



COURSE PLANNING 2024-2025

Current GRADE 8s
Going into
Grade 9

A person with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket and grey leggings with pink accents, is sitting on a dark rock. They are holding binoculars to their eyes and looking out over a vast, hilly landscape. The landscape features rolling hills, a winding road, and a body of water in the distance. The sky is bright and hazy. The overall scene conveys a sense of exploration and discovery.

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)
- ▶ Arts Learning Elective or Band

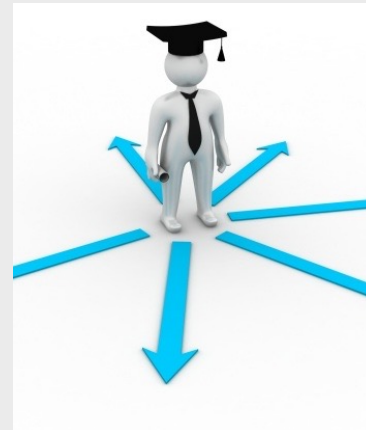
The **Design Learning** courses are:

- ▶ Science
- ▶ Math
- ▶ Physical Health Education
- ▶ Design Learning Elective

Learning in Arts and Design

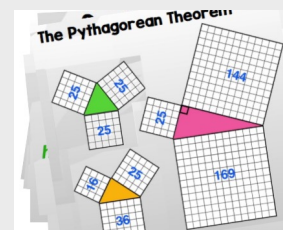
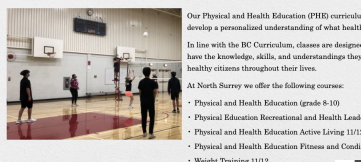
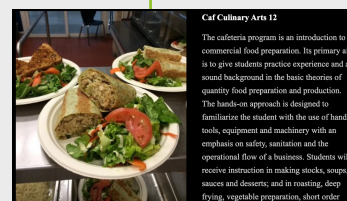
Students have choices in Grade 9:

- ▶ Which language will I choose?
- ▶ Which Arts Learning elective course will I choose?
- ▶ Which Design Learning elective course will I choose?
- ▶ Make sure you are reading the course descriptions in the [Learning Guide 2024 2025](#) to make an informed decision!



Learning Guide 2024

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



Grade 9 Language Choices

- French 9
- Intensive French 9 (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
- Vocal Jazz 9
- Dance 9
- Drama 9
- Musical Theatre 9
- Stagecraft 9

Grade 9 Design Learning Choices:

Each course is one semester long:

- Info Tech 9
- 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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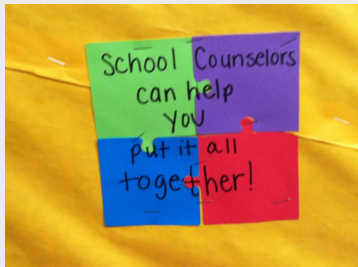
Where do I find more Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your [counsellor](#)
- ▶ Check out our website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the [Learning Guide 2024](#)

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. Gill 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 26, 2024**



Thank you!