



GRADE 10

Equine Studies

SD53 Okanagan Similkameen

To support & encourage students who're involved/interested in the equestrian field. Previous horse experience isn't required, but an avid interest in horses is a must. Students will learn basic understanding of rider safety, horse psychology, physiology & communication, history, breeds, disciplines, care & feeding. Each student will have a choice of a reading assignment & activity in their area of equine interest. Students have an opportunity to explore individual interests/expertise.

Credits: 4

Approval Date: May 2018

Hours: 100

Trax Code: YAAPS

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives: Students will have an opportunity to re-explore how horses have played a significant role in Aboriginal history and continue to be a source of identity to modern culture. Horses obviously provide a source of pleasure but students will have an opportunity to explore the therapeutic influence that horses have on the human experience.