2021-2022 Course Planning Presentation

February 15-19, 2021

Grade 8 Going into Grade 9







Watch Recorded Zoom Session with your grade 8 class in the middle school between February 16-19, 2021



Have a week to decide what you want to take



Enter your selection in MyEducation BC using your provided Log-in ID and password between March 1 and 5 in class at the middle school



Complete the PDF fillable application form online for Student Leadership 9 or Junior Worship Leadership 9 (if selected)

Why Planning for Your Courses



MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENT PREPARATION FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Helpful Resources Online Course Calendar

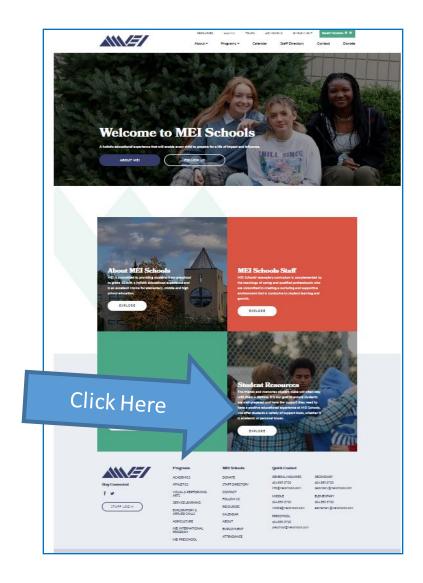
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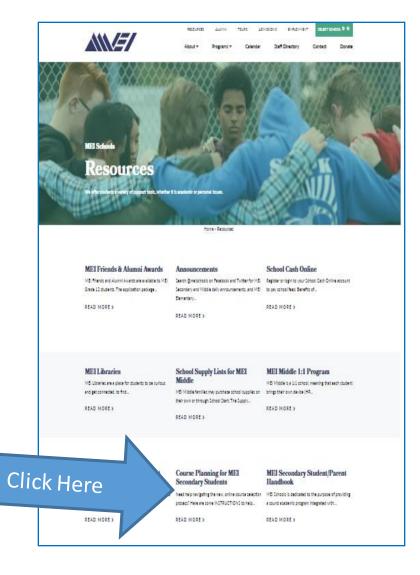
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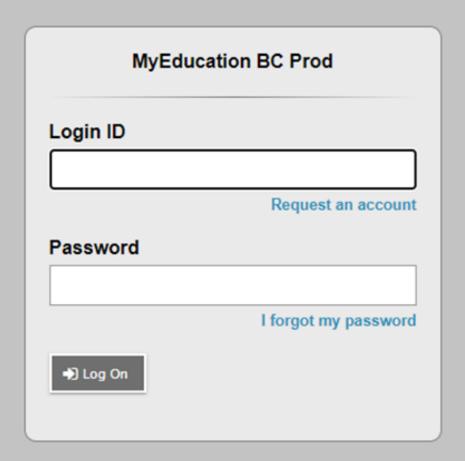
Teachers

Course Planning Resources MEI Website





Course Planning Resources MyEducation BC



A unique Login ID and Password will be provided to each student prior course entry from March 1 to March 12, 2021

https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do



Access your MyEducation BC portal to view the course offerings for your grade and to enter your course request for next calendar year

Course Planning Resources Course Calendar

- General Information
- Course Offerings (Grade 9-12)
- Course Descriptions
- BC Post Secondary Admission Requirements
- Scholarships & Bursary Awards

Course Calendar 2021-2022

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.

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GRADE 9 2021 – 2022 COURSE INFORMATION



This information sheet is not to be submitted, it is for your information only. Grade 8 students will be watching a course planning video at the NEI middle school between Fib. (6:19, 2001). Students will then enter their course requests using the gui_Education BD port all in their respective class between New Judy 20, 10 MeV (Solicution BD port all in Person operation of submit 1:400 person March 12, 2021 if any changes need to be made by the person and submit any large must be one for thoush Student Services of the secondary school. An individual Login ID and password to access the portal will be provided to each student by the teacher. To further assist students and perents in this process please consult the MEI Secondary Student Services weekler Recovers which includes the 2001-2002 Course Colerady, all Application Forms (see QR Codes on this form) as well as the MyEducation BD course access and selection step-by-step instruction. Misching New Mees About Sources planning from the accordance valuations.

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 OR
- ☐ Hockey Academy 9 (Note 2)

A Science 9 Course

- ☐ Science 9 OR
- □ Science 9 Honours (Note 3)

A Social Studies 9 Course

☐ Social Studies 9

A Mathematics Course

■ Mathematics 9

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 ADST course)		(Course Value)
	Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9 🛠	(2)
	Drafting 9 🛠	(2)
	Food Studies 9 🛠	(2)
	Information and Communications Technologies	9 🛠(2)
	Textiles 9 🛠	(2)
	Woodwork 9 🛠	
Art Education (AE) 🤲 (must select at least one AE course)		
	Music 9 (Band) 🗫	(4)
	Music 9 (Drama & Choir) 😂	
	Visual Arts 9 🗫	(2)
An Optional Modern Language Course (Note 4)		
	Core French 9	(2)
	Spanish 9	(2)
One or Two Support Block(s) (Note 5)		
	Support Block A	
	Support Block B	(4)

Extended Day Course - Optional

Optional courses offered outside of the regular finetable (early morning or after school). To apply for these classes students need to submit an application form through Microsoft Forms. Links for these applications can be found on the MEI Schools website, in the MYEO 8C course selection portal, and with the QR Codes below.

□ APEX: Student Leadership 9 🖹 □ Junior Worship Leadership 9 🖺 (Note 6)





APEX: Student Leadership 9

Junior Worship Leadership 9

Important Notes - Please read carefully

- Note 1. The English department will make the final selection upon review of the student's grade 8 MEI academic English record. Request for English 9 Honours from schools other than MEI Middle must have a teacher recommendation. The final decision will be made by the English department.
- Note 2. Students in the MEI Hockey Academy will meet the requirement for Physical and Health Education 9 by the end of their program.
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- Note 4. If you want to take French 9 or Spanish 9 and intend to carry on with the next levels in grade 10, 11 or 12, you must select this elective. Please read the BC Second Language Information on the back of this sheet.
- Note 5. Learning Support Blocks are for designated students only. In order to get a support block or two, students will be allowed to have their ADST or AE course(s) omitted. For more information about selecting one or two blocks see Mrs. Grim or Ms. Hofenk in the secondary school Room 208 and 210.
- Note 6. Junior Worship Leadership 9 is offered outside of the timetable. This course will not show up on the elective course options on MyEducation BC student portal. Student interested in applying for this class need to complete the online application form.

BC SECOND LANGUAGE INFORMATION

As you are considering whether or not to carry on your education with a second language beyond grade 8, it is important to take into account the following information:

High School Graduation Requirement

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University Admission Requirements

At this time a second language is <u>not</u> required for <u>general</u> <u>admission</u> to:

- ✓ British Columbia Institute of Technology
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A grade 12 second language is required for <u>all</u> 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

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MEI Graduation Program (Begins in Grade 10)

Grade 9 is your preparation year prior entering into the graduation program

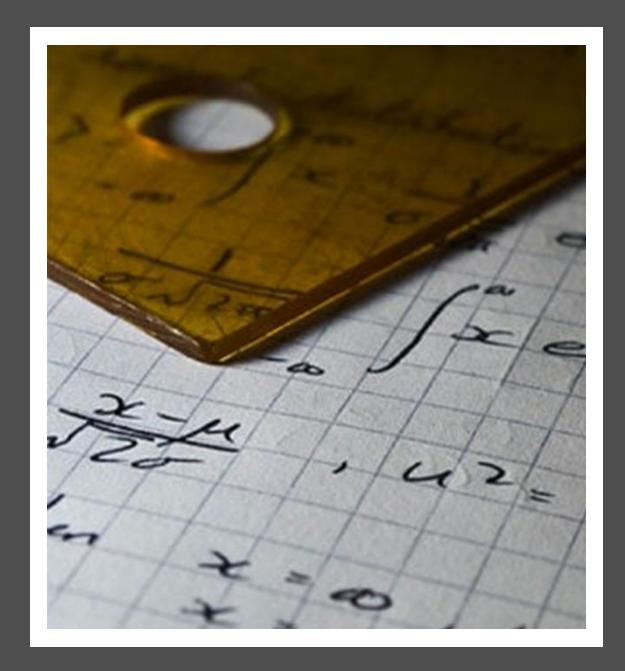


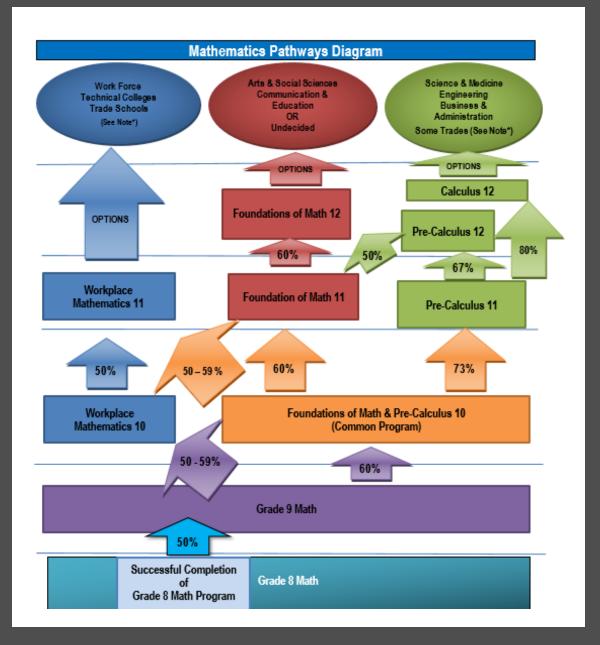


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Grade 9 Required Courses

- Bible 9 Exploring the Biblical Story
- Career Education 9 (part of Bible 9 and occasional grade 9 wide events)
- English 9 or English 9 Honours
- Physical and Health Education 9 (Hockey Academy counts as PHE 9)
- Science 9 **or** Science 9 Honours
- Socials 9
- Mathematics 9





Grade 9 Electives



5 Categories:

- Applied Design, Skills and Technology (ADST) ★
- Arts Education (AE)
- Modern Languages
- Extended Day Courses
- Support Block(s)



Grade 8 Promotion

- Required Courses that are not completed satisfactorily should be repeated in summer school or through other distributed learning options (distance education).
- You cannot repeat a grade 8 course at MEI Secondary

Application Forms Required for:

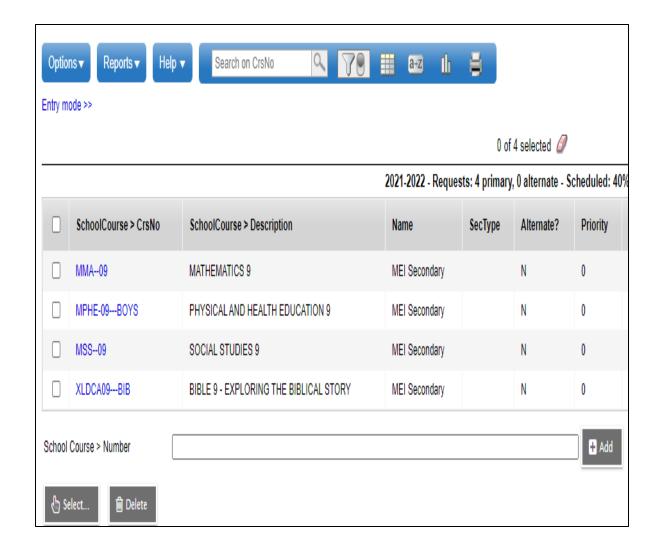
- APEX: Junior Leadership 9
- Hockey Canada Skills Academy 9
- Junior Worship Leadership 9

Link to fillable PDF forms on the Grade 9 Course Information Sheet or the MEI Student Services Resources Course Planning Webpage

Primary Course Selection Entry into MyEdBC

4 Pre-selected courses for you:

- Mathematics 9
- Physical and Health Education 9
- Socials Studies 9
- Bible 9

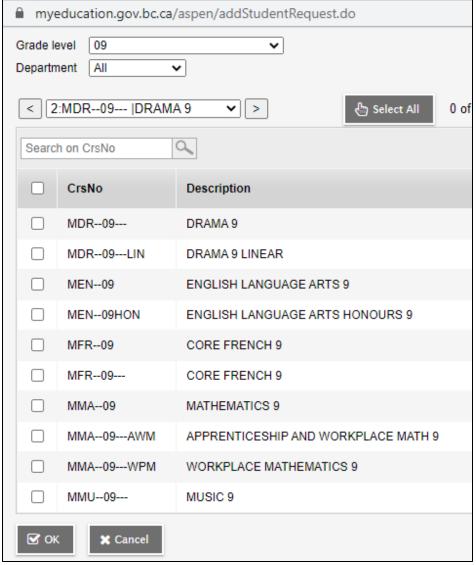


Primary Course Selection Entry (English)

What type of English Course Do you want?

- ☐ English 9 or
- ☐ English 9 Honours





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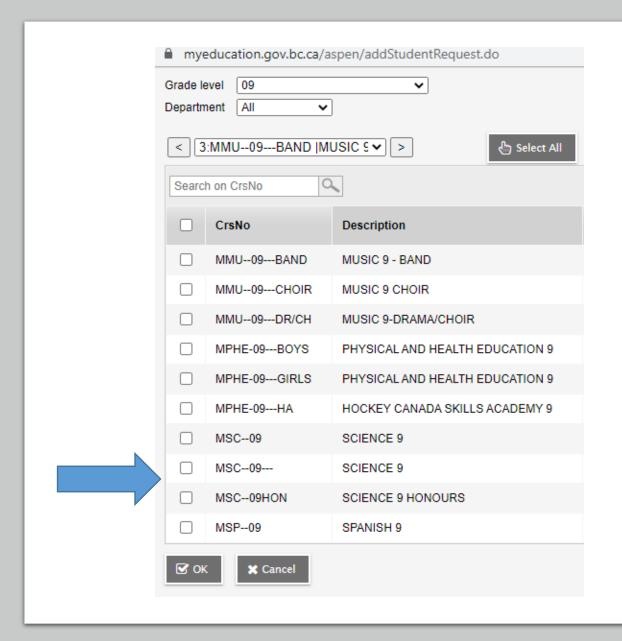
For any question regarding Honours 9 please contact Mr. Graham Nickel at the secondary school.

gnickel@meischools.com

Primary Course Selection Entry (Science)

What kind of Science do you want?

- ☐ Science 9 or
- ☐ Science 9 Honours





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Primary Course Selection Entry

- To complete your course entries, you must choose electives for a total of <u>8</u> Course Value
- All electives have a value of <u>2</u>
 except for Music 9 (Band) which
 has a course value of <u>4</u>
- In addition, students must select 2 other alternates (A1 and A2)

Primary Course Selection Entry (Applied Skills Electives)

Select at least **One** Applied Design, Skills and Technology (ADST) Courses

- Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9
- Drafting 9
- ☐ Food Studies 9
- ☐ Information and Communications Technologies 9
- ☐ Textiles 9
- ☐ Woodwork 9

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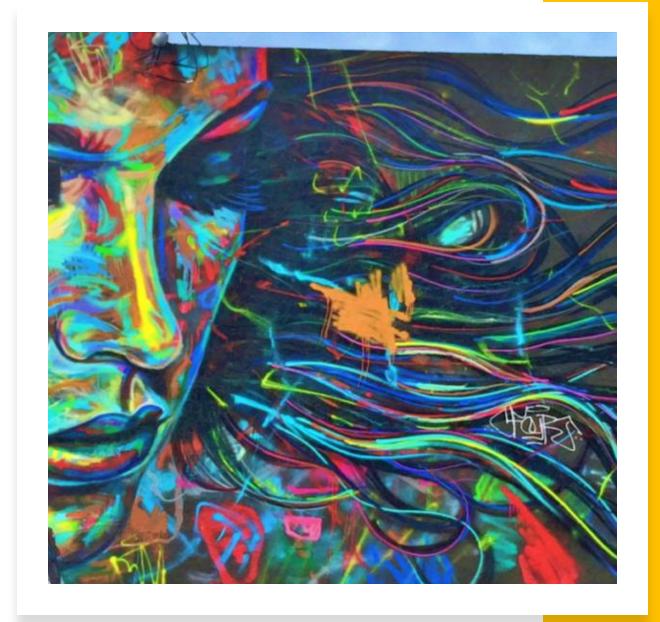


Primary Course Selection Entry (Fine Arts Electives)

Select at least **One** Art Education Course

- ☐ Music 9 (Band)
- ☐ Music 9 (Drama & Choir)
- ☐ Visual Arts 9

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Primary Course Selection Entry (Modern Languages)

Optional Elective Course in Grade 9-12

- Core French 9 (must have completed French 8)
- Spanish 9

Should you carry on with French or Spanish in High School?

Read the back of Grade 9 Course Information sheet for **BC Second Language Information**

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Alternate Requests

Select 2 alternate courses that are not your first choice but will be satisfactory if your first choices do not work out.

Can be Applied Skills,
Fine Arts, a Modern
Language or an Extended
Day course

Course Selection Entry (Extended Day Courses)

Optional Courses offered before or after school

- ☐ APEX: Student Leadership 9
- ☐ Junior Worship Leadership 9

If interested in an extended day course students must select it in MyEdBC <u>and</u> also complete an online application form

(The forms are accessible through their QR Code here or on the Grade 9 Course Information Sheet)



APEX: Student Leadership 9



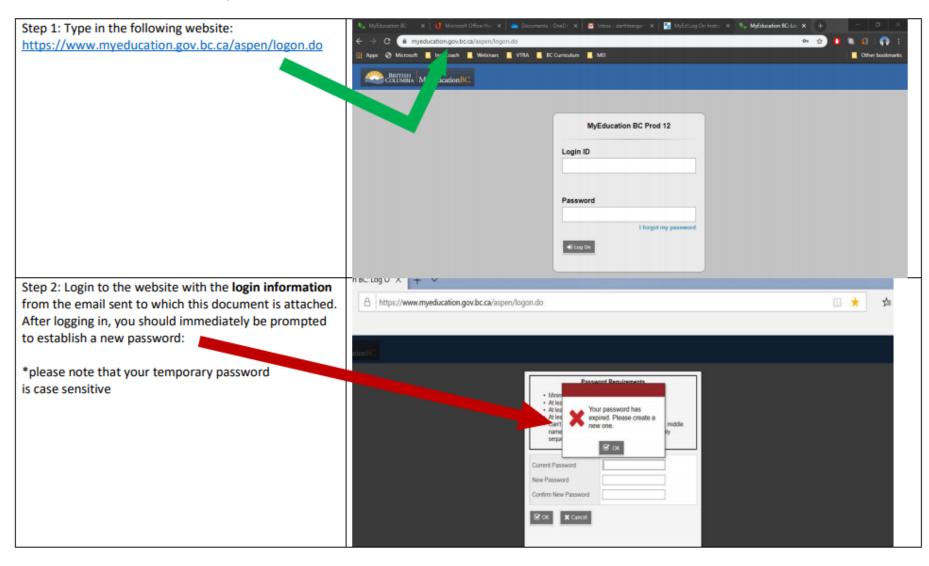
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How to Enter Your Primary and Alternate Course Requests into MyEducationBC

Click Link below:

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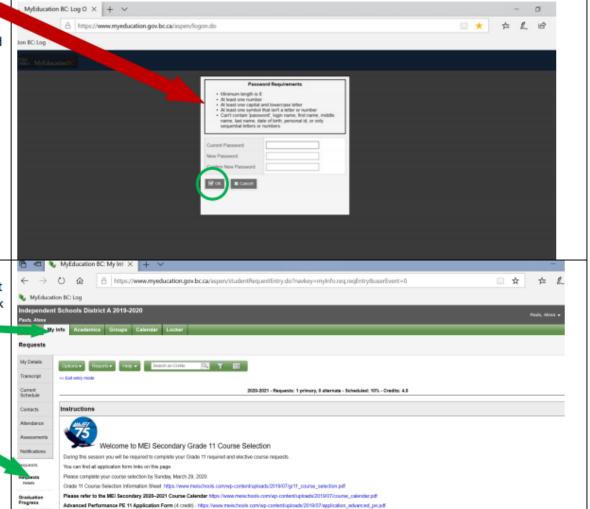
Step 3: Enter a new password. Please make sure to follow the Password Requirements. When you have written in your current password, a NEW password, and Confirmed that new password, click OK.

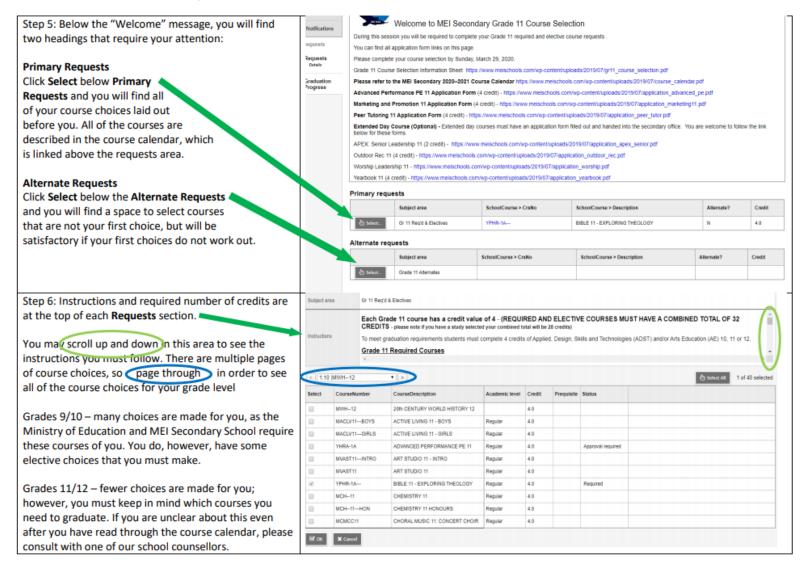
Make sure that you REMEMBER YOUR NEW PASSWORD. Write it down, put it in your phone, and give it to your parent/guardian. This password will be used repeatedly as you go through the course choice process.

Step 4: After establishing a new password (and writing it down, giving it to your parent/guardian, and putting it in your phone), you will see the screen to the right. Click on "My Info"

This will take you to a screen in which you can do a number of different things, but you want to go to the sidebar item titled "Requests"

At this point, you should see a screen looks very similar to the one to the right. It will have your grade level at the top (if you're not in grade 11).



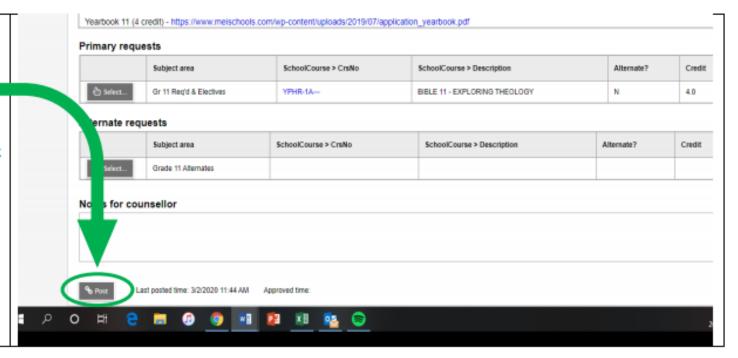


Step 7: When you have completed the course choice process, click the **OK** button and you will be taken back to the original "**Welcome**" page. Scroll to the bottom and click the **POST** button, and you are done.

*if you cannot "Post" your course choices, you have not chosen enough courses to fulfill your timetable. Go back to Step 5 to correct this.

Please note that by clicking the **POST** button, you are signifying that a parent/guardian and student are in agreement about these course choices.

Thank you for your help with this process.





Questions?

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