



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY

Grade 8

2025-2026 Course Selection

Plan for Today



- Welcome, territory acknowledgement and introductions
- Grade 9 courses
- Course selection timeline
- Course Description Booklet & MyEdBC Portal
- Questions?

Important Information About Second Language Requirements



- A second language after grade 8 is NOT required for graduation
- A second language is NOT required for BC post-secondary institutions
- Some post-secondary institutions will require you to complete a second language while in university as part of a Bachelor of Arts program
- Why take a second language then? Learning a second language can have many personal benefits, such as increasing employability, enhancing communication skills, ease in future travel and personal interest.
- Note: Some out of province/ international post-secondary institutions may require a second language for admission. Do your research!

Grade 9 Courses

All grade 9 students will take these 5 core courses:

1. English 9
2. Social Studies 9
3. Math 9
4. Science 9
5. Physical and Health Education 9 or Hockey PE 9

Grade 9 students then choose 3 elective courses, one must be an ADST and one must be a Fine Art. The third course can be a second ADST, a second Fine Art, Leadership or a Modern Language.

6. ADST Elective
7. Fine Art Elective
8. Any Elective

**if you choose Hockey PE 9, it counts as one of your three electives*



Jazz Band or Choir will be 9th courses that are available through a selection process. Students must take Concert band in order to take Jazz band.

A Note Regarding Online Courses

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE ENROLLING IN ONLINE LEARNING

- Online courses are just as challenging as in-person courses.
- Time-management skills are very important.
- You will have to make time each day to work on your course, much in the same way that you would be required for an in-person course.
- Accountability will be your responsibility.
- Ensure that you have a space in your home that is free from distractions where you can work every day.
- To be successful, an online student needs to want to succeed. Online learning requires independence, internal motivation, and a certain level of maturity.
- You will be required to develop a schedule, set specific goals and be committed to your work.

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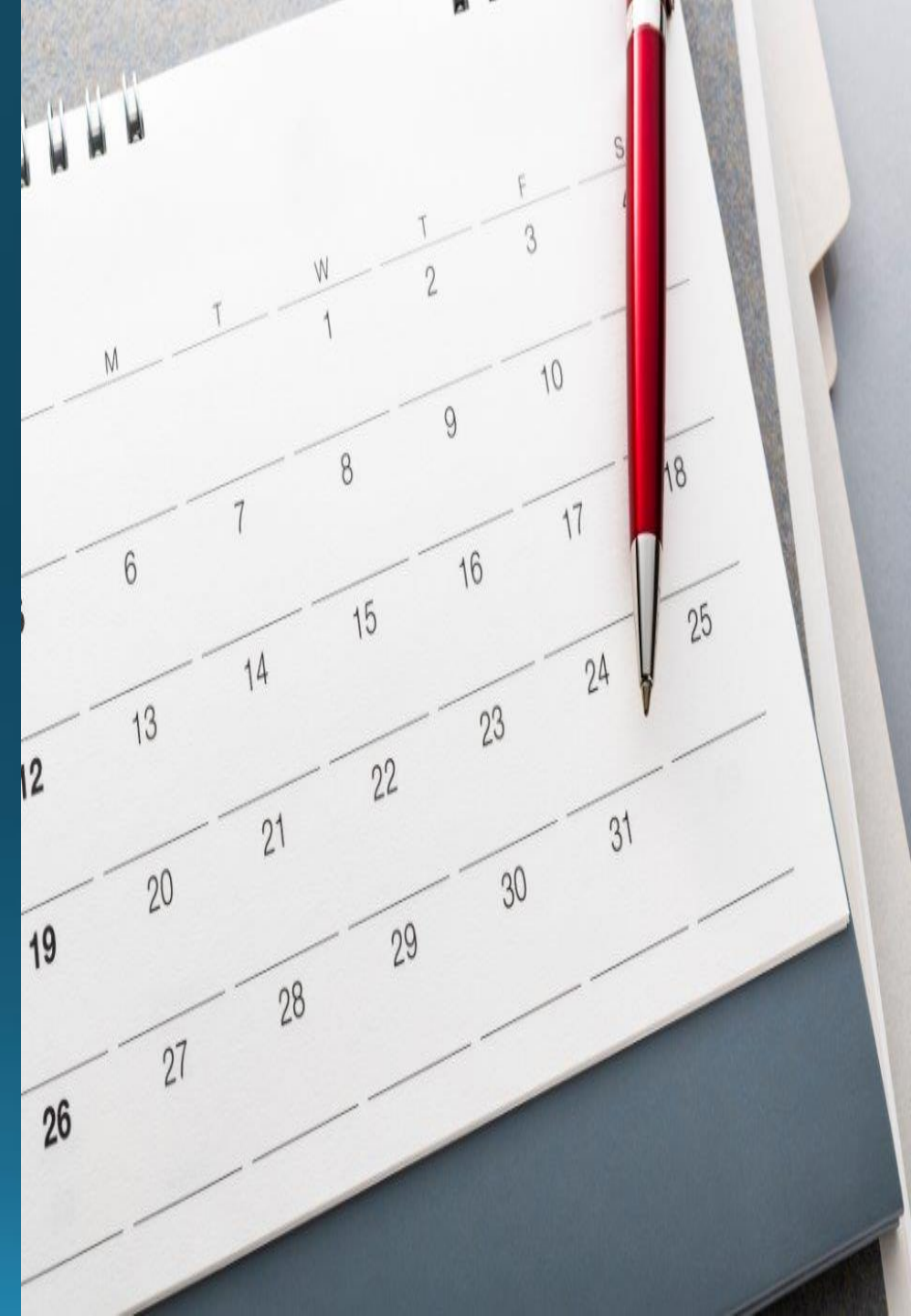
- It's easier online. The reality is that if you struggle with specific course material it will not be easier with you teaching yourself. For example, if math is challenging in-person it will be even more challenging working through it on your own.

ONLINE SCHOOLS ARE SEPARATE FROM YOUR IN-PERSON SCHOOL

- There are approximately 56 online school options in British Columbia. When you register for a course with one of these schools, you are responsible for working with them for completion of the course.
- If you are withdrawing from a course, you must contact the online school to work out any details. Grandview Heights will not be able to help you with any inquiries regarding your online school course(s) or marks.
- Any questions or clarifications about online schools must be worked through with the online school teacher.
- Marks for online courses are submitted by the online schools directly to the Ministry and at differing times. Grandview Heights does not have control over mark submission completed by the online schools.

Course Selection Timeline

- The portal will be open from February 11th to 18th for you to input your course requests for next year.
- During this time, vice-principals will have a lab open (room 127) at lunch for students to access support with course selection. Counsellors will be available in the lab as well to answer questions regarding graduation and post-secondary requirements.
- **It is important that you have conversations with your parents and choose your courses wisely before February 18th.**
- The timetable and teacher staffing is planned around the courses you choose now, and therefore, it is very likely you will NOT be able to change your requests later!



Course Selection Presentations

Counsellors provide online grade wide course selection presentations
PowerPoints and course planning sheets are posted on school website for students and families to review

February 2025

Portal Open

Students carefully review information from course selection presentations and make course requests via the MyEdBC Portal

February 2025

Timetable Building and Staffing

Administrators collect course selection data and begin building timetable
Administrators begin planning and hiring staff based on course request data

March - June 2025

Form to Change Request due to Summer School or Online Enrollment

Online Form open for short window for students to make changes to request based on enrolling in Summer School or online courses
*This is the only opportunity to make changes to requests

April 2025

Timetable Finalized and Balanced

Administration completes timeline
Counsellors review timetable and balance courses

June - August 2025

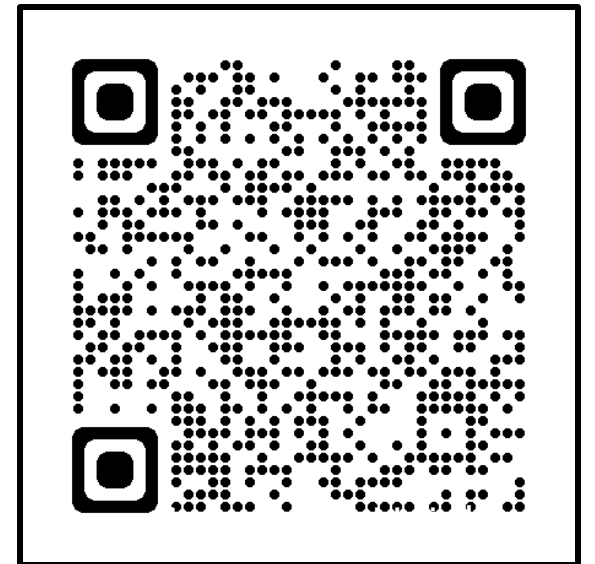
Student Schedules Published on MyEd

Students can access their schedule on MyEd BC
Instructions on making requests to schedule changes will be shared at this time
Most changes are not possible

August 2025

MyEdBC Portal

- All course requests are done online through the MyEdBC portal: [MyEducation BC: Log On \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/myeducationbc)
- If you need help with your login/password credentials, please check the school website for support and then see the front office **ONLY** if you are still having trouble



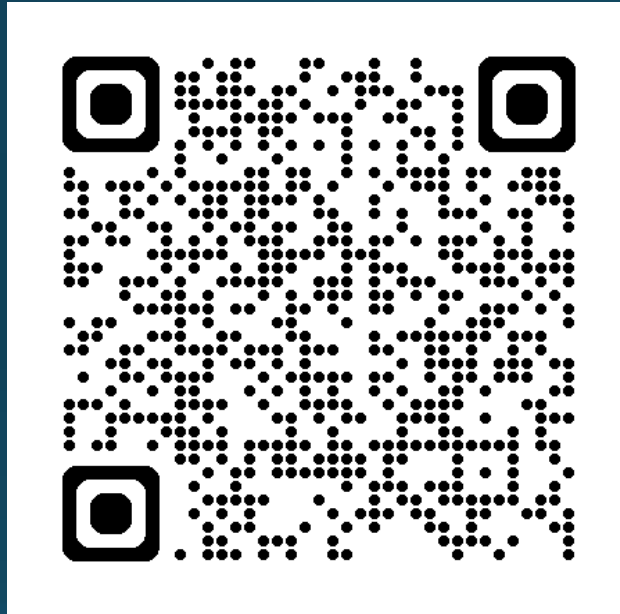
Course Description Booklet

QR Code for
Course Selection
Handbook and
Course Planning
Sheets

[Grandview](#)

[Heights Courses](#)

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NEW: All the course descriptions can also be found next to the course on MyEdBC

Questions?

If you have special circumstances regarding your schedule, or questions that were left unanswered, book an appointment with your alpha counsellor using the QR codes here.

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