



Argyle Class of 2031



We respectfully acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional and unceded territories of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and sə̓lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. The City of North Vancouver is committed to reconciliation with these Nations, who have lived on these lands since time immemorial.



Introductions

Principal:
Ms. Laura Ames

Vice Principal:
Ms. Shahrzad Motaghedi

Vice Principal:
Mr. Tim Ireland

Grade 8 Counsellor:
Ms. Erin Malone

Argyle Community



Teachers

Office staff

Administrators

Counsellors

Librarian

Education
Assistants

RCMP

Neighbours

Custodians

Supervision
Aides

Youth workers

Parents

Student

Home



École Argyle Secondary

School



Role of the School Counsellor

Educational
goals

Monitor
student
progress

Academic
assistance

Course
programming

Personal
counselling



Linear School Year

Argyle's Current Timetable

****Linear
with
Day 1/Day 2****

Day 1
4 courses
Sept - June

Day 2
4 courses
Sept - June

Skills 'Explore'
Rotations
(change each
Term 1-2-3)



Flex Time

40 minutes
every
morning

Teacher
support

Project
work

Homework
time





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	Week 1					Week 2					Late Start Wednesday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:15-8:25 AM X Block	11	12	11	12	11	12	11	12	11	12	11 or 12 7:30-8:30 AM
Flex Time 8:30-9:10 AM	Flex					Flex					Staff Collaboration 8:35-9:50 AM
9:10-10:20 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	2 or 5 9:50-10:50
10:25-10:29 AM	Break					Break					10:50-10:59 AM BREAK
10:29-11:40 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	3 or 6 10:59-12:00 PM
11:40-11:50 AM	Break					Break					12:00-12:10 PM BREAK
11:50-1:00 PM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	1 or 7 12:10-1:10 PM
1:00-1:50 PM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH 1:10-2:00
1:50-3:00 PM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4 or 8 2:00-3:00 PM



Late Start Wednesday Dates: September 25, 2024 5,6,7,8
(4 per year) October 30, 2024 2,3,1,4
February 28, 2025 5,6,7,8
April 30, 2025 2,3,1,4

2024-2025



What Courses Will I Take?

Grade 8 Courses

ENGLISH	FRENCH IMMERSION
	
English 8	English 8
Math 8	Math 8
Science 8	Sciences Naturelles 8 OR Science 8
Social Studies 8	Sciences Humaines 8
Physical Education 8	Éducation Physique 8 or Academy
French 8/Spanish 8	Français Langue 8
Explore 8A	Explore 8A
Explore 8B OR Choir/Band OR Introduction to Drama Performance 8	Explore 8B OR Choir/Band OR Introduction to Drama Performance 8

Explore 8A

Tech Ed: An exciting introduction to the world of metal and wood working. Students will design and build several projects and will learn to safely use a variety of metal and woodworking tools.

Digital Media/Careers: Gain knowledge, skills with varied software platforms/ Learn about your strengths and interests, start thinking about career choices.

Art: Projects in drawing, painting, ceramic sculpture and printmaking





Explore 8 B

Drama: Learn about warm-up activities, theatre sports, and short scenes.

Home Economics: Introducing students to both machine sewing as well as Foods and Nutrition

Music: An introduction to rhythm, sound, composition and Argyle's music programs.



Music Electives

Band 8 *(in place of an Explore rotation)*
Choir 8 *(in place of an Explore rotation)*
Strings 8 *(9th course before or after school)*



Drama 8 Debut: Intro to Performance

Step into the spotlight! Drama 8 Debut is a brand-new, full-year course and your gateway into the exciting world of Argyle Drama. No prior experience required.

In This Course, Students Will:

- Build confidence, creativity, and collaboration
- Learn essential theatre skills: ensemble work, movement, voice, and character creation
- Explore exciting performance styles, including:
 - Mime & tableau
 - Improvisation
 - Clowning & silent film
 - Modern adaptations and more
- Develop storytelling and acting skills for both stage and camera

Why Take This Course?:

- Perform in a fun, high-energy, and inclusive environment
- Take creative risks in a supportive space
- Find your community and meet new people
- Start your theatre journey at Argyle with confidence

Reach out to G. Featherstone, G. Owens or E. Malone for more details!
gfeatherstone@sd44.ca / gowens@sd44.ca / emalone@sd44.ca





District Enhanced Programs

Peak Performers Program

- Offers an Altered timetable
- Elite level athletes or performers

Academies

- Basketball, Dance, Field Hockey, Hockey Skills , Soccer, Volleyball, Rowing , Field Hockey, Artists for Kids, Entrepreneurship, Digital Media
- Information and Applications on the District Website
- Apply by February 27.



French Immersion

Students are required to have 13 courses delivered in French Language from grade 8 – 12 to earn a Dual Language Graduation Diploma (Dual Dogwood).



ARGYLE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM 2026-2027



Blocks	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	Français langue 8	Français langue 9	Français langue 10	A Français langue 11 option	Français langue 12
2	Sciences humaines 8	Sciences humaines 9	Sciences humaines 10	A Sciences humaines 11 or 12 option	CLC 12
3	Sciences naturelles 8 or Science 8	Sciences naturelles 9 or Science 9	Sciences naturelles 10 or Science 10	Science 11 option	English 12
4	PHE 8 or Academy 8 or Éducation physique 8	PHE 9 or Academy 9 or Éducation physique 9	English 10	English 11	Elective
5	English 8	English 9	Math 10	Math 11	Elective
6	Math 8	Math 9	Career Life Education 10 or Carrières 10	Elective	Elective
7	Elective	Elective or Culture et communication 9	PHE 10	Elective	Elective
8	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

FRENCH REQUIRED COURSES:

(must take all courses)

- ☐ Français langue 8
- ☐ Sciences humaines 8
- ☐ Français langue 9
- ☐ Sciences humaines 9
- ☐ Français langue 10
- ☐ Sciences humaines 10
- ☐ Français langue 11 option (must take at least 1)
- ☐ Sciences humaines 11/12 option
- ☐ Français langue 12

FRENCH OPTIONAL COURSES:

(must take minimum 4, at least 1 must be at grade 10 or 11 level)

- ☐ Sciences naturelles 8
- ☐ Éducation physique 8
- ☐ Sciences naturelles 9
- ☐ Éducation physique 9
- ☐ Culture et communication 9
- ☐ Sciences naturelles 10
- ☐ Éducation au choix de carrière et de vie 10



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Course Programming

Dear Students,

This Course Programming website is designed to provide you and your parents with information to plan your school year, and ultimately, your future. You should read this with your goals and aspirations in mind. Whether your goals include university, college, business or vocational school, or employment, wise planning is of critical importance. Argyle Secondary School has a tradition of high student achievement and is proud to offer a comprehensive and diverse range of educational and learning opportunities. The members of the school community work with you to help you develop the knowledge and skills to be ready to meet the changing expectations of our society.

As you design your year, you are encouraged to:

1. Consider ALL the courses and programs that are available to you
2. Be curious about options not previously chosen
3. Ensure you know what is required in order for you to achieve your future goals
4. Make reasoned and responsible choices
5. Discuss your plan and consider suggestions from parents, teachers and counsellors

Take the time to plan as the choices you make now can have a significant impact on your future education and career goals.

This guide is intended for **you and your parents to collaboratively make decisions** about program requirements for successive years through to graduation. Grade counselors will be meeting with students to provide general advice about Course Programming. They are available upon request for individual questions.

Our timetable is developed based on student course requests. This means that we staff the school and create course sections based on the information we receive from students in late February-early March. This process allows us to create a schedule that suits the needs of the vast majority of our students, but it does not allow for any significant changes once the timetable is set. **Please do not expect to be able to make a change to a schedule after the timetable is built in June.** We are unable to guarantee that each course described in the booklet will be offered. Offering a course is dependent on enrollment and a student may need to take an alternate course to meet their program requirements.

We look forward to working with you to meet your educational goals.

The Argyle Administrative Team



Elementary School: _____

ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION GRADE 8
2026-2027

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

Students must request a minimum of 8 courses.

1. English 8 (required)
2. Social Studies 8 (required)
3. Mathematics 8 (required)
4. Science 8 (required):
5. Physical Education (required): Physical and Health Education 8 <input type="checkbox"/> OR SD44 Athletic Academy <input type="checkbox"/> Applications must be submitted to district.
6. French 8 or Spanish 9 (required)
7. Elective rotation A* (required): tech ed, art, digital media literacy/careers
8. Elective: Elective rotation B* <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>drama, home economics, music, exploration</i>) OR Choir 8 <input type="checkbox"/> OR Band 8 <input type="checkbox"/> OR Drama 8 <input type="checkbox"/>
X-Block Options: Outside timetable course: Strings
9. _____

1. Course requests determine the school's timetable and staffing for the coming year; therefore, it is imperative that you choose carefully as once course requests are made, changes may not be possible.
2. All Grade 8 students must take 8 courses, not including Strings 8, except students approved for the *Peak Performer Program*: Contact Mr. Tim Ireland, tireland@sd44.ca
3. LAC (Learning Assistance Centre), LSC (Learning Support Centre), and ELL (English Language Learner) course requests are made in consultation with the elementary school teacher and Argyle Learning Services staff. **(Please do not request these courses on this form)** You will be contacted if this support is recommended for your child.
4. *Rotation grouping are subject to change* Elective descriptions are in the programming guide booklet (available to view on the Argyle Website under Programming)

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

DUE DATE TO GRADE 7 TEACHER – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026



Elementary School: _____

ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION.....
Gr.8 FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM 2026-27

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

Students must request a minimum of 8 courses. It is recommended French immersion students take four courses in French. Please see program planner on back for all required courses in French immersion.

1. → English 8 (required) ☐	☐
2. → Sciences Humaines 8 (required) ☐	☐
3. → Français Langue 8 (required) ☐	☐
4. → Mathematics 8 (required) ☐	☐
5. → Science (required): ☐Sciences Naturelles 8 ☐ ORScience 8 ☐	☐
6. → Physical Education (required): ☐ Éducation physique et santé 8 ☐ ORPhysical and Health Education 8 ☐ → ☐ ORSD44 Athletic Academy ☐Applications must be submitted to district ☐	☐
7. → Elective rotation A (required): tech, ed, art, digital literacy/careers ☐	☐
8. → Elective: ☐ Elective rotation B ☐(drama, home economics, music exploration) OR ☐ Choir 8 ☐ ORBand 8 ☐ ORDrama 8 ☐	☐
X-Block Options: Outside timetable course: Strings ☐	☐
9. _____	☐

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DUE DATE TO GRADE 7 TEACHER ~ FRIDAY February 27th, 2026

Student Support

- Counsellor
- Learning Support
- Life Skills
- Choices
- Youth Workers





How will I get involved in the school community?

Clubs

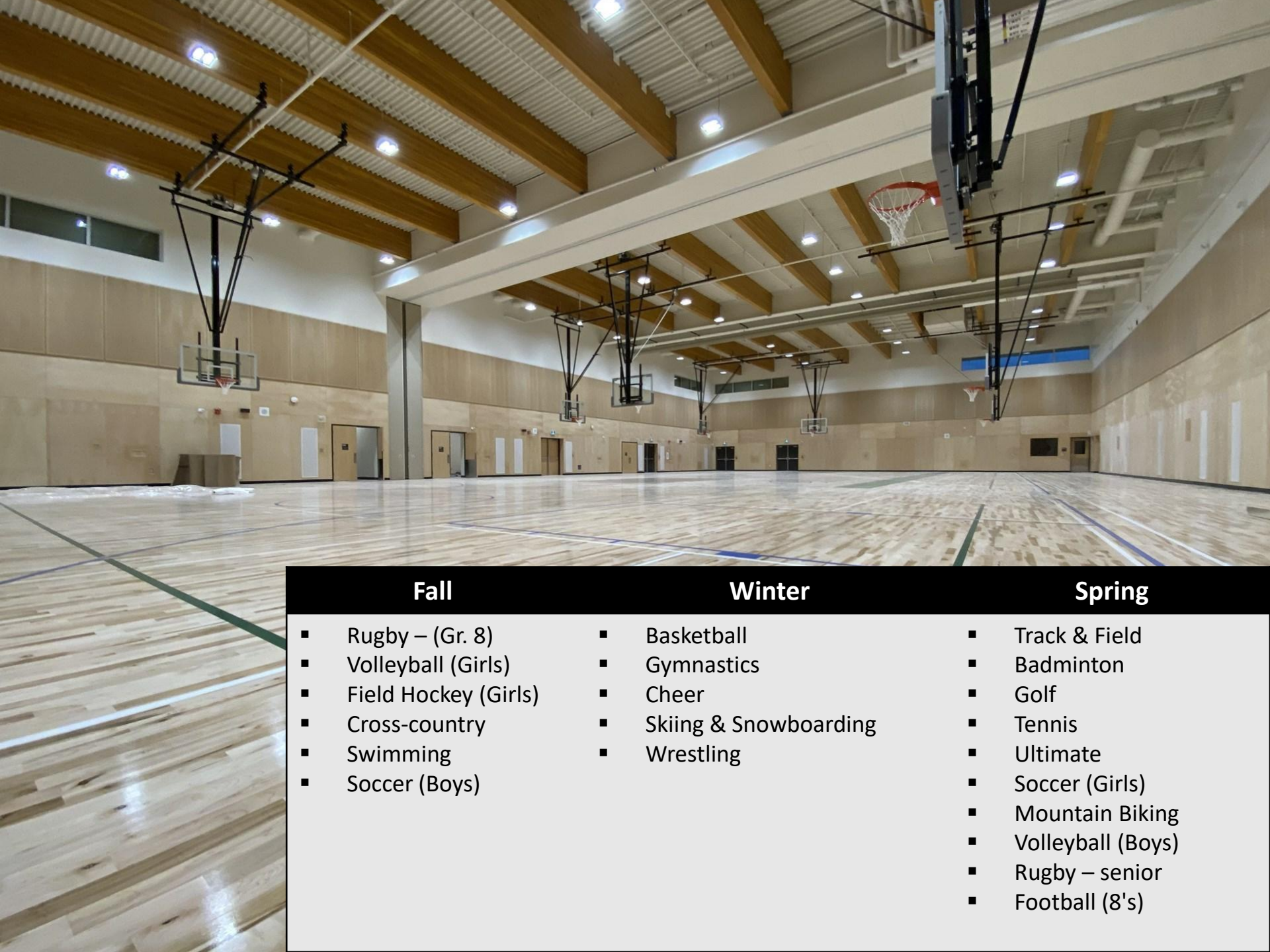
- Model UN/Debate Club
- Physics Club
- Book Club
- Creativity for Change
- Environment Club
- Student Council
- District Student Leadership Council
- Table Top Games Club
- Trivia Club
- Gender Sexuality Alliance
- Best Buddies
- Fitness (weight room) club
- Math Club
- Chess Club
- Community Care Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Diabetes Awareness Club
- Entrepreneurship Club
- Neurodiverity Club





Athletics

- One of the largest athletic programs on the North Shore
- 19 different sports each year
- **Bantam** = grade 8
- Juvenile = grade 9
- Junior = grade 10



Fall	Winter	Spring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rugby – (Gr. 8)▪ Volleyball (Girls)▪ Field Hockey (Girls)▪ Cross-country▪ Swimming▪ Soccer (Boys)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Basketball▪ Gymnastics▪ Cheer▪ Skiing & Snowboarding▪ Wrestling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Track & Field▪ Badminton▪ Golf▪ Tennis▪ Ultimate▪ Soccer (Girls)▪ Mountain Biking▪ Volleyball (Boys)▪ Rugby – senior▪ Football (8's)







Changes to Expect

More personal accountability

At least 8 teachers, 8 courses, 8 classrooms

More people, bigger space

Grade counsellor as point of connection

More extra-curricular activities

Individual lockers

Multipurpose/cafeteria space

Learning Communities

Break-out rooms

Collaboration Spaces

More fun



Getting Ready

Prepare Now!



Stay Involved as a Parent

PAC

Newsletters

Argyle Website

School events

A photograph of a modern school building with large glass windows and a group of students sitting on a concrete ledge in the foreground. The building has a dark roof and yellow accents. The students are sitting on a wide concrete ledge, some looking at laptops. The building has large glass windows and a dark roof. The sky is blue and there are trees in the background.

What's Next?

- Return programming sheets by Friday, February 27th to grade 7 teacher
- Argyle visit Feb 11
- Argyle Newsletter mailed home in late August
- First day of school: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

Questions?

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