

Option Selection Planning Sheet Grade 9 2025-2026

Students will receive 4 option classes in the year. Please discuss your selections with your parents. Make your selections carefully, as changes requested later are unlikely to be accommodated. Band and French count as 2 courses each as they run for more than one term. **Option courses are not guaranteed, as the school's ability to run them depends on the level of student interest.**

French 9 French 9 continues to develop the 4 language competencies- listening, speaking, reading and writing-with an ongoing variety of oral and written practice. Through activities, games, videos, communicative tasks and projects, students will explore themes to foster interest and enthusiasm for the French language, as well as build confidence, independence and overall fluency. No previous French experience is required.	Band 9 In grade 9 band, students will build on skills and concepts learned in previous years. Students will work towards advancing skills, learning more complex fundamentals and repertoire. Previous Band experience is recommended. Attendance at local extra-curricular events. Band camps and trips are optional but encouraged. Additional fees: uniform attire, band tie, instrument rental fee.
Communications Technology 9 Learn how to use computers creatively. We will focus on projects in the following areas: Use of Google Apps for Education, Graphic design, Photography, Animation, Broadcasting, 3D Design and related careers.	Electro-Technologies 9 Students will be introduced to programming and robotics. Programming lessons involve JavaScript to create animations and simple video games, and Arduino for robotics applications. Design and engineering tasks involve building Arduino robot kits that can be modified and expanded to numerous challenges. Students may also have opportunities to explore 3D printing of robot parts.
Construction 9 Construction 9 will allow students to develop general knowledge of materials & how to use them to make projects. Teaching safe work habits as students cut, shape, drill & join materials are a large part of this course. Students will complete a variety of projects using hand tools and some power tools.	Foods 9 Students will learn how to cook in a kitchen setting. They will learn safety and sanitation skills, how to follow recipes, how to use knives and a variety of kitchen appliances safely. Students will learn through hands-on cooking labs, self-evaluations, theory projects, and other avenues as they explore Foods!
Power Up Your Learning 9 Students will receive responsive instruction to target areas of their learning; focusing specifically on literacy, using technology to better support their learning, math support, as well as building their work habits and study skills. Students will learn positive work habits and how to advocate for themselves as learners and have extra time to complete course work in a supportive environment.	Design Studies 9 Learn about the creative process from conception through development within the realms of design and sculpture utilizing various materials. Learn about West Coast Design while utilizing woodworking techniques including Pyrography.
Drama 9 Drama 9 continues the exploration of various drama forms, components & activities introduced in Drama 8. This course includes improvisation, movement, speech, and performance. Through active participation, students will develop skills such as concentration, cooperation, script interpretation, movement, voice & characterization.	Environmental and Outdoor Education 9 Environmental and Outdoor Education has a focus on Natural Science and learning about Natural Resources and our Environment. Students will learn about sustainability and conservation, while having opportunities to engage in learning outdoors. This course may have several field trips which will have an impact on the course fee.
Art 9 Students will explore new ways of making art and self-expression while developing control and competency in working with a variety of materials. Students will continue to grow their understanding of how to manipulate mediums and make decisions based on their desired effects.	Fashion Studies 9 Study the manufacture and marketing of clothing and other textile products as well as the history, sociology, and economics of clothing and textile industries. Examples of skills include: Hand sewing and Embroidery, Sewing projects, Upcycling textiles, Textile Arts, and Fashion Illustration.