



**GRADE 10**

## **Equine Studies**

### **SD53 Okanagan Similkameen**

This course is developed to support and encourage students who are involved or interested in the equestrian field. Previous horse experience is not required for this course, but an avid interest in horses is a must. Students will learn the basic understanding of rider safety, horse psychology, physiology and communication, history, breeds, disciplines, and care and feeding. Each student will have a choice of a reading assignment and activity in their area of equine interest. The students will have the opportunity to explore their individual interests and areas of expertise. The students are often given a variety of ways to present their work.

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**Credits:** 4

**Approval Date:** May 2018

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**Hours:** 100

**Trax Code:** YAAPS

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## GOALS AND RATIONALE

This course has been developed to support and encourage students to explore and experience the vast equine world. Students will gain knowledge about safety, horse psychology and physiology, communication, different disciplines, history and breeds. The students will use a variety of reporting methods, including but limited to: videos and DVD's, on line communication, reports, live presentations, posters, etc... The students will be able to explore areas of personal interest.

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## BIG IDEAS

Safety – A conscious effort to learn skills that will decrease the likelihood of injury or harm  
Care and Attention – All living things have basic needs which must be met to sustain their life  
Tools, Skills and Techniques – To be successful in any pursuit, participants must be familiar with all of these  
Communicate – Both verbal and non-verbal communication are important means of conveying information

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Students do not have to own their own horse, or even have access to regular lessons to complete this course.