



# COURSE PLANNING 2025-2026

Current GRADE 8s  
Going into  
Grade 9

# Explorations Years



- Grade 8 and 9 are **Exploration Years at North Surrey**
- Students can explore different areas of the curriculum to prepare them for making choices during their Graduation Years (grades 10-12)
- Students are immersed in **Arts** learning and of **Design** learning

The **Arts Learning** courses are:

- ▶ Humanities (English/SS)
- ▶ Languages (French, Intensive French or Spanish or ELL)
- ▶ Arts Learning Elective or Band

The **Design Learning** courses are:

- ▶ Science
- ▶ Math
- ▶ Physical Health Education (regular or non-competitive or bball)
- ▶ Design Learning Elective

# Learning in Arts and Design

# Students have choices in Grade 9:

- ▶ Which language will I choose?
  - ▶ Which Arts Learning elective course will I choose?
  - ▶ Which Design Learning elective course will I choose?
  - ▶ Which PE will I choose?
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- ▶ Make sure you are reading the course descriptions in the [Learning Guide 2025 2026](#) from the Course Planning page of our school website to make an informed decision!



# Learning Guide 2025

Please see our all-new [Learning Guide](#) to highlight the amazing opportunities for student learning each one of our departments has to offer!



**IT Digital Literacy 8 (Module)**

Want to improve your computer skills as you learn about Digital Literacy? Technology is continually changing in our fast-paced world. Start your high school years by exploring some of the tools available to you! Topics will include: MS Office 365, Coding, Keyboarding and our School Computer Systems.

**Information Technology Department**

**Caf Culinary Arts 12**

The cafeteria program is an introduction to commercial food preparation. Its primary aim is to give students practice experience and a sound background in the basic theories of quantity food preparation and production. The hands-on approach is designed to familiarize the student with the use of hand tools, equipment and machinery with an emphasis on safety, sanitation and the operational flow of a business. Students will receive instruction in making stocks, soups, sauces and desserts; and in roasting, deep frying, vegetable preparation, short order

**SCIENCE**

**North Surrey Secondary PE**

Our Physical and Health Education (PHED) curricula develop a personalized understanding of what health is. In line with the BC Curriculum, classes are designed to have the knowledge, skills, and understandings they, healthy citizens throughout their lives.

At North Surrey we offer the following courses:

- Physical and Health Education (grade 8-10)
- Physical Education Recreational and Health Lead
- Physical and Health Education Active Living 11/12
- Physical and Health Education Fitness and Conditioning 11/12

**Business Education**

**The Pythagorean Theorem**

**Careers 8 & 9**

Careers 8 and 9 courses are embedded within all students' schedules. Students will explore Career activities through myBlueprint and Teams.

**Senior Woodwork sample**

**Arts Electives 10-12**

**English Language Arts**

# Grade 9 Language Choices

- French 9
- Intensive French 9 (only if I took Intensive French 8)
- Spanish 9
- Or ELL for English Language learners

# Grade 9 Arts Learning Choices:

Each course is one semester long, except  
Band:

- Band/PHE 9 (year long combined)
- Art 9
- Choir 9
- Dance 9
- Drama 9
- Musical Theatre 9
- Stagecraft 9

# Grade 9 Design Learning Choices:

Each course is one semester long:

- Info Tech 9 (computers)
- Business Ed 9
- Media Arts 9 (Animation)
- Robotics 9
- Power Tech 9 (leads into Automotive)
- Drafting 9
- Woodwork 9
- Metalwork 9
- Foods 9
- Textiles & Fashion 9
- Textiles Art & Design 9



# Audition Courses (9th course after school)



Students can also take an additional after school course in the following areas:


Jazz Band

Polaris (choir)

Theatre Company



Choose this extra course and then listen to announcements for auditions taking place in the spring. Teachers will decide on the final classes and the course will be on your final schedule if you are successful. You should also be taking the elective as part of your 8 courses.

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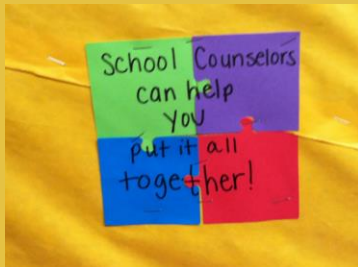
# Where do I find more Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your [counsellor](#)
- ▶ Check out our website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the [Learning Guide 2025](#)

# Counsellors

- Ms. Kirkpatrick helps students with last names: **A-E**
- Mr. Orso helps students with last names: **F - K and International students**
- Ms. Vairo helps students with last names: **L - R**
- Ms. Spencer helps students with last names: **S - Z**

If you have course planning questions, please connect with your counsellor through Teams Chat or via email.



# Course Planning Process

*Don't forget to:*

- ▶ Read this power point and the course planning letter sent home
- ▶ Checkout the Learning Guide on our school website
- ▶ Now you are ready to go online into MyEdBC from [here](#) and enter your course selection information into the system by:

→ **February 28, 2025**



**Thank you!**