



# Grade 9 Course Selection



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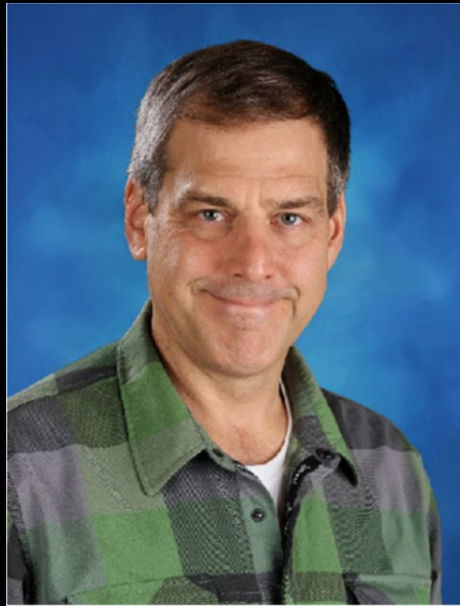
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# Grade 9 Course Selection

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1. Today: Presentation on your course options
2. Fill in your choices today and hand in the form.
3. You will get a course selection verification prior to Spring Break; instructions for how to change course requests will be on the back.
4. You will get your timetable in June





# Course Selection Materials

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_



## GRADE 9 Course Planning 2025 / 2026

Every student in Grade 9 must select from the following courses:

**REQUIRED:** From the **INSIDE TIMETABLE** courses, please Select 8 Courses (Must choose 3 Electives+ 2 Back-Ups)

Please see the Grade 9 course handbook for descriptions

1.  English 9
2.  Social Studies 9
3.  Mathematics 9
4.  Science 9
5.  Physical and Health Education 9 or  
 PHE - Fit for Life 9

Students must choose a minimum of three electives & two back-ups

6. Elective - 1<sup>st</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #1
7. Elective - 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #2
8. Elective - 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #3

Back-up Elective - indicate back-up choice below with #4  
 Back-up Elective - indicate back-up choice below with #5

Number your elective (#1-3) and back-up (#4,5) choices below in order of preference

Home Economics

Food Studies 10

Either:

- Introductory Textiles 10 OR  
 Intermediate Textiles 10

Information & Communications

Technology

- Computer Studies 10  
 Intro to Robotics 10

Arts Education

- Drama 9  
 Visual Art 9  
 Dance Foundations 10  
 Dance Technique & Performance: Street Styles 10  
 Dance Company: Classical Styles 10  
 Media Design 10 – Media Broadcasting

Technology Education

- Autobody 10  
 Power Mechanics 10  
 Metalwork 10  
 Woodwork 10  
 Art Metal & Jewelry 10  
 Skills Exploration 10

Business Education

Marketing 10

Second Languages

- French 9  
 Japanese 10  
 Spanish 9

Career Education & Personal Development

Yoga for Mindfulness 10

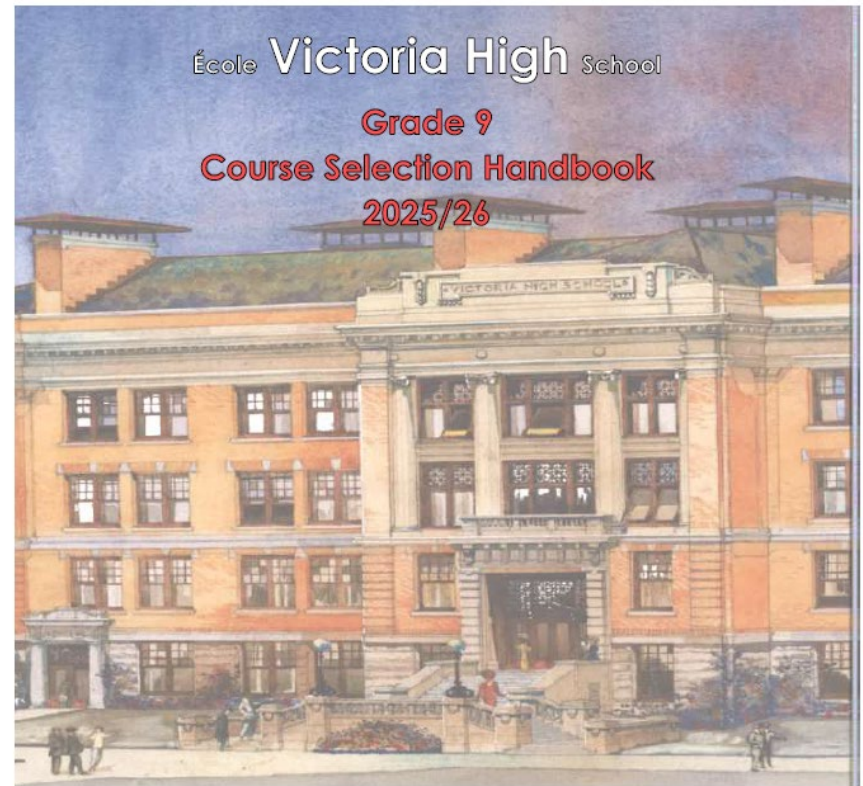
Music

- Music 9: Concert Band  
 Guitar 10

Academic Acceleration

~ a possibility for strong, highly motivated students

- Science 10  
 Social Studies 10  
 Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10  
One of:  
 Literary Studies/Composition 10  
 Creative Writing/Composition 10



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## Grade 9 Course Selection Handbook 2025/26

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### PROGRAMS & COURSES

#### Academic Departments

- Arts Education
- Business Education
- Dance
- English
- English Language Learning (ELL)
- Fine Arts
- Mathematics
- Home Economics
- Modern Languages
- Personal Development
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technical Education

### COURSE SELECTION

#### 2025/26 Course Selection:

##### Grade 9:

Grade 9 Course Selection Slideshow 2025-2026: [Grade 8 incoming to 9 2025-2026 slideshow](#)

Grade 9 Course Selection Handbook 2025-2026: [Grade 9 Course Handbook 2025-2026](#)

- Grade 9 Course Selection **ENG Grade 9 2025 2026**
- Grade 9 Course Selection - French Immersion **FRIM Grade 9 2025 2026**

##### Grades 10-12:

Grade 10-12 Course Selection Handbook 2025-2026: [Grades 10-12 Course Handbook 2025-2026](#)

Grade 10-12 Electives [Grades 10-12 Electives List 2025-2026](#)

Prerequisites 2025-2026: [2025-2026 Prerequisites List](#)

#### Grade 10 Course Selection

- Grade 10 Course Selection **ENG Grade 10 2025 2026**
- Grade 10 Course Selection - French Immersion **FRIM Grade 10 2025 2026**
- Grade 10 Slideshow [Grade 10 2025-2026 Slideshow](#)





# Semestered Timetable

<b>8:10am – 8:55am</b>	<b>Before School Classes (Band, Leadership, etc)</b>	
<b>9:00am – 10:20am</b>	<b>A Block</b>	<b>Science 9</b>
<b>10:25am – 11:45am</b>	<b>B Block</b>	<b>Visual Arts 9</b>
<b>11:45am – 12:30pm</b>		
<b>12:30pm – 1:50pm</b>	<b>C Block</b>	<b>Social Studies 9</b>
<b>1:55pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>D Block</b>	<b>Foods 10</b>
<b>3:15pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Outside Timetable Courses: Most music classes, Musical Theatre, Leadership, Yearbook, etc. Schedule will be provided schedule by instructor.</b>	

## SEMESTER 1

**September 3 - end of January**

## SEMESTER 2

**Beg. of February - June 26**



# Course Selection Form

## English Program or French Immersion



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 9 Course Planning 2025 / 2026**

Every student in Grade 9 must select from the following courses:

**REQUIRED: From the INSIDE TIMETABLE courses, please Select 8 Courses (Must choose 3 Electives+ 2 Back-Ups)**  
Please see the Grade 9 course handbook for descriptions

- English 9
- Social Studies 9
- Mathematics 9
- Science 9
- Physical and Health Education 9 or  
 PHE - Fit for Life 9

Students must choose a minimum of three electives & two back-ups

- Elective - 1<sup>st</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #1
- Elective - 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #2
- Elective - 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #3

Back-up Elective - indicate back-up choice below with #4  
Back-up Elective - indicate back-up choice below with #5

**Number your elective (#1-3) and back-up (#4,5) choices below in order of preference**

<p><u>Home Economics</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 10	<p><u>Technology Education</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Autobody 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Power Mechanics 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Metal & Jewelry 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Skills Exploration 10	<p><u>Career Education &amp; Personal Development</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga for Mindfulness 10
<p><u>Either:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Textiles 10 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Textiles 10	<p><u>Business Education</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing 10	<p><u>Music</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Music 9: Concert Band <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 10
<p><u>Information &amp; Communications Technology</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Robotics 10	<p><u>Second Languages</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> French 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 9	<p><u>Academic Acceleration</u> ~ a possibility for strong, highly motivated students</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
<p><u>Arts Education</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Foundations 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Technique & Performance: Street Styles 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Company: Classical Styles 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 10 – Media Broadcasting	<p><u>One of:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies/Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing/Composition 10	

Optional - \*OUTSIDE the timetable (before school, lunch or after school)  
Place a check mark in the boxes next to the course(s) you want to select.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 9 Course Planning 2025 / 2026**  
**FRENCH IMMERSION**

Every student in Grade 9 must select from the following courses:

**REQUIRED: From the INSIDE TIMETABLE courses, please Select 8 Courses (Must choose 2 Electives + 2 Back-Ups)**  
Please see the Grade 9 course handbook for descriptions.

- English 9
- Français Langue 9
- Sciences Humaines 9
- Mathematics 9
- Sciences Naturelles 9
- Physical and Health Education 9 OR  
 PHE - Fit for Life 9

Students must choose a minimum of two electives & two back-ups

- Elective - 1<sup>st</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #1
- Elective - 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice - indicate choice below with #2





# Grade 9 Course Selection

- Choose 8 courses IN the timetable
- Outside of Timetable courses are optional





# English Program

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1. English 9
2. Social Studies 9
3. Math 9
4. Science 9
5. Physical & Health Ed. 9 OR Fit for Life 9
6. First choice elective #1
7. Second Choice Elective #2
8. Third Choice Elective #3
9. Back-ups - 4# and 5#



# French Immersion

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1. English 9
2. Français Langue 9
3. Sciences Humaines 9
4. Math 9
5. Sciences Naturelles 9
6. Physical & Health Ed. 9 OR Fit for Life 9
7. First choice elective #1
8. Second Choice Elective #2
9. Back-ups - #3 and #4



# Physical and Health Ed.

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Choose one:

Physical Health and Education 9

➤ (more team sports oriented)

Or

PHE - Fit for Life 9

➤ (includes activities like dance, yoga etc.)





# Electives

- Electives are any courses not required for graduation (but you can also choose courses that are required)
- We build our timetable around the classes students choose





# In Timetable Electives

## Home Economics:

- Food Studies 10  
*Either:*
- Introductory Textiles 10 **OR**
- Intermediate Textiles 10

## Information & Communications:

- Computer Studies 10
- Intro to Robotics 10

## Arts Education

- Drama 9
- Visual Arts 9
- Dance Foundations 10
- Dance Technique & Performance:  
Street Styles 10
- Dance Company: Classical Styles 10
- Media Design 10 – Broadcasting

## Technology Education:

- Auto Body 10
- Power Mechanics 10
- Metalwork 10
- Woodwork 10
- Art Metal & Jewellery 10
- Skills Exploration 10

## Business Education 10

- Marketing 10

## Second Languages

- French 9
- Japanese 10
- Spanish 9



# In Timetable Electives

## Career Education & Personal Development

- Yoga for Mindfulness 10

## Music:

- Music 9: Concert Band
- Guitar 10

ALWAYS **learn** SOMETHING **new**





# Academic Acceleration

A possibility for strong highly motivated students:

- ❑ Science 10 (English track students only)
- ❑ Socials 10 (English track students only)
- ❑ Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
- ❑ Potentially one of these English Language Arts 10 courses:
  - ❑ Literary Studies/Composition 10 OR
  - ❑ Creative Writing/Composition 10

Takes the place of a non-academic elective







# \*Outside Timetable

## Music:

- Choral Music 10: Concert Choir
- Contemporary Music 10:  
Instrumental (R&B)
- Choral Music: Vocal Jazz 10
- Instrumental Music: Jazz Band  
10
- Instrumental Music: Orchestra 10  
(strings, woodwinds, brass and  
percussion)

## Dance & Drama

- Musical Theatre 10

## Personal Development

- Leadership 9

These classes are held either before school, after school or at lunch



# Sports and Clubs

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## Sports Examples:

- Track
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Etc.

## Clubs Examples:

- Astronomy
- Green Team
- Juggling
- Chess Club
- GSA
- Gardening
- SOCA
- Read & Write Club
- Etc.

See the back of the course handbook for more examples



# In Timetable Electives

Number your elective choices in order of preference (#1 to #5)

- Choose a minimum:
  - English Program: **3 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  - French Program: **2 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
- ‘Back-ups’ are used if we cannot schedule you in your first choices.



# Home Economics Electives

## ☐ Foods 10



## ☐ Textiles 10





# Information Technology

□ Computer Studies 10

□ Intro to Robotics  
10

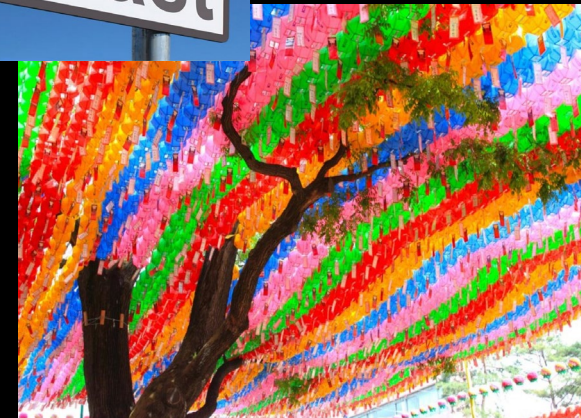
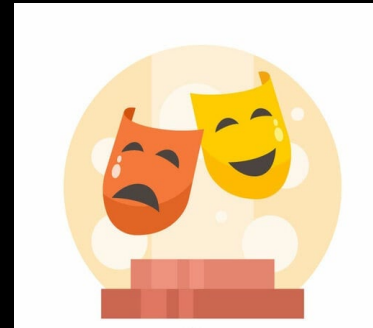






# Arts Education

- Dance Foundations  
10 (beginning dance)
- Dance Technique and  
Performance: Street  
Styles 10
- Dance Company:  
Classical Styles 10
- Drama 9
- Visual Art 9
- Media Design  
10 - Broadcasting





# Technology Education

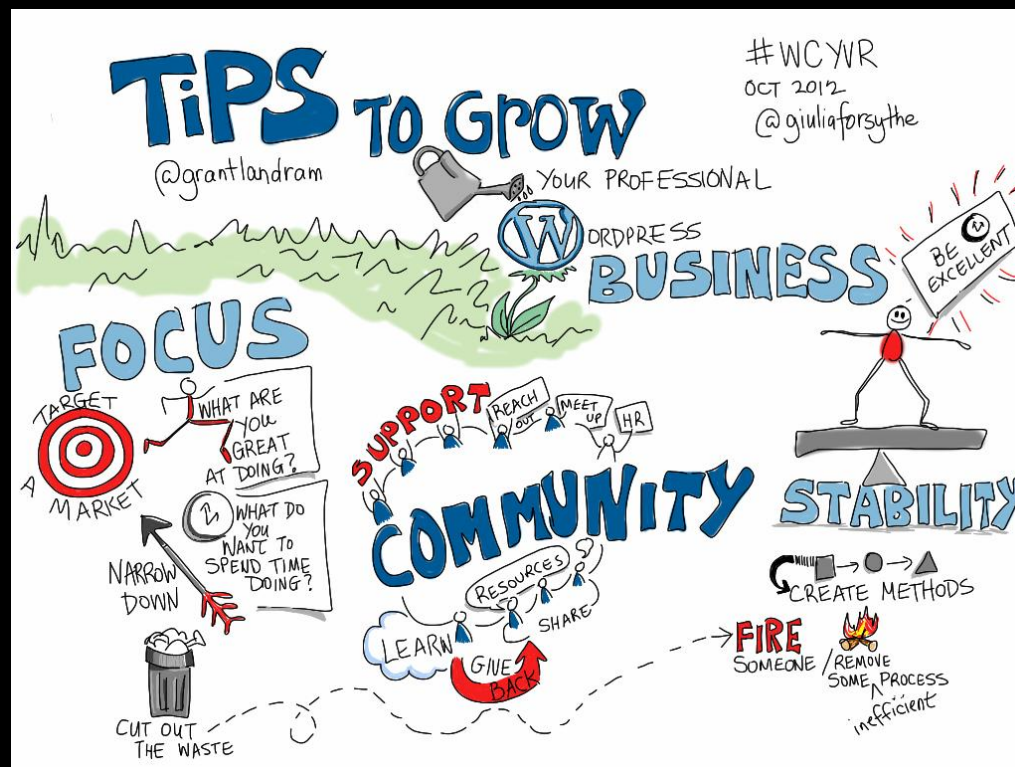
- ❑ Autobody 10
- ❑ Power Mechanics 10
- ❑ Metalwork
- ❑ Woodwork 10
- ❑ Art Metal & Jewelry 10
- ❑ Skills Exploration 10





# Business Education

- Marketing 10: learn how to create a business



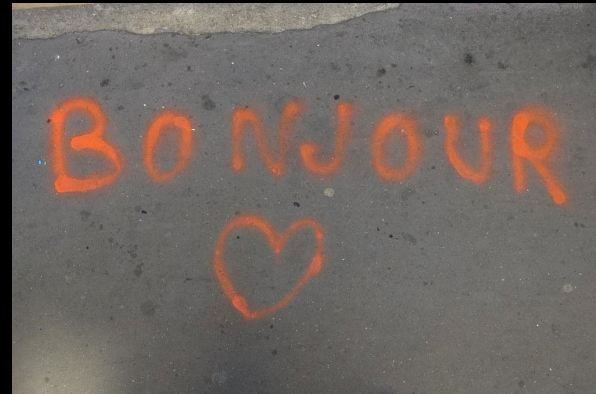




# Second Languages

Beginner level:

- French 9
- Japanese 10
- Spanish 9



*Konnichiwa*







# Personal Development

## ☐ Yoga for Mindfulness 10





# Music

- ❑ Music 9: Concert Band  
(previous experience  
playing an instrument required)
- ❑ Guitar 10 (no previous  
experience required)

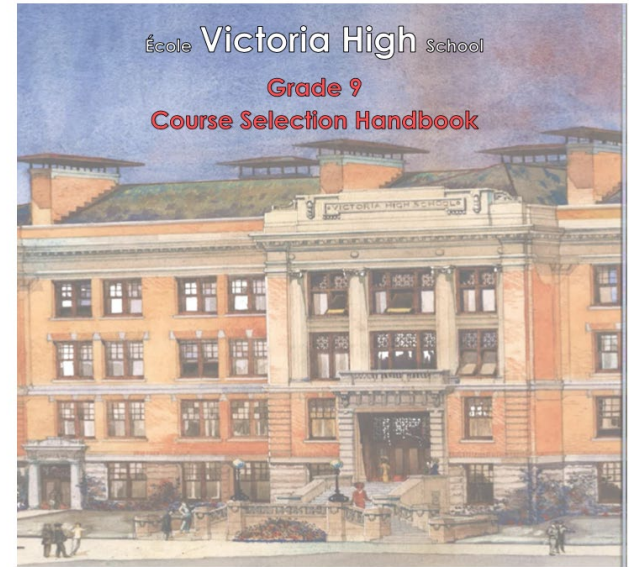




# Electives

## How do I choose?

- What do I LIKE to do?
- What am I GOOD at?
- What am I INTERESTED in?
- What would I like to TRY?



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# Next Steps

- Verification sheets given out before Spring break; instructions for how to request changes will be included
- Final timetable sent in June 2025







# Time to choose your electives

Number your in timetable elective choices in order of preference (#1 to #5)

- Choose a minimum:
  - English Program: **3 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  - French Program: **2 Electives + 2 Back-ups**
  
- To select out of timetable electives, check the box(es)





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