2022-2023
Course Planning
Presentation

**Grade 8 Going into Grade 9** 



# Course Planning & Selection Process & Timeline



Course Planning Presentation with High School Counsellors Feb 8 - 14



Think about your options, talk to parents/guardians and teachers and school counsellors



Enter your selection at MEI using MyEducation BC with High School Counsellors with your new provided Login ID and Password March 7 – 11



Courses requiring an application form must be completed online (applications available through MEI website and MyEd)

What to consider in Course Planning

#### Balance

Personal Strength & Weaknesses

Personal Interests

Post-Secondary Plans

Occupational Interests



MEI Secondary is a Christ-centered school which provides a broad spectrum of educational opportunities for the purpose of building community and preparing our students for a life of service.

ACADEMICS
ATHLETICS
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MISSIONS
APPLIED SKILLS
AND MUCH MORE...

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### Helpful Resources

Online Course Calendar

**Course Information Sheet** 

**Application Forms** 

**Parents** 

**School Counsellors** 

**Teachers** 

## Required Courses in Grade 9

- English 9 (or Honours)
- Bible 9
- Careers 9
- One Math 9 course (Workplace 9 or Math 9)
- Science 9
- Socials 9
- Physical Health Education 9 (or Hockey Academy 9)
- 8 credits of Electives

#### Keep in mind

- Post-secondary requirements
- Balance / personal strengths



### English & Science Honours 9

- Students who select Honours instead of regular English 9 or Science 9 must keep in mind that the English and Science department will make the final selection upon review of the student's grade 8 academic record.
- For any questions regarding English Honours 9 please contact Mr. Graham Nickel at the secondary school. <a href="mailto:gnickel@meischools.com">gnickel@meischools.com</a>
- For any questions regarding Science Honours 9 please contact Mr. Greg Dyck at the secondary school. gdyck@meischools.com

## Online Courses & Study Blocks

MEI Secondary School does not give a study period in place of online courses taken. If students, or their families, choose to enroll in an online course, that will be in addition to the courses they are taking at the school, not in place of.

MEI Secondary School does not allow study periods for **Grade 9** and **Grade 10** students. The core subject offerings and elective classes at these grade levels are designed to give students the required courses they need and additional explorations in areas in which they may not have experience.

MEI Secondary School does not exempt students from PHE 9 or PHE 10 because they are highly engaged in athletics activities outside of the school. The "Physical and Health Education" courses at the grades 9 and 10 levels are educating the whole student on health issues as well as physical activity.

Because our ultimate academic goal is to graduate our students, MEI Secondary School reserves the right to hold all graduation-requirement courses within the timetable of the student until they can prove they have completed the online version of the course.

# University Second Language Admission Requirements

At this time a second language is not required for general admission to:

- British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Trinity Western University
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of British Columbia (Okanagan Campus only)
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
- Most other BC Colleges and Bible Schools
- A grade 11 second language is not required for students transferring to SFU or UBC after completing a full year of university transfer courses at UFV, KPU, TWU or UVic, etc.

# Second Language Required for some Universities

- A grade 11 second language is required for direct general admission to Simon Fraser University and University of British Columbia (Vancouver Campus).
- A grade 11 second language, or equivalent, is required for all students planning to complete a
  Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of the Fraser Valley. Students without an additional
  grade 11 language, will need to complete a first year modern language course as part of their
  university studies.
- A grade 12 second language is required for all students planning to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver Campus) even if they are transferring from another post-secondary institution (PSI). Students without an additional grade 12 language must take a language as part of their university studies.
- University of British Columbia no longer takes into account a "challenged" language 12 mark as part of calculating student average of their academic grade 12 courses for admission selection purposes. However, students wanting their modern language 12 (e.g., French 12 or Spanish 12) mark to count as one of their required academics, must take the language 12 as a classroom at MEI instead of challenging it.

#### Electives

# choose 8 credits total

#### Students Must choose at least

- 1 Applied Skills Course
- 1 Fine Arts Course

Applied Skills Courses	Fine Arts Courses	Language Courses
Information & Communication Technology 9 (2 credits)	Visual Arts 9 (2 credits)	Core French 9 (2 credits)
Foods Studies 9 (2 credits)	Music 9 (Drama & Choir) (2 credits)	Spanish 9 (2 credits)
Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9 (2 credits)	Instrumental Music: Concert Band 9 (4 credits)	
Textiles 9 (2 credits)		
Woodworking 9 (2 credits)		

Students must choose 2 alternate electives First choices cannot always be granted.

# Extended Day Courses

Apex: Leadership 9	Junior Worship Leadership 9
Renaissance Singers 9	Drumline 9

## Successful Course Completion

- Required Courses that are not passed or successfully completed, must be repeated next year or in summer school or through an online school.
- At the end of Grade 9, students must pass Bible 9 in order to return to MEI for grade 10.



# On-line Application Forms Required for:

- APEX: Student Leadership 9
- Drumline 9
- Hockey Canada Skills Academy 9
- Junior Worship Leadership 9
- Renaissance Singers 9

Links to online applications available through:

- Course Information Selection sheets
- Schoology
- MEI Secondary Website
- MyEd Portal Course Request Instruction
- Posters in hallways

#### March 7 - 11'

Grade 8's enter your course requests in MyEd BC

- Each class will do their course selection separately in their classroom
- New Individual Login ID & Password will be given to you
- Direction will be provided on how to enter your selections in your MyEd BC account
- If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to talk to a school counsellor
- After that, You can have until March 11,
   2022 to make any changes in your MyEd BC account.
- After March 11, course request changes must be done through a counsellor

## Keep Calm

- Don't worry if other students appear to be selecting courses ahead of you.
- At the end of the course selection process, we will compile all requests and begin to create a school timetable for next year.
- Due to the complications of scheduling 630 students, we cannot guarantee that every student will receive all of their first choices for courses. We will do our very best.
- If you are absent, please refer to the course planning information on the <u>MEI Website</u> and contact a School Counsellor to receive your Login ID and password for MyEd.

