

**ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
2021-2022 COURSE SELECTION  
GRADE 7 INTO GRADE 8

**Note:** Final copy of this form must be completed using a pen.

FIRST NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (m/d/y) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:      Male      Female      Other

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE 8**  
**Required Courses:**

Students in grade 8 are required to take the following courses; programming will be done by the school based on a consultation process with the elementary school.

Language and Literature Year 3 (English 8) or Transitional English 8

Individuals and Societies year 3 (Social Studies 8)

Mathematics Year 3

Sciences Year 3

Language Acquisition Year 3 (French or Spanish) or English Language Development 8

**\*Note:** The MYP Program requires sustained acquisition of a Second Language. All students take the same second language in Grades 8, 9 & 10.

**Choose one of the following:**

- French 8 **OR**
- Spanish 8 **OR**
- no preference, either Spanish 8 or French 8 **OR**
- English Language Development 8

Physical and Health Education Year 3 (PE 8)

Applied Skills 8 – Textiles, Information Technology, Technology Education

**AND Choose one of the following:**

- Fine Arts 8 – Beginner Band, Drama and Art, **OR**
- Music: Jr. Concert Band \_\_\_\_\_ (instrument)  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of experience (if any)

**\*Note:** Band is a **full year** course and it replaces the grade 8 Fine Arts elective block.

Additional Optional Courses

- Optional: Choir 8 (offered outside the timetable)
- Optional: Jr Jazz Band (in addition to Jr. Concert Band) - offered outside the timetable

Are you currently enrolled in Learning Support or English Language Learner (ELL) support?

- LSP                       ELL

Please note: Referrals for LSP or ELL are made by Grade Seven teachers.

## **Pursuit Program**

Students who are eligible for Pursuit status are competing or performing at an exceptional (elite) level in their specific activity. This must be verified through:

- Achievements recognized by the Ministry of Education with the granting of external credit
- Confirmation of an affiliated outside agency which provides training and competition opportunities at an elite level.

The criteria for elite level participation are, in addition to the minimum criterion of academic achievement, requisite weekly training/competition hours and citizenship which are described in the Pursuit application package, available on the district website. <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/> go to *Programs > Secondary > Pursuit* Contact Ms. Towers, Rockridge Vice Principal, at [jtowers@wvschools.ca](mailto:jtowers@wvschools.ca) or by phone at 604.981.1300 if you have questions about your child's eligibility or suitability for this program.

## **West Vancouver Schools' Premier Academies**

West Vancouver Schools' Premier Academy programs provide an exciting opportunity for students to achieve excellence in a range of disciplines in athletics, the arts and STEM learning. The programs offer students the opportunity to complete their academic requirements in the mornings and their skill development in the afternoons, all during school hours. Open House information session dates and times are available on <http://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies>. Please register online. For further information, please contact Diane Nelson, District Principal, at 604-981-1150 or [dnelson@wvschools.ca](mailto:dnelson@wvschools.ca).