



North Surrey Secondary

Exploration Years

2024-2025

The Exploration Years (Grades 8 & 9) provide students an opportunity to explore a variety of learning areas to help prepare them for different pathways, interests and passions as they approach the Graduation Years (Grades 10-12).

Courses are grouped into Learning Areas, as they share many of the same curricular competencies described in the [Ministry of Education Curriculum](#); however, students will be scheduled into courses across learning areas in a semester system.

Humanities 8 and 9 is a yearlong course and provides an opportunity for students to build positive relationships and a strong foundation in the Exploration Years. Check [Learning Guide 2024](#) or descriptions of courses in all Learning Areas. **Students will receive the following courses (checks) and choose from the circles.**

Grade 8	Grade 9
Arts Learning	Arts Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities 8 (<i>Yearlong course</i>) ✓ Language 8 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ French 8 or ○ Intensive French 8 ✓ Arts Learning 8 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Band 8/PHE or ○ Arts Learning 8 (4 modules) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Art 8 ✓ Choir 8 ✓ Dance 8 ✓ Drama 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities 9 (<i>Yearlong course</i>) ✓ Language 9 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ○ French 9 or ○ Intensive French 9 or ○ Spanish 9 ✓ Arts Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art 9 ○ Band/PHE 9 ○ Choir 9 Not offered this year ○ Vocal Jazz 9 ○ Dance 9 ○ Drama 9 ○ Musical Theatre 9 Not offered this year ○ Stagecraft 9
Design Learning	Design Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 8 Science 8 ✓ PHE 8 ✓ Design Learning 8 – (3 modules) ✓ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intro to Tech Education ○ Intro to Home Economics ○ Intro to IT/Web 8 (Computers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 9 ✓ Science 9 ✓ PHE 9 or PHE 9 (non-competitive) ✓ Design Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ○ Info Tech 9 ○ Business Ed 9 ○ Media Arts 9(Animation) ○ Robotics 9 ○ Power Tech 9 ○ Drafting 9 ○ Woodwork 9 ○ Metalwork 9 ○ Foods 9 ○ Textiles Fashion 9 ○ Textiles Art & Design 9

Grade 9

Students in grade 9 who wish to participate in more in-depth study of the arts can also audition for an afterschool X-block as a 9th course:

Theatre Company 9

Polaris 9

Jazz Band 9