GIJE

Expression of Interest Form

Defining GIJE

The word gʊ̓jɛ (pronounced “gih-jeh”) in ʔayʔaǰuθəm means **land**. The GIJE - Guided Indigenized Journey to Excellence program is land-based education designed to give students the opportunity to learn through Indigenous centric cultural experiences.

GIJE is designed for grade 11 & 12 students, and is taught by an Indigenous teacher, and guided by an Elder in Residence. The class works with local knowledge keepers and experts to enrich students experience by validating Indigenous Knowledge.

Students are able to receive a broad range of academic and elective credits including, but not limited to the following:

- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
- Specialized Science 12
- English First Peoples 10, 11, or 12
- Outdoor Education 11 or 12
- Career Life Education 10
- Career Life Connections 12
- Physical Education 10
- BC First Peoples 12
- Certifications
- *Optional* Online Academic Courses

PARENT/GUARDIAN *Signatures*

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Types of EXPERIENCES

Fishing, archery, canoeing, foraging, painting, outdoor survival, hide tanning, boating, cooking, weaving, hiking, carving, leadership, etc...

Certifications vary by semester but have included: Small Vessel Operator Proficiency, Food Safe, Pleasure Craft Operator, Wilderness First Aid, Chain Saw Operator, etc...

Required INFORMATION

Name: _____

Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Indigenous Ancestry: ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure

If yes, from where: _____

Which courses are needed for graduation?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Students need a minimum of 80 credits to graduate, including 52 core credits, 28 elective credits, with 16 credits at the grade 12 level. For more information regarding graduation requirements, see here, speak to a school counselor, or email jessica.johnson@sd47.bc.ca.

GRADUATION *Requirements*

Required COURSES

*It is recommend that **bolded** courses be completed before participating in the GIJE program*

Subject	Course Completed	Credits	✓
English First Peoples 10 (two 2-credit courses)		4	
Language Arts 11		4	
English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12		4	
Social Studies 10		4	
Social Studies 11 or 12 (BC First Peoples 12, Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12, etc)		4	
Math 10		4	
Math 11 or 12		4	
Science 10		4	
Science 11 or 12 (Specialized Science 12, etc)		4	
Physical and Health Education 10		4	
Career Life Education 10		4	
Career Life Connections 12 & Capstone (including 30hrs work experience or career life exploration)		4	
Arts Education 10, 11, or 12; or an ADST (Foods, Textiles, Woodwork) 10, 11, or 12		4	
Total Required Credits		52	

Elective COURSES

Courses	Credits	✓
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Course:	4	
Total Elective Credits	28	

OTHER *Requirements*

Assessments		✓
Literacy Assessment in Grade 10		
Literacy Assessment in Grade 12		
Numeracy Assessment in Grade 10		
Indigenous Focused Grad Requirement	4 credits	
Credits at the Grade 12 level (4 courses)	16 credits	