

Section:	<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>
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## 6.21 School Completion (Evergreen) Certificate

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### 1. Rationale

The school is responsible for providing educational programs to students with special needs who are on an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The School Completion Certificate, or Evergreen Certificate, is intended to celebrate success in learning and accomplishments of students with diverse abilities or disabilities (special needs). To be eligible for a School Completion Certificate, the student must be designated in one of the Inclusive Education categories and have an IEP with modified curriculum. The decision to place a student in an Evergreen Program should not be made prior to Grade 10. Before a student is placed on a School Completion Program, the Principal will consult with parent(s)/guardian(s) and, where possible, the student to ensure the appropriateness of the program. The principal will ensure the parent(s)/guardian(s) are aware that this pathway will not meet the criteria for a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and Kootenay Christian Academy's Parent Acknowledgment of Program Modification form has been signed.

**Evergreen Graduation Certificate  
Parent/Guardian Consent**

After psycho-educational testing and in consultation with the school staff: School Administrator, Learning Assistance Coordinator and/or Special Education Coordinator, I/We agree that \_\_\_\_\_, be placed on a modified high school program, leading to an Evergreen Graduation Certificate.

- a. We understand that this means \_\_\_\_\_ will not be working towards a regular high school graduation certificate, commonly referred to as a Dogwood Graduation Certificate, but will be working towards obtaining an Evergreen Graduation Certificate
- b. We understand that \_\_\_\_\_ will not be required to meet the prescribed learning outcomes for some/all of the courses in which she/he is enrolled, but s/he will have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which will outline goals for the classes & programs in which he/she is enrolled
- c. We also understand that this has significant implications for his/her future, including limiting the options available to him/her for post-secondary education

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Parent name(s): Please print

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Parent signature

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Parent signature

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Date