

Rockridge Secondary

Grade 9 Planning 2023-24



Purpose

- Provide an overview of grade 9
- Introduce electives
- Explain Academies and PURSUIT program
- Communicate important dates to remember
- Prepare you for my classroom visit



Counsellors

- ✘ Mr. Pandher Grade 8
- ✘ Ms. Radcliffe Grade 9-12, A-L
- ✘ Mr. Ahmelich Grade 9-12, M-Z
- ✘ Leanne Warner Youth Worker



Course Load

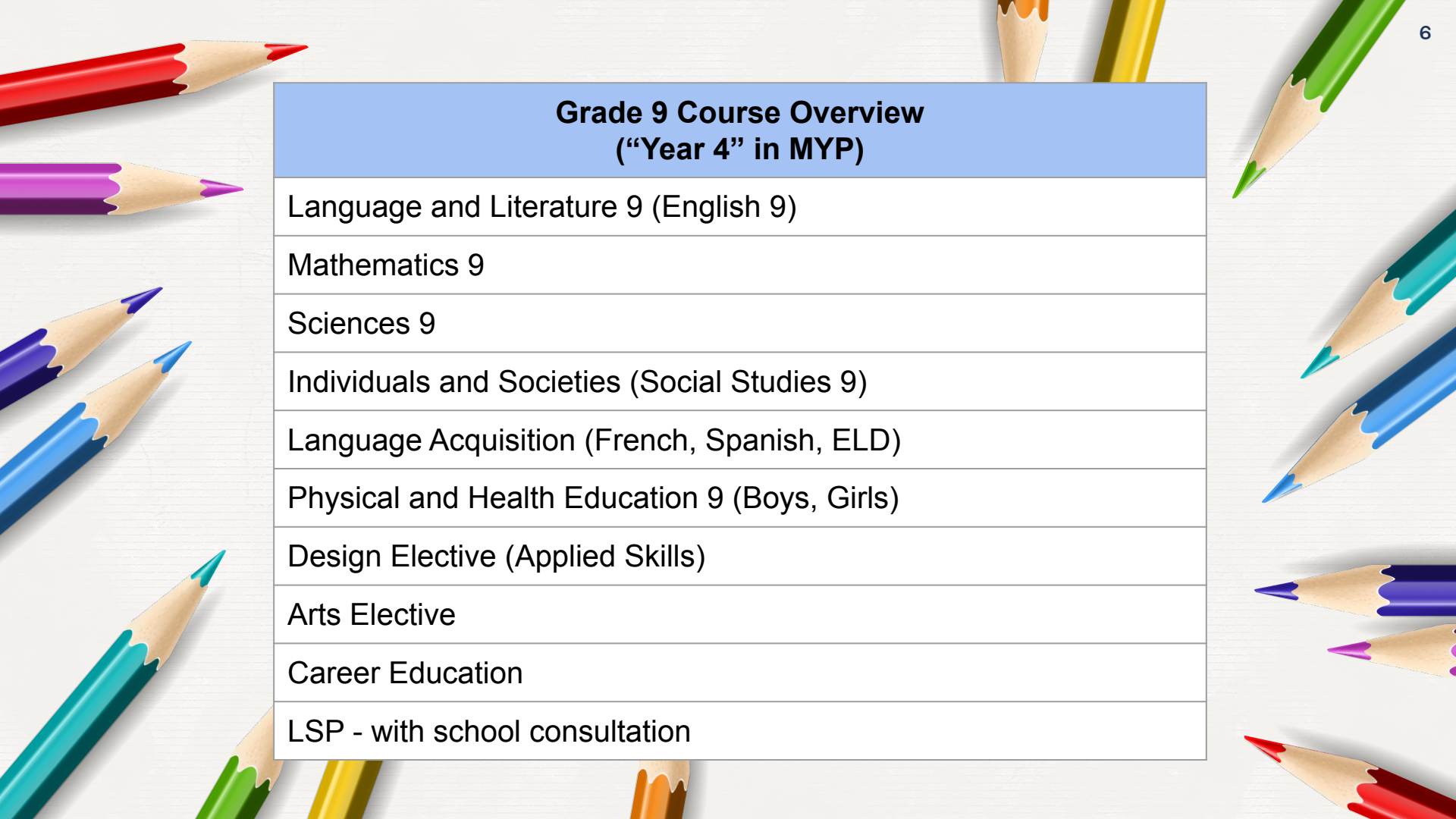
- ✘ **Grade 9** requires **8 courses**, may have 9+ courses (if outside of timetable)
- ✘ **Honour Roll** is calculated on students' **best 7** in grade 8-10



Grade 9 Course Overview

- English 9
- Math 9
- Individual & Societies 9
- Science 9
- P.E. 9 (Boys, Girls)
- French/Spanish/ELL
- **2 Electives (one AS, one FA)**
- Careers 9 (during x-block)
- LSP – with school consultation





Grade 9 Course Overview ("Year 4" in MYP)
Language and Literature 9 (English 9)
Mathematics 9
Sciences 9
Individuals and Societies (Social Studies 9)
Language Acquisition (French, Spanish, ELD)
Physical and Health Education 9 (Boys, Girls)
Design Elective (Applied Skills)
Arts Elective
Career Education
LSP - with school consultation

Grade 9 Electives

Design (Applied Skills)

Textiles

Food Studies

Drafting and Design

Info. Technology

*as 9-11th course, outside
the timetable

Arts

Art Foundations

Media Arts

Concert Band

Drama

Video Production

Concert Choir*

Jazz Band*

Theatre Company*



What's returning in 2023-24?

Theatre Company 9-12

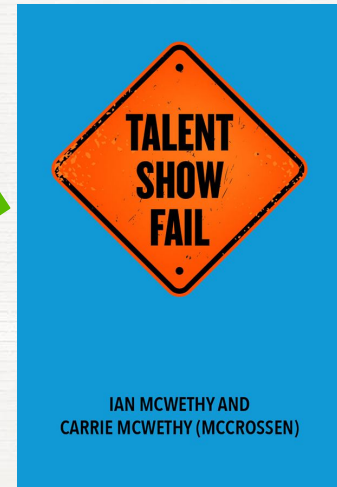
Prepare and put on a school play

- **As a:** performer, assistant director, stage manager, props and costume designer, coordinator, set builder, painter or decorator



This year's play

For more info come to the
drama room Feb 1st at lunch



WV - District Programs

- District Choir (WVSS) by audition
- FAST Program 9-12
- Outdoor Rec District Program
(Grade 9 - by recommendation of current PE teacher)

In later grades...

- Fashion Industry 11-12
- Yoga Teacher Training 10-12
- Carpentry Ace-It Program (Train in Trades) 11-12
- YELL (Entrepreneurship/Leadership) 11-12

District Premier Academies

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- Badminton
 - Baseball
 - Basketball
 - Fencing
 - Field Hockey
 - Mechatronics Robotics
 - Rugby
 - Soccer
 - Volleyball
 - Tennis

*Information available from Diane Nelson (dnelson@wvschools.ca)

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

Academies/District Programs

- ✗ Fixed times mostly during **afternoon block**
- ✗ Students in these programs will require specific course programming and course selection
- ✗ For course selection specifics, please contact your counsellor

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

Linear Schedule

Day 1 and 2 will alternate

Day 1	Day 2
Block 1	Block 5
Block 2	Block 6
Block 3	Block 7
Lunch	Lunch
Block 4	Block 8

Morning blocks rotate and FIT will be between 2 of the blocks twice a week

Afternoon block will be fixed. Academy and District programs will take place here





Course Selection Sheet (complete handout/ sheet)



ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION

GRADE 8 INTO GRADE 9

2023-2024

FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:	
STUDENT EMAIL & CELL NUMBER:			
Instructions: Choose one course per row – mark it with an “x”. You must have 9 courses minimum (8 courses plus Careers 9)			
COURSES	x		x
1. Language and Literature Year 4		OR Transitional English 9**	
2. Individuals & Society Year 4			
3. Mathematics Year 4			
4. Sciences Year 4			
5. Physical and Health Education Year 4			
6. Language Acquisition Year 4: Spanish		OR Language Acquisition Year 4: French	
OR English Language Development 9**		OR LSP (with permission)	
7. Fine Arts Elective* First Choice:	Second choice:		
8. Applied Skills Elective* First Choice:	Second choice:		
9. Career Education 9 (mandatory)			x
10. Elective (outside the timetable optional):			
LSP (with permission) - Note: choose this option if you are planning to also take Spanish or French			
NOTES FOR COUNSELLOR- please add everything below this into the “NOTES for COUNSELLOR” section on MyEd			
Please indicate which Premier Academy, District Programs and/or Pursuit Activity you intend to participate in:			
Other Comments:			

* Demand often exceeds availability in these courses.

** ELL students will be assessed and placed in the appropriate level of English as required.

CORE COURSES
ENGLISH 9: LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE YEAR 4
INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES YEAR 4 (Social Studies 9)
MATHEMATICS 9 - MATHEMATICS YEAR 4
SCIENCES YEAR 4
FRENCH 9: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION YEAR 4 - OR - SPANISH 9: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION YEAR 4 (MYP Requires students continue in the same language to develop proficiency)
PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION YEAR 4
CAREER EDUCATION 9

ELL Students

TRANSITIONAL ENGLISH 9
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (ELD) 9

** Premier Academy, District Program and PURSUIT students may require specific course programming. Please contact your counsellor for course selection specifics.**

- [PREMIER SPORT ACADEMIES](#)
- [PREMIER DISTRICT PROGRAMS](#)

ELECTIVES
Students must choose one AS (Applied Skills) and one FA (Fine Arts) course for electives.
AS (Applied Skills)
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 9
FOOD STUDIES 9
GENERAL EXPLORATIONS 9 (Drafting and Design 9)
TEXTILES 9
FA (Fine Arts)
ARTS EDUCATION 9
DRAMA 9
MEDIA ARTS 9
MUSIC: CONCERT BAND 9
MUSIC: CONCERT CHOIR 9 (outside of timetable) *
MUSIC: GUITAR 9
MUSIC: JAZZ BAND 9 (outside of timetable) *
THEATRE COMPANY 9 (outside of timetable) *
VIDEO STUDY AND PRODUCTION 9

Course Request Deadlines

- **Jan 17-Feb 22:** Think, talk to parents/teachers, and make decisions
- **Feb 23:** Class visits submit your sheets
- **Feb 24:** Changes - see Mr. Pandher before



- Course **changes** after this time are submitted



Website address for course selection info...



[http://rockridgecounselling.
weebly.com](http://rockridgecounselling.weebly.com)



Thanks!

See you soon during class visits!

Any questions?

You can find me at:

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