



North Surrey Secondary

Exploration Years

2025 2026

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 (Gr 10-12).

Humanities 8 and 9 is a yearlong course that is comprised of both English and Social Studies. See the Learning Guide 2025 on the [Course Planning page](#) of our school website for descriptions of courses in all Learning Areas. Careers 8 and 9 are both yearlong courses that are embedded within the Humanities 8 and 9 classes.

Students will receive the following courses (checks) and choose from the circles.

Grade 8	Grade 9
<p style="text-align: center;">Arts Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities 8 (<i>Yearlong course combines Eng/Socials</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 (<i>alternates with PHE 8</i>) or ○ Arts Learning 8 (4 modules) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art 8 Choir 8 Dance 8 Drama 8 	<p style="text-align: center;">Arts Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities 9 (<i>Yearlong course combines Eng/Socials</i>) ✓ Language 9 or ELL (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ French 9 or ○ Intensive French 9 or ○ Spanish 9 or ○ ELL 9 ✓ Arts Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art 9 ○ Band/PHE 9 ○ Choir 9 ○ Dance 9 ○ Drama 9 ○ Musical Theatre 9 ○ Stagecraft 9
<p style="text-align: center;">Design Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 8 ✓ Science 8 ✓ Physical & Health Education 8 ✓ Design Learning 8 – (3 modules) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Tech Education Intro to Home Economics Intro to Info Tech (Computers) and Business Ed 	<p style="text-align: center;">Design Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 9 ✓ Science 9 ✓ Physical & Health Education 9 (choice of regular, non-competitive, basketball) ✓ Design Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Info Tech (Coding/Web) 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 (Choir) 9

Jazz Band 9