



# NORTH SURREY

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Current Grade 8 Students

Grade 8 students have settled into the routine of high school and are now starting a new semester. It is at this point in the year when we start Grade 9 course planning. It is important that you understand the Grade 9 course planning process and that our students make informed and well thought out selections for the following year.

Below you will find a timeline and a description of what you can expect at each step along the way.

## **Grade 9 Explorations Year**

In the Exploration Years (Grade 8 & 9), students are immersed in Arts Learning and Design Learning

The **Arts Learning** courses are:

- Humanities (English and Social Studies)
- Languages (Spanish, French or Intensive French)
- Arts Learning 9 (students choose one):
  - Art 9
  - Band/PHE 9
  - Choir 9
  - Dance 9
  - Drama 9
  - Musical Theatre 9
  - Stagecraft 9

The **Design Learning** courses are:

- Science
- Math
- Physical Health Education (regular, non-competitive or basketball)
- Design Learning 9 (students choose one):
  - Business Ed 9
  - Info Tech 9
  - Media Arts 9 (Animation)
  - Robotics 9
  - Power Tech 9 (engines)
  - Drafting 9
  - Woodwork 9
  - Metalwork 9
  - Foods 9
  - Textiles Fashion 9
  - Textiles Art & Design 9

### **January 31, 2025**

- Information emailed to Grade 8 students and their families.
- Visit our [North Surrey Learning Guide 2025](#) for additional information and course descriptions
- Go to our [school website](#) for more information about Course Planning

### **February 6-13, 2025**

- Information to all grade 8 students in school assemblies
  - Review Grade 8 going into Grade 9 PowerPoint presentation (from website) with your child
  - Review Grade 9 Exploration Years Planning Tool (from website)
  - Students go to our [school website](#) to complete their course selection online by **February 26, 2025**
  - Students must have logged into the student portal of MyEdBC on a computer before completing their course selection online. Forgot your password? Use the “Forgot Password” feature on the MyEdBC main page.

**February 6, 2025      Course Planning Parent Info Evening (6:00pm Theatre, more details to follow)**

### **February 28, 2025**

- Course selection completed in MyEdBC using the instruction booklet on our website

We want to thank you in advance for taking the time to review this information with your child. Course selection is a multi-step process and as a parent you play a very important role.

## **North Surrey Administration and Counselling**