



2024-2025 Course Planning

Grade 9



MyEducation BC Course Request



Course Planning Presentation with High School Counsellors Feb 5, 2024



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



Make Course Requests in class with MEI Secondary School Counsellors February 26 – March 1.




Application Forms for Honours and extended day courses are due March 10.



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GRADE 9
2024 - 2025 COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION

This information sheet is not to be submitted; it is for your information only. Students will be attending Grade 9 Course Planning Information Assembly on February 9, 2023. Students will enter their elective course requests during class time at MEI using the myEducation BC portal under the supervision and guidance of the School Counsellors between February 28 - March 1, 2024. Students and parents, please consult the link below which includes the 2024-2025 Course Calendar, Grade 9 Course Planning presentation, and additional information: <https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>

Grade 9 Required Courses

A Bible and Career Education Course
Bible 9 - Exploring the Biblical Story
Career Education 9

A Language Arts 9 Course
English Language Arts 9 or
English Language Arts 9 Honours (Note 1)

A Physical and Health Education Course
Physical and Health Education 9 Boys or
Physical and Health Education 9 Girls

A Science 9 Course
Science 9 or
Science 9 Honours (Note 1)

A Social Studies 9 Course
Social Studies 9

A Mathematics Course
Mathematics 9 or
Workplace Math 9 (Note 2)

Grade 9 Elective Course Options
Students select electives for a total course value of 8

Applied, Design Skills and Technologies (ADST)
(must select at least one in this section)

- Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9(2)
- Food Studies 9(2)
- Information and Communications Technologies 9(2)
- Textiles 9(2)
- Woodwork 9(2)

Art Education (AE) (must select at least one in this section)

- Music 9 (Band)(4)
- Music 9 (Drama & Choir)(2)
- Visual Arts 9(2)

An Optional Modern Language Course (Note 3)

- Core French 9(2)
- Spanish 9(2)


One or Two Support Block(s) (Note 4)

- Support Block A(0)
- Support Block B(0)


Two Alternates: _____

Extended Day Course - Optional


Optional courses offered outside of the regular timetable (early morning or after school). To apply for these classes students need to submit an application form through Microsoft Forms by March 10, 2024. Links for these applications can be found on the MEI Schools website and in the MYED BC course request portal.



AFEX Student Leadership 9



Junior Worship Leadership 9




Renaissance Singers 9


Drumline 9: audition in September. No Application Form required

Important Notes - Please read carefully

Note 1. Apply through the Application Form by March 10, 2024. Use QR codes below.



English Language Arts 9 Honours



Science 9 Honours

Application forms are also found in the MyEd course request portal and the website above. The English and/or Science departments will make the final selection upon review of the student's grade 8 MEI academic English and/or Science record.

Note 2. This course is designed for students who need additional preparation for Math 9 or who prefer the Workplace Math path.

Note 3. Please read the BC Second Language Information on the back of this sheet.

Note 4. Learning Support Blocks are for designated students only. Each LS block takes the space of 4 elective credits. For more information about support blocks please contact our school counsellors or our LS teachers, Mrs. Grim & Mrs. Dean.

Helpful Resources

Online Course Calendar (pre-requisites)

Course Information Sheet

Application Forms

Parents

School Counsellors

Teachers

The Schedule at the Secondary School

Semester 1	Semester 2
September-----January	February-----June
3 courses	3 courses

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Secondary
School

Semester 1		Semester 2	
September-----January		February-----June	
3 courses		(new) 3 courses	
Term 1 September-November	Term 2 November-----January	Term 3 February-----April	Term 4 April-----June

Period
Rotation

Block
lengths vary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (rotates)
Block A	1	2	3	4	
Block B	2	1	4	3	
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Block C	3	4	1	2	
Block D	4	3	2	1	

Grade 9 Proficiency Scale

- IE – incomplete

Successful completion (“pass”)

- EMG – Emerging
- DEV – Developing
- PRF – Proficient
- EXT – Extending



Required Courses in Grade 9

- Bible 9 & Careers 9
- English 9
- Physical Health Education 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- Math 9 or Workplace Math 9
- 8 credits of Electives (3 or 4 courses)
 - If not taking Band: 4 electives
 - If taking Band: 3 electives (Band + 2 others)

Keep in mind

- Post-secondary requirements
- Balance / personal strengths



English & Science Honours 9

- To show your interest in taking an honours class, please fill out the English 9 honours or Science 9 honours online application form.
- English 9 honours applicants will write an assessment. The English and Science department will make the final selection.
- Application Forms:
 - On MyEd when you do your course selection
 - On “Resources” tab on MEI website
 - On Course Planning Information Sheets

Electives

Choose 2 courses.

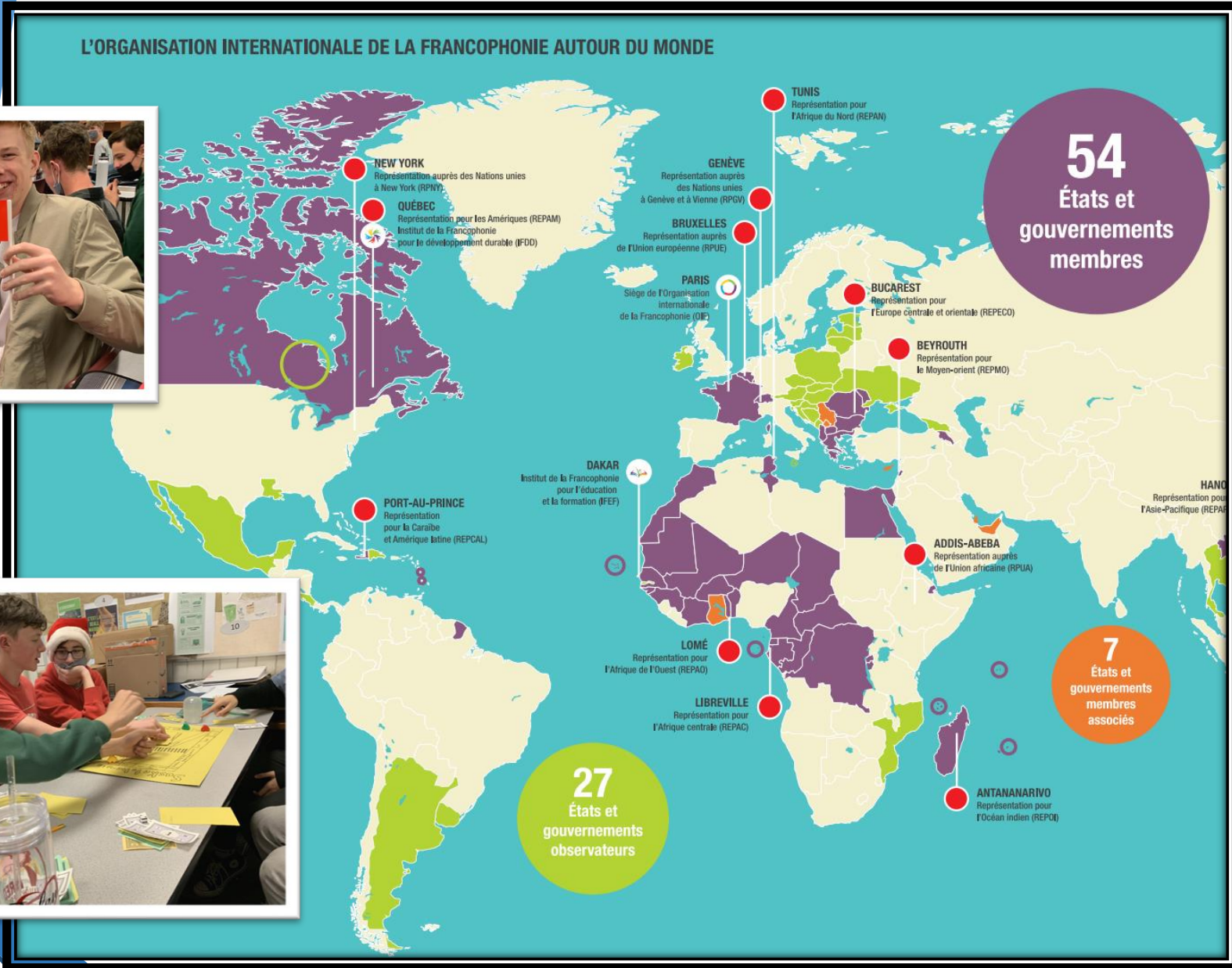
Must also choose 2 alternate choices. First choices cannot be always be granted.

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

French 9

...more than just learning French language

Explore French cultures from around the globe!



Spanish 9

The 3rd most common language on the internet!

An introduction to the Spanish world and teach you the basics of the Spanish language.



Español en el mundo

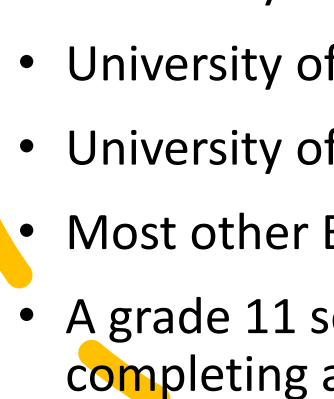


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University Second Language Admission Requirements

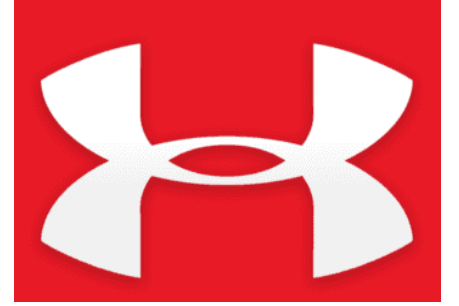
At this time a second language is **not** required for general admission to:

- 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 always required when students transfer to SFU or UBC after completing a full year of university transfer courses at UFV, KPU, TWU or UVic, etc.
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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. 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 course.

Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9



How do businesses promote their products?

How can you brand your idea?

Why do certain ads get your attention?

Do you think you could be your own boss and start a business?



Foods 9

Gain confidence in preparing food safely and using equipment properly.

- breakfasts and lunches
- food preparation techniques
- prepare a variety of recipes
- create your own recipe





Textiles 9

Learn...

- the basics of designing and making items out of fabric.
- how to use a sewing machine
- hand sewing techniques
- use your imagination



Design and make your own project!

- Hats
- Bags
- Aprons
- Sweatshirts
- Skirts
- Accessories
- Pet clothes
- And more!

Woodworking 9





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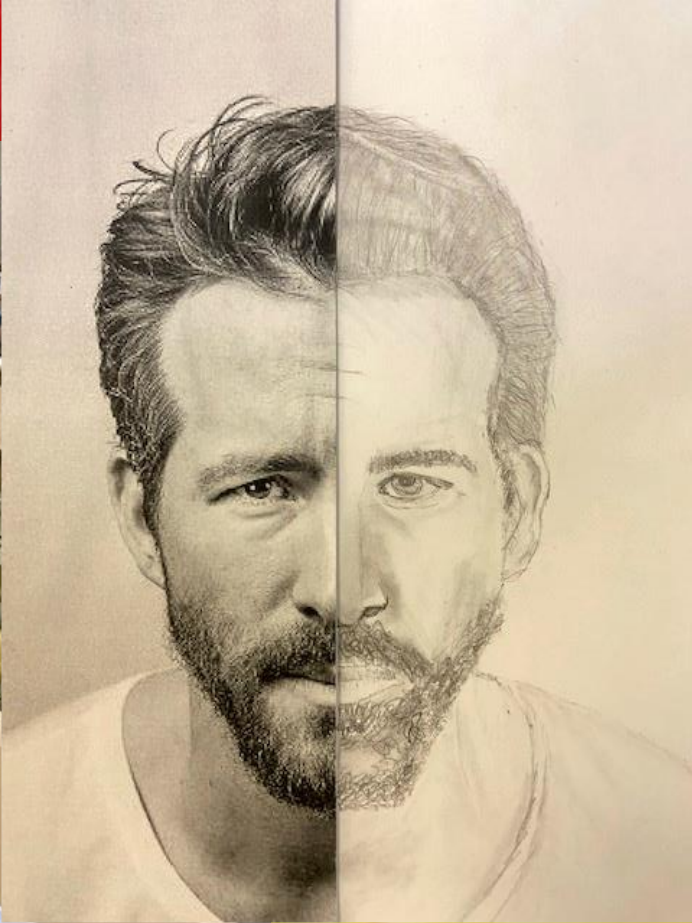
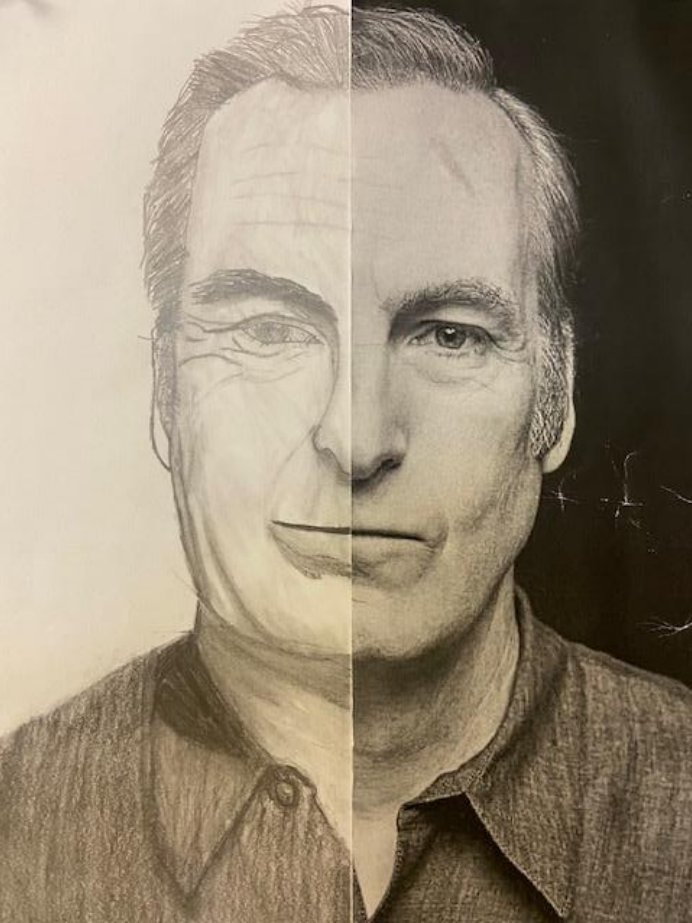
Music: Band 9

-close-knit community
-many rewarding
musical experiences



Band 9 participates in the renowned Screaming Eagles Marching Band and performances throughout the year!

Visual Art 9



Extended Day Courses

Apex: Leadership 9

Drumline 9

Junior Worship Leadership 9

Renaissance Singers 9

Apex: Leadership 9

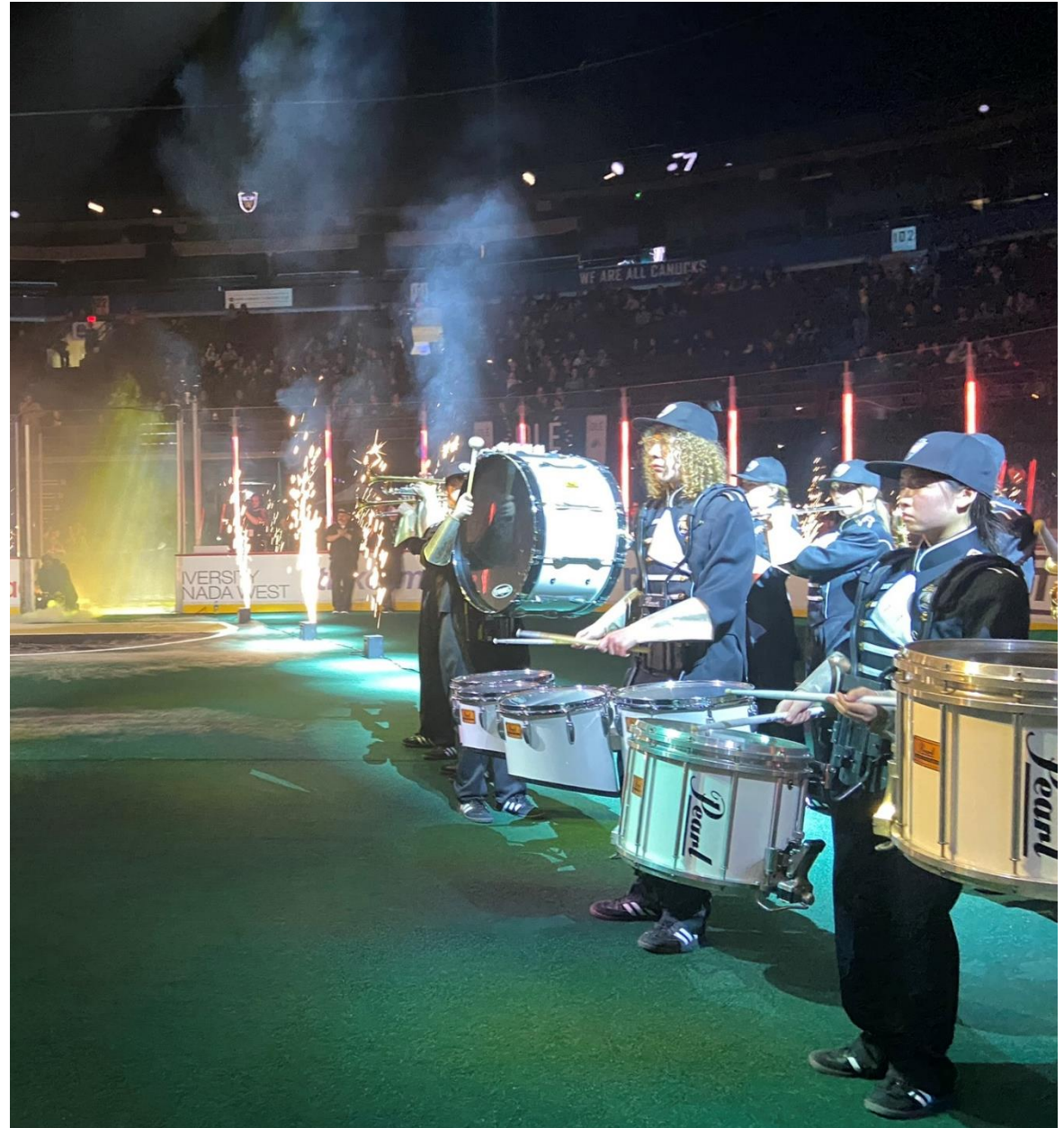
- Wednesday mornings from 7-8 am
- an introduction to high school leadership.
- explores leadership styles, self-discovery, and hands on experience
- help plan, facilitate and host events such as: the Christmas Banquet, Gr 8 orientation, spirit days and much more.

Drumline 9

Thursdays 3-5 pm

Available to Band 9 members, by audition

Perform at various venues and events throughout the year!



Junior Worship Leadership 9



Renaissance Singers 9

1 or 2 mornings
per week

Various
performances
throughout the
year

By audition



On-line Application Forms

 Required
for:

- **APEX: Student Leadership 9**
- **Junior Worship Leadership 9**
- **Renaissance Singers 9**
- **Honours classes: English 9 and Science 9**

Links to online applications available through:

- Course Information Selection sheets
- MEI Secondary Website
- MyEd Portal Course Request Instruction



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 or 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. Physical and Health Education 9 and 10 educate 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.

Successful Course Completion

- Required Courses that are not successfully completed with at least an “Emerging” must be repeated in summer school or through an online school.
- Students must pass Bible 9 in order to return to MEI for grade 10.



February 26 –
March 1

Grade 8's
enter your
course
requests in
MyEd BC

- School counsellors will come to your class during this week to lead you in course selection
- You will be selecting your electives only



Keep Calm

- Don't worry if other classes are selecting their 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 up to 650 students, not everyone will get their first choices of electives. You will be asked to choose **two alternate choices** that you would be ok with, if you don't get your first choice.
- School Counsellors:
 - Mrs. L. Grauman (A-K)
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 - Mrs. J. Neufeld (L-Z)
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