



Walnut Grove Secondary offers a rich variety of courses and believes that students should take advantage of the opportunity for a full education. In-school Study Blocks are a privilege reserved for senior students who have ample credits and challenging course loads.

Students in Grade 8-10 are expected to carry eight courses during the regular school day. Grade 11 students may apply to have one Study Block if they meet the criteria below. Grade 12 students may apply for one study block but must carry 7 courses in addition to their Study Block during the school day. Some Grade 12 students may decide to request a second Study Block in January. If they meet the criteria, they can make the request in January. Please see the timelines page for the dates of when second study blocks may be requested.

Taking an online course or taking an extended day course at WGSS does not qualify a student to have fewer courses during the regular school day.

Study Block Criteria

Grade 12 Students

Grade 12 students are required to have a minimum of eight courses on their timetable. Students who request a Study Block must:

- Have successfully completed 68 credits by the end of their Grade 11 year
- Have completed the grade 11 courses required for graduation, with the possible exception of the Socials 11/12 course
- Be enrolled in the courses required to graduate
- Have a heavy academic load

Grade 11 Students

Grade 11 students are required to have a minimum of eight courses on their timetable. Students who request a Study Block must:

- Have successfully completed 40 credits by the end of their Grade 10 year
- Have completed the grade 10 courses required for graduation
- Be enrolled in an extended day course ie. Choir or Band **OR** have a heavy academic load
- Only ONE Study Block per school year will be considered for approval

If students meet the above requirements, they may apply for a Study Block with permission from parent(s) and administration.

Expectations of Study Blocks

- Students are expected to report to the **library** or are off campus with parent permission for their Study Block.
- Students are **not** to be in the hallways, parking lot, or outside the building on the property.
- Students are expected to work productively during Study Block.
- Students must report to the Librarian, in the evacuation area during an emergency evacuation

Students choosing to use the library during their Study Block are expected to:

- use the library for **quiet** study, reading or computer/network access
- respect library rules & procedures

One Study Block on Timetable in September

Students who qualify for a Study Block are only permitted to have one Study Block on their timetable when school starts in September. This can either be **Semester 1** or a **Linear** Study Block which will be on Day 1 or Day 2.

Request for a Second Study Block

If a **Grade 12** student meets all graduation requirements and would like to have a second Study Block, they may submit a request to be reviewed by administration in January of each year. The FORM will be available in January on the [Timeline](#) section of the Course Guide website.

Student Acknowledgement: *I understand the expectations of a Study Block: YES / NO (please circle)*

Student name: _____ Student's grade in 2021-2022 school year: _____

Student signature: _____ WGSS Student number: _____

If my application for a Study Block is successful, please drop the following course from my schedule: _____

Parent Acknowledgement: *I understand the expectations of the Study Block and support my teen's need for a Study Block. I give permission for my teen to be off campus during their study block YES / NO (please circle)*

Parent signature: _____

Parent email address (please print clearly): _____

Office Use Only *(students please leave blank)*

Counsellor signature: _____ **# of credits:** _____

After you submit this form, your counsellor will review your request. If approved, your counsellor will sign the form, and the Study Block will be added to your timetable.