

Handsworth Secondary

**Course Programming
2025-2026**

Students entering Grade 9

INTRODUCTIONS

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



■ THE WORLD OF THE **GRADE 9** STUDENT

- More electives
- Increased responsibility and academic expectations
- Greater independence
- Continue developing social and personal identity

GRADE 9 COURSES – ENGLISH

REQUIRED COURSES

- English 9
 - Social Studies 9
 - Science 9
 - Physical and Health Education 9
 - Math 9
- + (Careers 9 – a series of assemblies/workshops outside of the timetable)

ELECTIVES

- Choose **3**

Optional 4th:

Jazz Band and/or Choir (outside timetable)

GRADE 9 COURSES – FRENCH IMMERSION

REQUIRED COURSES

- English 9
 - Sciences Humaines 9
 - Sciences Naturelles 9
 - Physical and Health Education 9
 - Français Langue 9
 - Math 9
- + (Careers 9 – a series of assemblies/workshops outside of the timetable)

ELECTIVES

- Choose 2 electives in timetable

Optional 3rd:

Jazz Band and/or Choir (outside timetable)

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM PLANNING TOOL

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	Elective
3	Sciences naturelles 8	Sciences Naturelles 9	Sciences naturelles 10	Science 11	Elective
4	Éducation physique et santé 8	PHE 9	PHE 10	Elective	Elective
5	English Language Arts 8	English Language Arts 9	English Language Arts 10	English 11	English 12
6	Math 8	Math 9	Math 10	Math 11	Elective
7	ADST Rotation	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
8	Elective	Elective	Career Life Education 10 or Carrières et leadership 10	Elective	Elective
(9)		Careers 9 (outside timetable)			*Indigenous Focused Course * CLC 12

■ WHAT **ELECTIVES** SHOULD I TAKE?

CONSIDER:

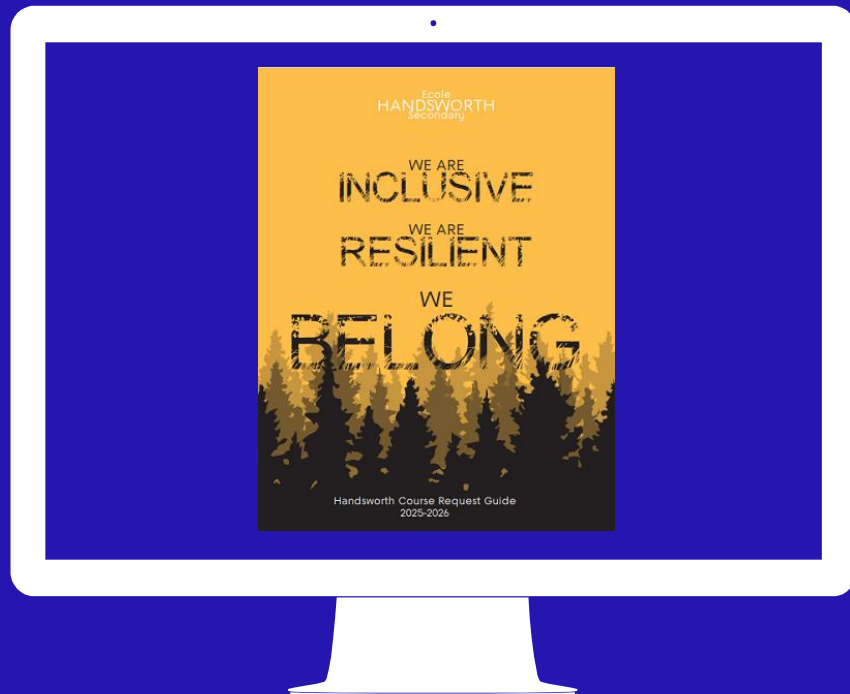
- Which electives interest me?
- What am I good at?
- What would I like to try?
- What career directions interest me?
- Will I be participating in extra programming that impacts my timetable? (LAC, PEAK, ACADEMY etc.)

There may be **no**
opportunity to alter
your timetable after
deadline dates

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Handsworth Course Selection Guide

This guide provides detailed information
about each course offered at
Handsworth.



ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS

HOME ECONOMICS

Textiles 9

Food Studies 9

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Info & Communication Technology 9

Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Woodwork 9

Power Technology 9

Electronics & Robotics 9

Drafting 9

LANGUAGES

Spanish 9 (intro)

French 9

PERFORMING ARTS

Drama 9 (Stage, Musical Theatre, Improv)

Dance 9 (Just Dance, Junior Crew, Squad, Studio)

Music (Concert Band 9, Strings 9)

Music (outside time table) Choir 9, Jazz Band 9

FINE ARTS

Visual Arts 9

ADST: HOME ECONOMICS

TEXTILES 9

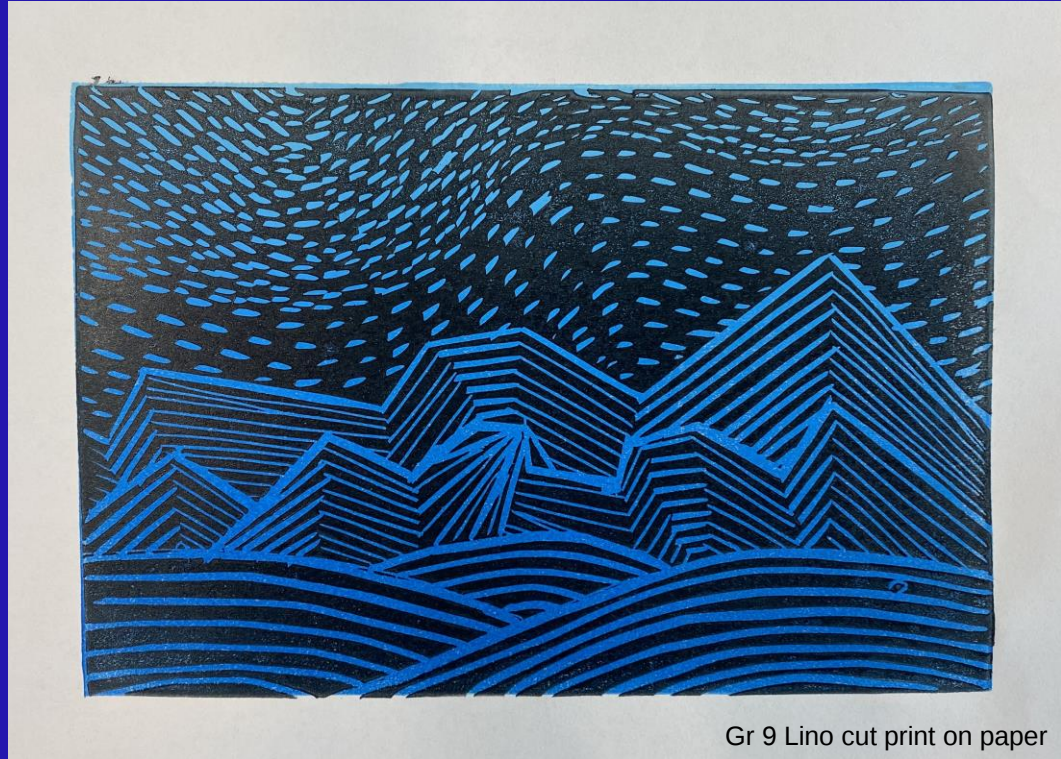
- Analyze and prioritize design ideas while creating a prototype.

FOOD STUDIES 9

- Introduces students to the area of foods and nutrition.
- Students will plan, design, create and evaluate own recipes.

■ VISUAL ARTS 9

- A foundational art course learning the design principles of:
 - Drawing
 - Painting
 - Ceramics
 - Printmaking techniques



Gr 9 Lino cut print on paper

■ DRAMA 9 OPTIONS

Musical Theatre 9

- acting, singing, and movement
- study the history of the genre, iconic musicals,
- perform musical scenes for audiences

Intro to Stage (Acting and Tech) 9

- explore and perform scripted scenes, and original ensemble creations
- perform and/or to serve as Techies

Improvisation 9

- share and perform non-scripted scenes, as well as original ensemble creations
- have an opportunity to perform

Everyone is welcome.

DANCE 9 OPTIONS

No experience necessary:

DANCE 9 JUST DANCE

Experience dance through technical skills and performance, including: jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary styles.

DANCE 9 CREW

Dance 9 Crew is for students interested in learning mostly hip hop and street style dance.

DANCE 9 SQUAD

Dance 9 Squad is an intermediate-level class for students with previous dance experience looking to enhance their skills.

(Placement in Squad by audition only.)

DANCE 9 STUDIO

Advanced-level class is meant for students with previous dance experience looking to develop their dance technique and performance skills in a more challenging environment.

(Placement into Studio based on a one-on-one consultation with the dance teachers and the student's ability level both technically and artistically.)

MUSIC 9 OPTIONS

MUSIC 9 CONCERT BAND

Beginners with some music experience are welcome

- Designed as a natural progression from Junior Concert Band 8

STRINGS 9

Designed for students who wish to continue the master of orchestral stringed instrument skills

MUSIC 9 JAZZ BAND

An opportunity to continue jazz at a higher level

- For students who have already played in a jazz band or students who are advanced players
*scheduled outside of the regular timetable as a 9th course

CHOIR 9

- A grade 8-12 choral music
*scheduled outside of the regular timetable as a 9th course

ADST: BUSINESS EDUCATION

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY 9

- An introduction to efficient and effective internet use, work processing, and simple desktop publishing

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MARKETING 9

- An introduction to the world of business.

ADST: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

WOODWORKING 9

Through project construction, students will learn various methods of:

- Machine tool use
- Joinery
- Finishing techniques
- Process of design and modeling projects on the computer

POWER TECHNOLOGY 9

Students will explore:

- Energy and power generation
- Small engines
- Basic metal working
- Design projects that convert various forms of engines

ADST: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTICS 9

- Engineering and hands-on design
- Use tools, materials, and processes to test design challenges
- Projects: various electronics projects

DRAFTING 9

- introduction to architectural drafting, design and industrial design.
- Emphasis will be placed on CAD (computer assisted drafting and design) software programs.

MODERN LANGUAGE OPTIONS

FRENCH 9

Continues the study of Core French begun in French 8

Vocabulary is enriched

Knowledge of Francophone culture is expanded

Communication skills developed

SPANISH 9

This introductory course in Spanish is for Grade 9s

Learn basic grammar

Practice basic conversation skills

Explore Hispanic culture from around the world

Other Considerations



ACADEMIES

- Hockey Skills Academy
- Soccer Academy
- Volleyball Academy
- Dance Academy
- Basketball Academy
- Field Hockey Academy
- Digital Media Academy
- Artists for Kids Studio Arts Academy
- Robotics, Mechanics, and Digital Fabrication Academy
- Rowing Academy

- Information and applications can be found on the NVSD [academies website](#)
- Further inquiries and applications can be forwarded to academies@sd44.ca
- March 7th – NVSD Enhanced Programs and Academy Registrations Due

PEAK PERFORMANCE

A non-credit timetabling option for elite-level student athletes and performers in Grades 8 to 10

- Students must apply each year
- More information and the application can be found on the Handsworth and [NVSD websites](#)

Applications must be submitted by **May 30th** to the main office



Summer Learning Details

Programs	Foundations Courses	Full Credit Academic Courses
	ELL Literacy Numeracy 7/8 Transition	Gr. 10 -12 Courses Required for Graduation
Location	Argyle Secondary	Argyle Secondary
Dates	July 2, 2023 – July 18, 2025	July 2 – July 31, 2025
Times	8:30am - 11:55am	8:30am - 12:30pm

**Register through School Cash Online or
Summer Learning Website**

Registration opens May 1st 9 am



**North Vancouver
Online Learning
(NVOL)**

What is NVOL?



- Online courses delivered through Online Learning Management System by an NVSD teacher
- Anywhere, anytime learning
- Self-paced
- Continuous entry (start any time during school year)



Course Offerings

- Courses in grades 8-12
- Academics
- Some electives



The screenshot shows the North Vancouver Online Learning website. The header features the North Vancouver School District logo and name, a search bar, and navigation links for Mail, NVSD Portal, Parents, and NVSD. A secondary navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Programs & Services, Staff Info, Parents, Students, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'North Vancouver Online Learning Courses' and is organized into a sidebar and a main list. The sidebar contains links for Academic Advising, Career Exploration, Post-Secondary Information, BC Learning Services, Courses, Course Plans, École Virtuelle, NVOL Centre: Support for Students, Mountainside NVOL Centre, Sutherland NVOL Centre, Windsor NVOL Centre, and Teaching to Diversity. The main list displays courses for Grade 12, Grade 11, and Grade 10.

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École Virtuelle

NVOL Centre: Support for Students

- Mountainside NVOL Centre
- Sutherland NVOL Centre
- Windsor NVOL Centre

Teaching to Diversity

Grade 12

- 20th Century World History 12
- Active Living 12
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
- Apprenticeship Mathematics 12
- Calculus 12
- Career-Life Connections 12
- Chemistry 12
- Core French 12
- English Studies 12
- Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Français langue seconde - Immersion 12 (for French Immersion students)
- Law Studies 12
- Philosophy 12
- Photography 12
- Physical Geography 12
- Physics 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Social Justice 12

Grade 11

- Chemistry 11
- Composition 11
- Core French 11
- Creative Writing 11
- Earth Sciences 11
- Explorations en sciences humaines et sociales 11 (for French Immersion students)
- Foundations of Mathematics 11
- Médias et communication numérique 11 (for French Immersion students)
- Life Sciences 11
- Literary Studies 11
- Marketing and Promotion 11
- Physics 11
- Pre-Calculus 11
- Science for Citizens 11
- Workplace Mathematics 11

Grade 10 Courses

- Career-Life Education 10
- Composition 10 (2 credits)
- Core French 10
- Creative Writing 10 (2 credits)

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/onlinelearning>

■ IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- We build the timetable based on the courses *you* request
- It is expected students take and complete all courses they select on the programming sheet
- Choose courses based on *your* interests and *your* future
- There may be **no** opportunity to alter your timetable after deadline dates

- **Feb 14 – 28th**

**COURSE REGISTRATION
ENTRY – students enter
course requests at home via
MyEd**

COURSE PROGRAMMING **TIMELINE**

Monday Feb 10th 8:30 am	ALL grade 8 students attend a MANDATORY course programming assembly and receive their personalized course selection form with login details
Feb 14 – 28 th	MyEd STUDENT portal open for entering course selection requests
Feb 19 th & 20 th	Counsellor visits classes to answer questions
March 3 rd	Signed course request forms due to front office
March 7 th	Transfer Request Window closes (District Application)
April 14 th	Course Verification forms come home
April 17 th	Course Request Change Deadline

■ ENTERING COURSE REQUESTS

An email will be sent home Thursday February 6th with instructions on how to enter course requests.

Note: Course requests
MUST be entered
through **student**
accounts

A NOTE ON STUDENT SUCCESS

TUTORIAL TIME

8:30 – 9:10 Tues – Fri

(Mon by appointment)

This is instructional time where you can get help, do homework, study and/or collaborate.

- Create good study habits at home
- Record what is due and when
- Create plans and goals that are SMART



USEFUL RESOURCES

ON THE HANDSWORTH WEBSITE:

- [Course programming guide](#)
- [Staff contact information](#)
- [School calendar](#)
- [School activities](#)
- [Newsletter](#)
- [Important information from the PAC](#)

Instagram:

@handsworthhss

@handsworthstudentcouncil

@handsworthpac

Microsoft Teams: Grad 2029 Team
(students)

Wednesday November 5th, 2025



Japan Exchange Program

April 7-21, 2026

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- HOSTING STUDENTS FROM INAGE INTERNATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL (SISTER SCHOOL)
- OCTOBER 6-14, 2025
- FIRST VISIT BY INAGE SINCE 2019
- HOMESTAYS FOR 2 JAPANESE STUDENTS IN YOUR HOME FOR 2-3 NIGHTS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW CONTINUED

- 2 WEEKS SPENT IN JAPAN – APRIL 7 – 21, 2026
- FIRST WEEK: TRAVELLING THROUGH KYOTO, NARA, OSAKA, HIROSHIMA & TAKAYAMA
- EXPOSURE TO JAPANESE CULTURE THROUGH VISITING HISTORIC AND CULTURAL CAPITALS OF JAPAN, BUDDHIST TEMPLES, SHINTO SHRINES, JAPANESE AMUSEMENT PARKS, PEACE MEMORIAL PARK AND ATOMIC MUSEUM, STAYING IN A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE RYOKAN (B&B)
- ACT AS AMBASSADORS FOR CANADA AND NORTH VANCOUVER



PROGRAM OVERVIEW CONTINUED

- SECOND WEEK: SPENT VISITING INAGE, OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN CHIBA, JAPAN (NEAR TOKYO)
- CULTURAL IMMERSION: STUDENTS STAY (IN PAIRS) WITH JAPANESE FAMILIES, ATTEND JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES, EXPLORE JAPANESE HOBBIES LIKE KENDO, JUDO, CALLIGRAPHY & FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, VISIT TOKYO
- CULMINATING THE STUDENTS' ROLE AS AMBASSADORS FOR NORTH VANCOUVER, STUDENTS WILL MEET WITH THE MAYOR OF CHIBA ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER



ESTIMATED COSTS

- 2025 \$7385 PER STUDENT (MAY VARY WITH TRAVEL COSTS)
- INCLUDES: FLIGHTS, HOTELS, PREMIUM TRAVEL INSURANCE, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, ENTRANCE FEES, SOME MEALS



THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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