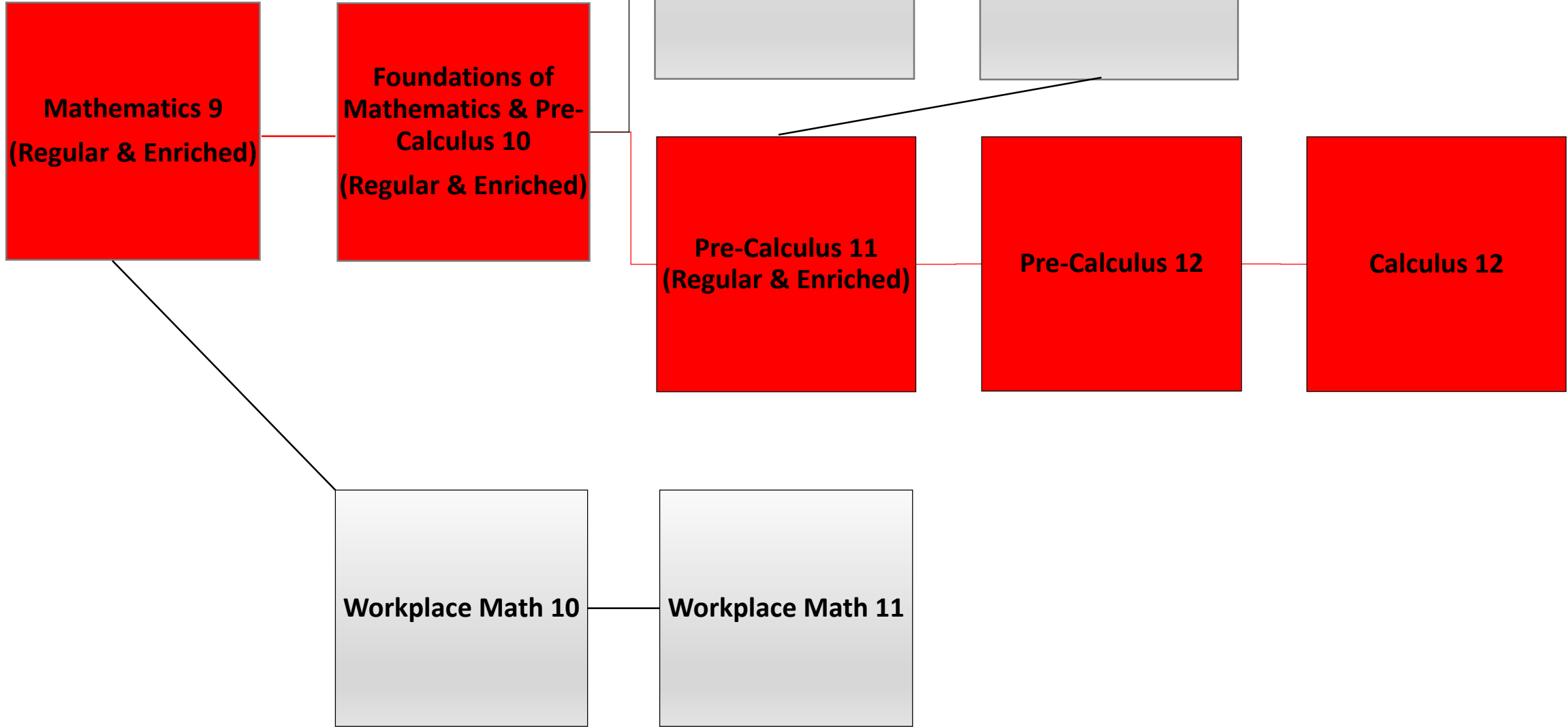
Mathematics Pathways & Options @STMC

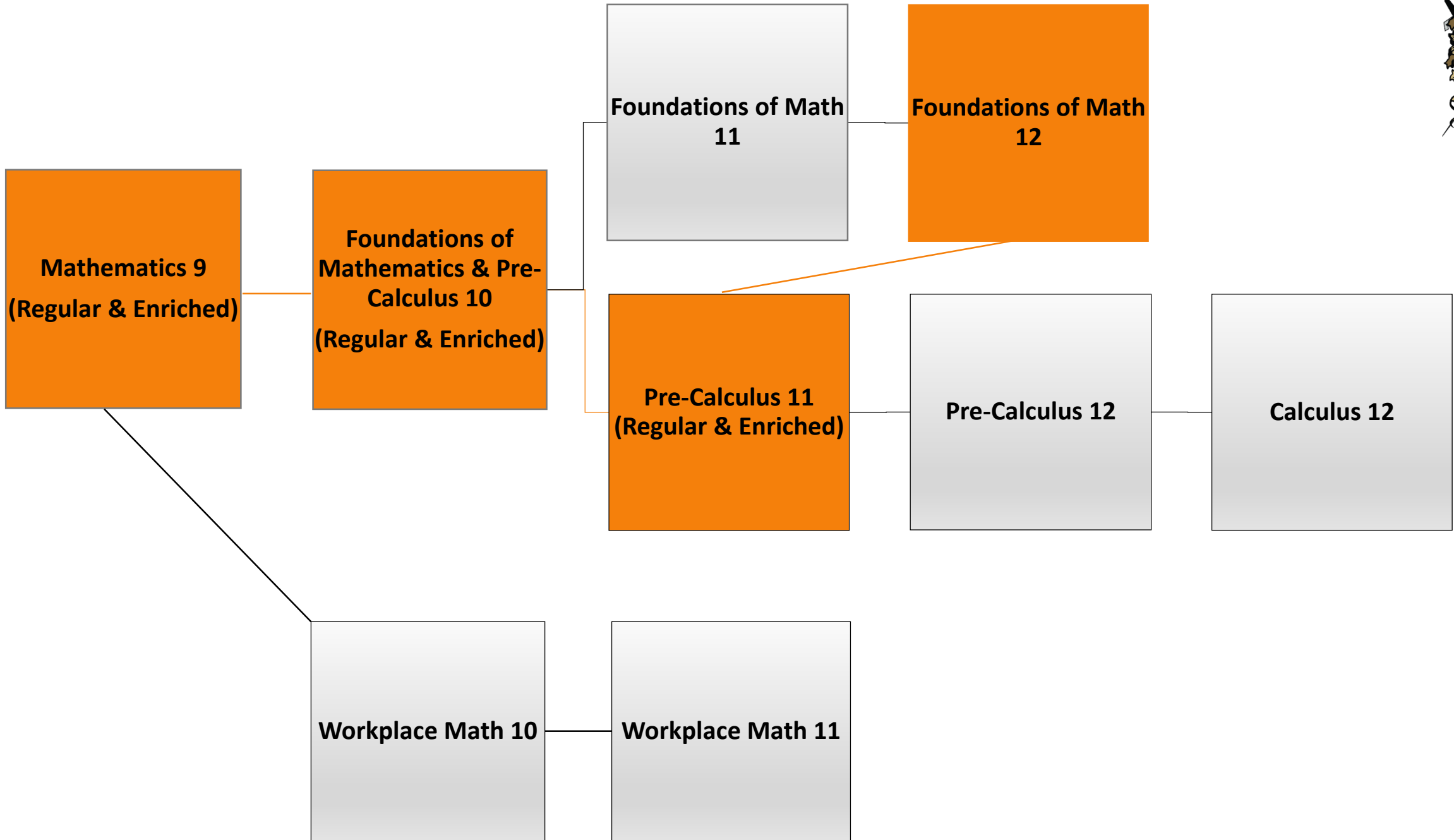
- All the mathematics pathways generally lead to technical training, college, or university entrance
- But, each pathway is entirely dependent upon a student's intended:
 - Program
 - Faculty
 - Destination (Type of Post-Secondary Institution)
 - Workplace – Foundations – Pre-Calculus













Second Language Requirement

- A grade 11 second language is required for admission to UBC Vancouver and SFU
- Many US colleges strongly recommend students have a second language up to the grade 11 level or above
- We **strongly** recommend that all students (unless they have an IEP with a second language exemption) complete a second language at least to the grade 11 level



Online Courses

- If students are considering taking an online course, we ask that they check with an Academic Counselor ***before*** enrolling
- It is the student's responsibility to complete their online course(s)
- STMC will only add an online course to a student's transcript once it is 100% complete. STMC's transcript indicates where an online course was completed
 - **UBC will ask why the course was taken online and where**
- Grade 12 students must have online courses completed by the end of January for the courses to be considered for admission purposes



Study Blocks

- Students can be eligible for a study block if they:
 - ✓ Have an IEP that supports extra time
 - ✓ Are on a formal External High Performance Program
 - ✓ Are heavily involved in the full academic program
- Students are NOT automatically given a study block “in lieu” of an outside course
- For more information about study block eligibility, consult the STMC website under “Academics”
- Students must submit a written application, explaining how they meet the criteria outlined on the website to be eligible for a study block



Course Selection on PowerSchool

- Select courses using Course Selections worksheet as a guide
- Students sign up for courses on **PowerSchool Parent Portal** starting **Friday, February 23rd**!
- Selecting through the Parent Portal indicates that parent(s) have approved the courses the student has selected



Login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and select **Class Registration** from the **Navigation** column on the left. As of Friday February 23rd, course selection will be open and a window similar to the one below will display. Depending on grade level, different options may be presented.

The screenshot shows a registration form for Grade 10. At the top, there are six required courses: Religion 10 (300 - 4 credits), Humanities 10 (300 - 0 credits), English 10 (110 - 4 credits), Socials 10 (220 - 4 credits), Science 10 (330 - 4 credits), and Phys Ed 10 (340 - 4 credits). Below these are sections for MATH 10, FRENCH / LA SELECTION, GRADE 10 SCHEDULED ELECTIVES, PLANNING 10, and GRADE 10 OFF-SCHEDULE ELECTIVES. Each section has a pencil icon for editing and a status icon (checkmark or exclamation mark). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right.

Courses on the top line are required and pre-selected

Click the pencil to select options. The exclamation mark mean a choice MUST be made.

Be sure to click SUBMIT when finished!

The Requesting value must be in the Required range after selecting options



Course Selection Deadline

All course selections must be done on the PowerSchool
Parent Portal by

March 5, 2018 at midnight

Thank You,
Questions?

