

CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY

Course Planning
Presentation
for

parents and guardians of
current Grade 8 students
February 5, 2026



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. I value the opportunity to learn, share, and grow on this traditional territory.



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Course Planning Timeline

Grade 9 Core Curriculum

Grade 9 Electives

MYP Certificate & IBDP preview

NVSD Academies & Peak Performance

Summer Learning & Online Learning

Course Request Entry Process

THE WORLD OF THE GRADE 9 STUDENT 5 months in...

- No longer the "new kids;" more settled in high school
- Growing independence and self-advocacy
- Balancing academic responsibilities and extracurriculars
- Navigating evolving friendships and relationships



COURSE PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

January 28
Student
Programming
Presentation
9:15 am in agora

**January 28 -
January 30**
Follow up: Sci 8
classroom visits
for Q&A

**January 29-
February 12**
Course Entry
Available on
MyEd Portal at
Home

February 5
Programming
evening for
current Grade
8 families

February 9-12
Support for
Inputting Courses
into MyEd BC
during tutorial in
the agora

February 12
Return completed
& signed
programming
sheets to main
office

May 1
Completed Peak
Performance
applications due
to counselling

CARSON GRAHAM COURSE PROGRAMMING GUIDE

Please carefully review the Course Programming Guide, which includes detailed course descriptions and fee information, **before** selecting your courses!



GRADE 9: Year 4 Required Courses

1. Language & Literature 9
2. Individuals & Societies 9
3. Science 9
4. Mathematics 9
5. Physical Health Education 9
6. Language Acquisition (French, Spanish, Squamish)
7. Elective(s) (1/2 year each) or one elective (full year)
8. Elective(s) (1/2 year each) or one elective (full year)

You may also choose other OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES
OUTSIDE THE TIMETABLE

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9:

Two-ish course options

- Physical Health Education 9
- Dance 9
 - Dance Foundations (Dance Sampler) OR
 - Dance Company 9 (audition required)



Which dance class should I take?

DANCE 9

- Intro to dance
- **All levels** welcome
- Learn a **variety of dance styles**, including hip hop, jazz, contemporary, ballet, and more

DANCE FOUNDATIONS 10-12

- **All levels** welcome
- Beginner/intermediate friendly
- Learn a **variety of dance styles**, including hip hop, jazz, contemporary, ballet, and more

DANCE CREW 10-12

- **All levels** welcome
- Beginner/intermediate friendly
- Focus on **Hip Hop** and other street dance styles

DANCE COMPANY 9-12

- **Intermediate-advanced** level class
- Two different groups: **Contemporary** Company AND/OR **Hip Hop** Company
- If interested, choose this option during course selection, then attend an in-person **audition**. Choose your preferred style - hip hop, contemporary, or both.
- Attend dance competitions and performances throughout the year.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY 11/12

- Paired with a dance class to **create choreography** while developing **leadership** skills.
- Must be enrolled in Dance Company



LANGUAGE ACQUISITION: Three course options

- French OR Spanish OR Squamish

NOTE: If you were previously approved for an **LAC** support block, you may self-select XAT--09 LAC - Learning Assistance 9 in the Language Acquisition section instead of a language. Write LAC on your course selection sheet if you will take LAC in Grade 9.



ELECTIVES COURSES

- In Grade 9, you will have **TWO** elective blocks, which can be:
 - 4 half-year electives (semester system)
 - 2 full-year electives
 - Or a combination of both
- You may also take electives outside the regular timetable in addition to those within the timetable.
- Please note: **elective requests are not guaranteed.**

HALF-YEAR ELECTIVE OPTIONS

- Art Design 9
- Engineering 9
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9
- Food Studies 9
- Information & Communication Tech 9
- Textiles 9
- Theatre (Drama) 9
- Woodwork 9



Elective Options:

Please number your top 6 choices **in order of preference.**

Half Year Courses Please choose an **EVEN** number of courses for this section ie 2, 4 or 6.

- ☐ Arts Education Year 4 – Art Design
- ☐ Arts Education Year 4 – Theatre Arts
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Food Studies
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Woodwork
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Information and Communication Technologies
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Textiles
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Engineering
- ☐ Design Year 4 - Entrepreneurship and Marketing

Please ensure your child orders their elective choices by placing a number (1 –6) beside the elective.

This is part of what the flip side of the course programming form looks like. It outlines the half year elective options.

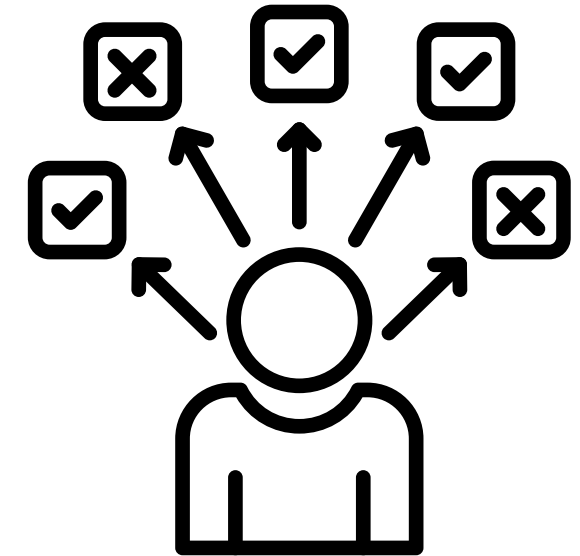
Elective Courses Checklist for students:

- **Do:**

- Rank your choices by priority.
- Choose courses based on your interests.
- Select 2 alternative options.
- Try a course you haven't taken before.

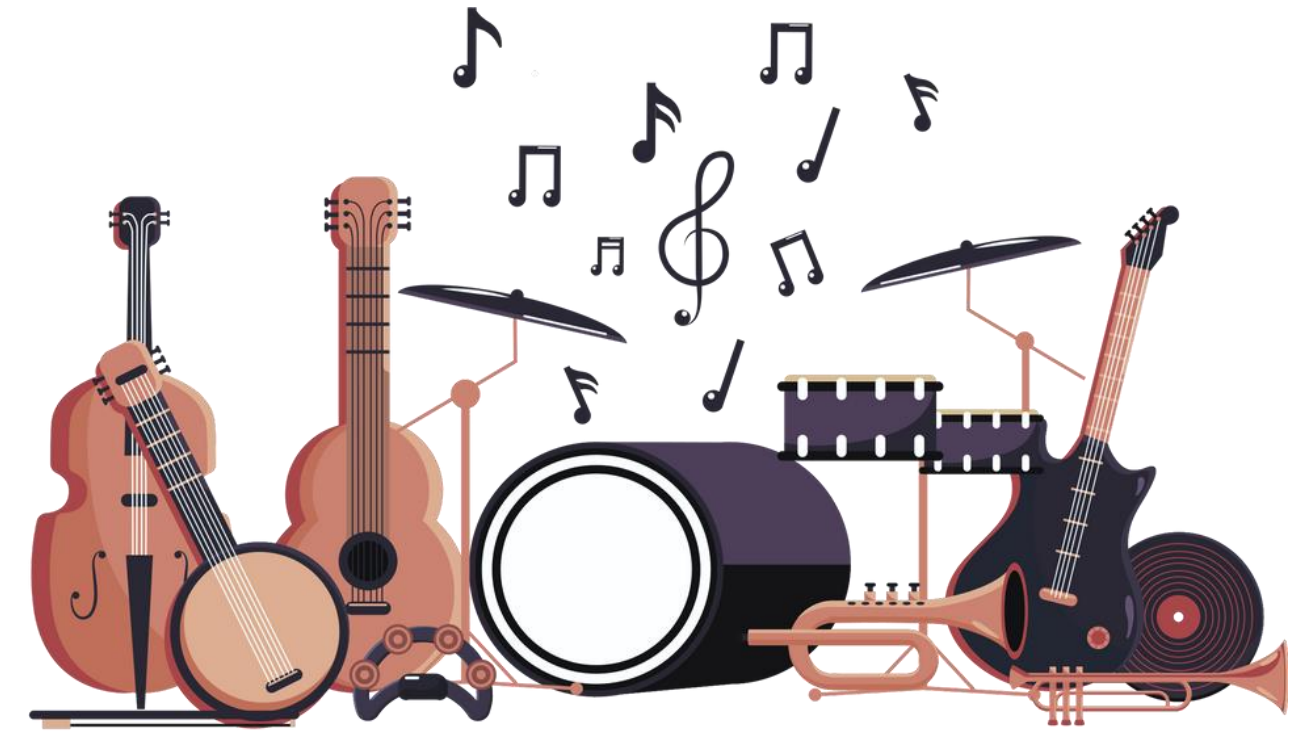
- **Do NOT...**

- Choose courses based on your friends' choices.
Select courses just because they seem easy.
- Pick only 4 courses and forget to add alternates.



FULL-YEAR ELECTIVES offered inside the regular schedule

- **Guitar**
 - Beginner (0-1 years)
 - Intermediate (1-2)
 - Senior (2+)
- **Concert Band 9** (must have 2 years previous band experience)
- **Dance Foundations 9**
- **Dance Company Year 4** (by audition only)



If your child chooses one or two of these, please ensure they include them in their priority ranking from 1 – 6.

This is part of what the flip side of the course programming form looks like. **It outlines the full year elective options.** Choose 1, 2 or none of the options.

Full Year Courses (Each course below takes the place of 2 electives)

Arts Education Year 4 Guitar: If you'd like to take guitar, choose ONE of the three boxes immediately below.

- ☐ 0-1 years of experience
- ☐ 1-2 years of experience
- ☐ 2+ years experience

- ☐ Concert Band Year 4
- ☐ Dance Foundation Year 4
- ☐ Dance Company Year 4
 - Audition Required

When you rank your courses, don't forget to include the full year options!

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- ☐ Design Year 4 – Textiles
- ☐ Design Year 4 – Engineering
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- ☐ Dance Foundation Year 4
- ☐ Dance Company Year 4
 - Audition Required

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES: outside the regular 9:10 am – 3:00 pm schedule

- Concert Choir
- Chamber Choir
 - Audition required
- Equal Voice Contemporary Music
 - Audition required
 - Consult with the music teachers for more info.
- Vocal Jazz
 - Audition required
- Beginner Band
- Jazz Band



Optional Courses Outside Timetable

Full Year Electives: outside the regular 9:10am –3:00pm schedule. Tick all that you would like to take and don't forget to register for them in MyEd!

- ☐ Concert Choir
- ☐ Chamber Music
 - Audition required
- ☐ Equal Voice Contemporary Music
 - Audition required
- ☐ Vocal Jazz
 - Audition Required
- ☐ Beginner Band
- ☐ Jazz Band

ALTERNATE COURSES/PROGRAMS

- **Learning Assistance (LAC)**
 - For referred students or those already in LAC.
- **English Language Learner (ELL)**
 - For referred students or those already in ELL.
- **Academies**
- **Peak Performance**
 - Application process required
- **Choices**
 - For referred students or those already in Choices

IB MYP CERTIFICATE



MYP Certificate Requirements

- Complete 30+ service hours by the end of Grade 10
 - Complete minimum 10 hours of volunteering per year
- Successfully complete the Grade 10 Personal Project
- Successful completion of required courses

See Carson website for full
breakdown of requirements

You are Invited!

CELEBRATION OF IB

PERSONAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ART EXHIBITION
DP CORE PRESENTATIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2026
Through the day and 6:00PM - 7:30PM



Carson Graham
Secondary

CELEBRATION of IB!

Thursday, March 5, 2026
6-8pm

Personal Project Presentations
IB Diploma Programme Art Exhibition
Diploma Programme CORE Presentations



Carson students have the option of Full DP or Partial DP

What is the IB Diploma Programme?

The Diploma Programme is a 2-year program students can apply for in grades 11-12 at Carson.

It is a challenging, university prep program with the potential to earn university credit

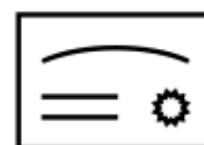
What is the value of the IB Diploma?

- Engaging learning environment with like-minded peers excited about learning
- Prepares students for success at university
- Students thrive in the program and build resilience
- Builds good study habits and teaches time-managements skills

Full DP



Partial DP



- Take all 7 courses in the DP
- Receive an IB Diploma, recognized by universities world-wide
- Possibility of university credits/Full year of credits at SFU and UVic.
- Take up to 3 DP courses
- Possibility of university course credits

Applications happen in February of Grade 10.

You can find out more info at

But wait.
There's more...!

PEAK PERFORMANCE



- 15+ hours/week of discipline-specific training year-round
- Minimum C+ average and satisfactory work habits (based on previous year's report card)
- Participation in regional, provincial, or national competitions/performance
- Coach or training program recommendation required
- Complete application form with all necessary documents & submit to Mrs. Marshall
- Reapply each year
- [Application](#) deadline: May 1
- Principal approval required

NORTH VANCOUVER ACADEMIES & ENHANCED PROGRAMS

- Variety of athletic and academic programs
- Programs focus on enhancing specific skill sets
- Open to grades 8-12
- Earn Ministry of Education credits for Grades 10-12
- Travel to different school sites may be required
- Limited financial bursaries available



NVSD ACADEMY OFFERINGS

(For Grade 9 students)



- Basketball (\$1500)
- Digital Media Academy Lite (\$1312.50)
- Volleyball (\$2195.50)
- Field hockey (\$2700)
- Rowing (\$2089)
- Soccer (\$1900)
- Hockey Skills (\$2330)



NORTH VANCOUVER SUMMER LEARNING

Who is it for?

- Students improving or catching up on skills
- Students seeking graduation credits

Summer Course Offerings

- Full Credit Academic Grade 10-12 courses
- English Language Learner courses (ELL)
- EsLha7an Secondary Review & Completion
- Numeracy 8/9 Foundations
- Literacy 8/9 Foundations



Registration

- May 1: registration opens
- Register via School Cash Online or the Summer Learning Website

Good to Know:

- Summer Learning courses are intensive
- Daily attendance is mandatory
- Academic integrity expectations are high
- Courses fill up quickly; register VERY early to avoid disappointment!!

Summer Learning Details



Programs	Foundations Courses (Gr 7-9)	Full Credit (Gr. 10-12) Academic Courses
	ELL Language Building Literacy Numeracy 7/8 Transition	Gr. 10 - 12 Full Courses Required for Graduation
Location	Argyle Secondary	Argyle Secondary
Dates	July 6 – July 22, 2026	July 2 – July 31, 2026
Times	8:30am – 12:00pm	8:30am - 12:30pm

Visit the website for more info: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer>

Gr. 10-12 Full Credit Course Offerings

(Subject to enrollment and staffing)



Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Social Studies 10	Chemistry 11	Anatomy & Physiology 12
Physical & Health Education 10	Foundations of Math 11	BC First Peoples 12
Science 10	Life Sciences 11	Chemistry 12
English Composition & Spoken Word 10	Literary Studies 11	English Studies 12
	Physics 11	English First Peoples 12
Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10	Pre-Calculus 11	Physics 12
		Pre-Calculus 12

Please Note – these are INTENSIVE courses as students are completing an entire course in one month (80+ hours). In addition to the 4 hours of morning class, students can expect to be doing work outside of class time.



Registration

May 1 - June 22, 2026

Register through School
Cash Online or Summer
Learning Website

www.sd44.ca/school/summer

NORTH VANCOUVER ONLINE LEARNING



What is NVOL?

- Online courses with instruction & resources delivered online by a NVSD teacher
- Self-paced
- Continuous-entry
- Engage with teachers virtually

Course Offerings:

- Grade 8-12 courses
- Academic and elective courses
- Full list available on the NVOL website

Registration

- Students register online via the NVOL website

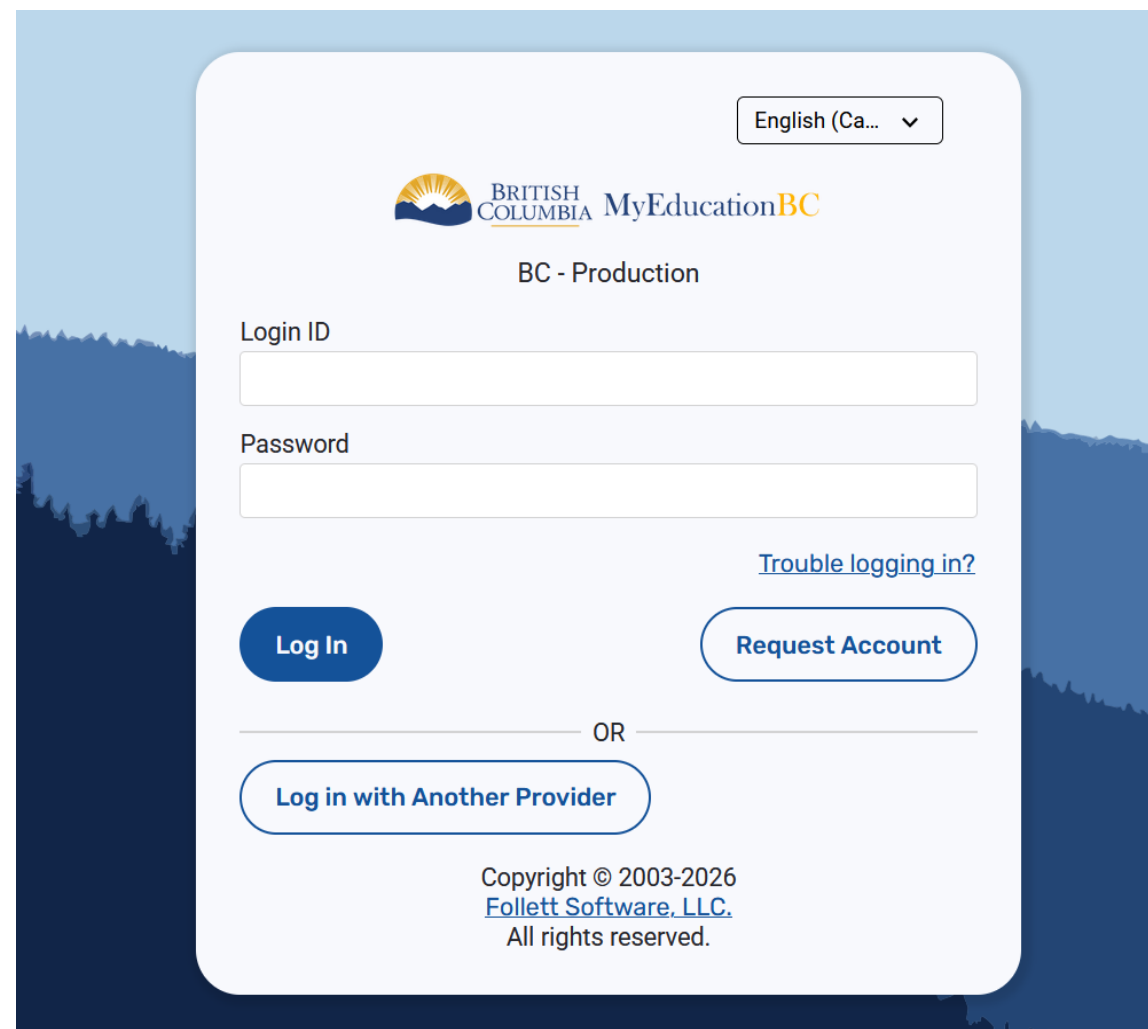
Students now have all their options:
It's time to choose courses!

COURSE REQUEST ENTRY TIMELINE


- The MyEd Portal is now open! Students have their salmon coloured course programming sheets.
- Enter course requests now into MyEducation BC.
- Login details are on students' personalized forms.
- Deadline: February 12th. The portal will close after this date.
- Instructions: on the Carson Graham website and in MyEd.
- TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!!

COURSE REQUEST ENTRY: Log into MyEducation BC

Once you login, click on "My Info" and then on Requests"



English (Ca... ▼)

 **MyEducationBC**

BC - Production

Login ID

Password

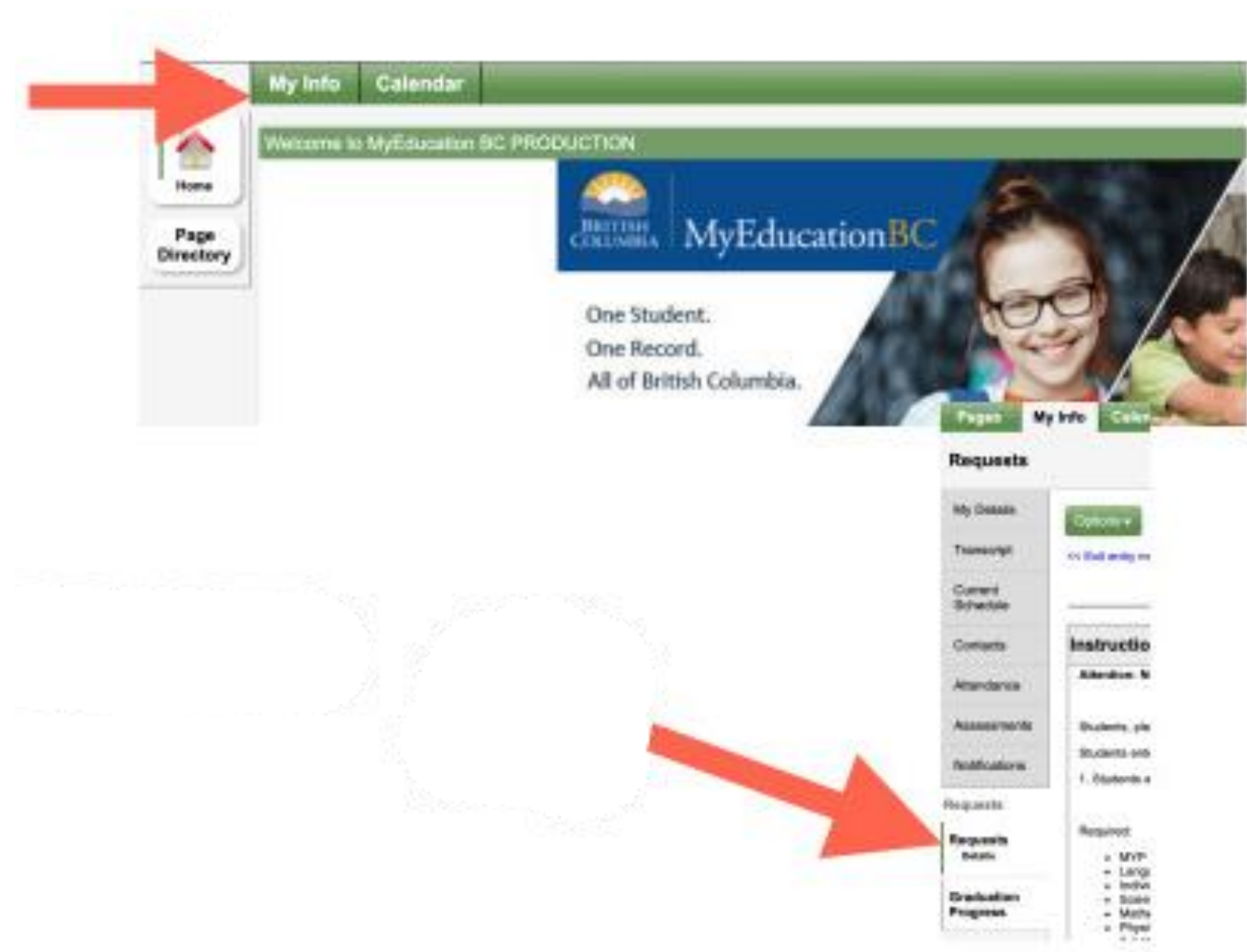
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Search on CrsNo



Entry mode >>

<input type="checkbox"/>	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEN--09IB	LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE YEAR 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMA--09IB	MATHEMATICS YEAR 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MSC--09IB	SCIENCES YEAR 4

COURSE REQUEST ENTRY

Important: Read all instructions before entering courses in MyEd

- Enter courses exactly as listed on your course selection sheet (authorized by parents/guardians).
- Minimum of 8 full periods are required.
- Some courses will already be **preselected** in MyEd
 - Language and Literature Year 4
 - Individuals and Societies Year 4
 - Sciences Year 4
 - ** Mathematics Year 4



This is what the instructions look like!

Instructions

Attention: Next Year's Grade 9 Students

****Please read all of the instructions below carefully before proceeding with your MyEd course input****

Please enter your courses as they appear on your course selection sheet: these are the courses that have been authorized by your parents and will be reviewed by your counsellor. Students entering Grade 9 next year are required to have a minimum of 8 courses.

1. Please note that some of the courses below will have already been selected for you in MyEd.

Required and Preselected:

- Language and Literature Year 4
- Individuals and Societies Year 4
- Sciences Year 4
- Mathematics year 4 (If you are taking Math 9 this year, please write that on your course programming sheet. This will alert your counsellor to put you into Math 10 Foundations and Precalculus 10 next year. You will not be able to input the Math 10 course yourself.)

Also Required (You must select the below in MyEd):

- A Physical and Health Education Year 4: (PHE 9 or a PHE Dance 9 Class)
- 1 Language Course (French 9, Spanish 9 or Squamish 9)
- 2 - 4 Electives in the timetable (The number of electives you choose will depend on whether you take a full year elective course (Eg. Dance, Guitar, Concert Band) All other Arts and Design elective courses are half year/one term courses).

2. **LAC Blocks:** If you have been previously approved for an LAC support block, you may self-select XAT--09LAC - LEARNING ASSISTANCE 9 in anticipation of being approved again for an LAC block. This selection will be made in the Language Acquisition Section. Do NOT select an LAC 9 class if you did not take the course in Grade 8 or if you have not been approved.

3. When you have completed and submitted your course selections, please return your **signed** course request sheet to the main office before **February 12th, 2026**.









4. Please indicate your alternate course selections on the paper programming sheet and **enter them into the MYEd portal**.

5. Peak Performance or Academy class next year? Please input courses as if you were NOT accepted into your peak performance or academy classes. Mrs. Marshall will make changes later when your registration in peak or academy classes has been confirmed.

6. If you have a course or an issue that is not covered in these instructions, please see Mrs. Marshall well ahead of the submission deadline.

When you have completed your course selections, please have it checked and signed by a parent or guardian. Then submit your form to the main office.

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Name	
 Select...	Language and Literature	MEN--09IB	LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE YEAR 4	Carson Graham Secondary	
 Select...	Individuals and Societies	MSS--09IB	INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES YEAR 4	Carson Graham Secondary	
 Select...	Sciences	MSC--09IB	SCIENCES YEAR 4	Carson Graham Secondary	
 Select...	Mathematics	MMA--09IB	MATHEMATICS YEAR 4	Carson Graham Secondary	
 Select...	PHE				
 Select...	Language Acquisition				
 Select...	Electives Year 4				
 Select...	Off Timetable Courses				

Subject area	Electives Year 4
Instructions	<p>MYP Year 4 Electives</p> <p>Please select 4 Elective courses. Concert Band & Guitar (Beginner, Intermediate, or Senior) are full year courses and require two additional elective courses. More options are on the second page.</p> <p>**You will have also entered alternate choices on your course programming sheet. These are for the</p>

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Pr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MADGE09ENI	ADST 9 - ENGINEERING YEAR 4	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDR--09TIB	ARTS YEAR 4 - THEATRE ARTS	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MVA--09DIB	ARTS YEAR 4 - ART DESIGN	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09CBI	ARTS YEAR 4 - CONCERT BAND	Regular	0.0	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09GIB	ARTS YEAR 4: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: GUITAR- BEGINNER	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09GII	ARTS YEAR 4: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: GUITAR- INTERMED	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09GIS	ARTS YEAR 4: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: GUITAR- SENIOR	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MADEM09IB	Design Year 4 - Entrepreneurship and Marketing 9	Regular	0.0	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MADT-09-IB	DESIGN YEAR 4 - TEXTILES IB	Regular	0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MADW-09-IB	DESIGN YEAR 4 - WOODWORK IB	Regular	0.0	

Instructions

Off Timetable Courses

These courses all occur after or before school hours and require additional commitment.

If you are requesting a music course (**Band, Choir, or Jazz Band**) please select one or more of the following. Guitar is requested in the MYP Year 4 Elective section

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	Priority	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09BBI	ARTS YEAR 4 - BEGINNERS CONCERT BAND	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="1"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09JIB	ARTS YEAR 4 - JAZZ BAND BLACK	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09JIR	ARTS YEAR 4 - JAZZ BAND RED	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09CCI	ARTS YEAR 4 - CONCERT CHOIR	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="2"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09CHI	ARTS YEAR 4: CHAMBER CHOIR 9	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09CMI	ARTS YEAR 4: CONTEMPORARY MUSIC 9	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU--09CPI	ARTS YEAR 4: MUSIC COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION	Regular	0.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>	

Important Dates

1. Need help choosing your courses? Have questions about your special circumstances? Please see Mrs. Marshall, ideally BEFORE Friday, February 6th. Do not wait till the last day to start asking questions.
2. Submit your **signed** course request sheet to the main office before Thursday, February 12, 2026. Enter courses into MyEd.
3. Indicate alternate course selections on the paper form (do not enter them in MyEd)



Grade 9 Program Planning 2026–2027

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Student # _____ Student Cell Phone _____
Homeroom _____ Grade _____ Student Email _____

Course Selections for Next Year

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 8 courses.

If the grade level of the required course listed below is incorrect, cross out the grade level and clearly write in the correct grade level.

Required Courses

1. Language and Literature Year 4
2. Individual and Societies Year 4
3. Science Year 4
4. Mathematics Year 4
5. Physical and Health Education Year 4 (SELECT ONE):
 - ☐ Physical and Health Education Year 4.
 - ☐ Dance Foundation
 - ☐ PE Dance Company: Year 4 (By Audition Only)

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION YEAR 4

6. Select One
 - ☐ French Year 4
 - ☐ Spanish Year 4
 - ☐ Squamish Year 4
 - ☐ LAC 9

ELECTIVES (complete back page)

7. Elective 1: _____
Elective 2: _____
8. Elective 3: _____
Elective 4: _____

Note to Counsellor

My Education BC Login Information

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Please Note

Students are strongly advised to speak with their current teachers for recommendations on which classes to take.

It is important to take time to select the correct courses on this form, as it is very difficult (often impossible) to make course changes at a later date.

Enter course selections ONLINE from January 28 to February 12, 2026.

Please review your course selections carefully and sign below indicating your consent to the above course requests.

Please return this form to the Carson Office by Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email and Cell Phone _____

*Signed form due to main
office by Feb 12th*



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The timetable is built based on the courses requested now.
- Carefully consider your options, choosing courses based on your interests and future plans.
- Changes *may not* be possible after schedules are created.
- Course selections are requests only. We will do our best to accommodate, but some requests may not be fulfilled.
- We cannot accommodate for teacher, friend or section requests.



Questions?

