



# North Surrey Secondary

## Exploration Years

2024-2025

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 (Grades 10-12).

Courses are grouped into Learning Areas, as they share many of the same curricular competencies described in the [Ministry of Education Curriculum](#); however, students will be scheduled into courses across learning areas in a semester system.

Humanities 8 and 9 is a yearlong course and provides an opportunity for students to build positive relationships and a strong foundation in the Exploration Years. Check [Learning Guide 2024](#) or descriptions of courses in all Learning Areas. **Students will receive the following courses (checks) and choose from the circles.**

Grade 8	Grade 9
Arts Learning	Arts Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Humanities 8 (<i>Yearlong course</i>)</li> <li>✓ Language 8 (<i>choose one</i>):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ French 8 <b>or</b></li> <li>○ Intensive French 8</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Arts Learning 8 (<i>choose one</i>):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Band 8/PHE</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>○ Arts Learning 8 (4 modules)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Art 8</li> <li>✓ Choir 8</li> <li>✓ Dance 8</li> <li>✓ Drama 8</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities 9 (<i>Yearlong course</i>)</li> <li>✓ Language 9 (<i>choose one</i>):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ○ French 9 <b>or</b></li> <li>○ Intensive French 9 <b>or</b></li> <li>○ Spanish 9</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Arts Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Art 9</li> <li>○ Band/PHE 9</li> <li>○ Choir 9</li> <li>○ Vocal Jazz 9</li> <li>○ Dance 9</li> <li>○ Drama 9</li> <li>○ Musical Theatre 9</li> <li>○ Stagecraft 9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Design Learning	Design Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Math 8</li> <li>Science 8</li> <li>✓ PHE 8</li> <li>✓ Design Learning 8 – (3 modules)</li> <li>✓               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intro to Tech Education</li> <li>○ Intro to Home Economics</li> <li>○ Intro to IT/Web 8 (Computers)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Math 9</li> <li>✓ Science 9</li> <li>✓ PHE 9 or PHE 9 (non-competitive)</li> <li>✓ Design Learning 9 (<i>choose one</i>):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ○ Info Tech 9</li> <li>○ Business Ed 9</li> <li>○ Media Arts 9(Animation)</li> <li>○ Robotics 9</li> <li>○ Power Tech 9</li> <li>○ Drafting 9</li> <li>○ Woodwork 9</li> <li>○ Metalwork 9</li> <li>○ Foods 9</li> <li>○ Textiles Fashion 9</li> <li>○ Textiles Art &amp; Design 9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 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 9

Jazz Band 9