



Sentinel Secondary

2023/24
Course Planning Session
for
Current
Grade 8 Students

Counselling Team



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Course Planning Timeline

- **Mid January:** Classroom based course planning sessions with school counsellors
- Course selection forms will be given to students during their course planning sessions on **January 17th and January 19th, 2023** and are due **Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 in the counselling suite.**
 - This form should be filled out and **signed by a parent or guardian**
- Course request verification in the Spring 2023

Course Planning Resources

[Sentinel Course Handbook 2023-24](#)

We *strongly recommend* that students and their families use the handbook to guide them through the course selection process

- The Course Handbook includes descriptions of ALL courses offered as well as course pathways for each department

[Sentinel Counselling Website](#)

- Our website includes a link to the Course Handbook as well as grade specific course offerings information

Human Resources

- Don't forget to check in with family, school counsellors, teachers, and classmates

Grade 9 Curriculum

- Grade 9 students are required to take 8 courses *inside* of the timetable
- Career Education 9 is a required course and will be added to all student timetables (i.e. 9th course)
- Choir 9/Theatre Company 9 are *optional* and are offered outside of the timetable
- Please refer to the [Sentinel Course Handbook 2023-24](#) for course details

Grade 9 Curriculum

English Stream

1. English 9 (or ELL)
2. Math 9 (or Math 9 Enriched)
3. Science 9
4. Social Studies 9
5. Physical Education 9
6. Language Elective 9 (or Support Block)
7. Elective
8. Elective
9. Career Education 9 (outside timetable)
10. Choir/Theatre 9 (outside timetable)

French Immersion Stream

1. English 9
2. Maths 9 (Math 10 if in Maths 9 this year)
3. Sciences 9
4. Science Humaines 9
5. Physical Education 9
6. Français Langue 9
7. Elective (or Support Block)
8. Elective
9. Career Education 9 (outside timetable)
10. Choir/Theatre 9 (outside timetable)

Electives: Language

- **Language Elective:**

- Français Langue 9 (French immersion students)
- French 9 (students in English stream)
- Spanish 9 (suitable for students who have never taken Spanish before)
- Intro to Japanese 11 or Intro to Mandarin 11

Note: Students interested in studying multiple languages may request French 9 or Français Langue 9 *and* Spanish 9 or Intro 11 courses

Electives: Applied Skills

- **Applied Skills (ADST)**

- Foods 9
- Information + Communications Technologies 10
- Textiles 9
- Woodwork 9
- Entrepreneurship + Marketing 10

Note: Students may request Foods 9 OR Woodwork 9, but not both.

When I try to cook something for myself



Electives: Music + Fine and Performing Arts

- Music

- Concert Band 9
- Jazz Band 9
- Orchestral Strings 9
- Concert Choir 9



- Fine and Performing Arts

- Drama 9
- Theatre Company - after school
- Arts Education 9
- Ceramics and Sculpture 9
- Media Arts 9 (Photography)

English Language Learning (ELL) Program

- Language adapted (LA) courses are offered in **English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies**
- Students are recommended to ELL classes based on academic achievement in grade 8, teacher recommendation, and Spring/Fall ELL assessments
- **Pace** and **workload** are adjusted for greater accessibility
- “Language Adapted” **does NOT** appear on student transcript
- ELL courses **do NOT** limit post-secondary opportunities

Premier Sports Academies

By Application found on website below: Apply early

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies>

Students receive PE credits except for robotics



WVS Premier Programs

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs>

- Outdoor Education (counts for PE)
- First Aid Swim Training (FAST) (PE)
- 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training (PE)
- Honour Choir (late afternoon course)

*Require separate application & fees

See district website



Summer Learning

- Grade 8-9 courses are non-credit courses (i.e. do not count toward graduation; completion or review only)
- Online registration is the responsibility of the student
- [West Vancouver Schools Summer Learning](#) opens for registration on May 1
- Other local options include: [North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) and [Vancouver School Board Summer Experience](#)

NOTE: *If websites do not include updated summer 2023 information, please check again soon.*

