

Handsworth Secondary

Course Programming 2025-2026

Students entering Grade 9

Wednesday February 4th - 5:30pm-6:30pm
- in the Theatre



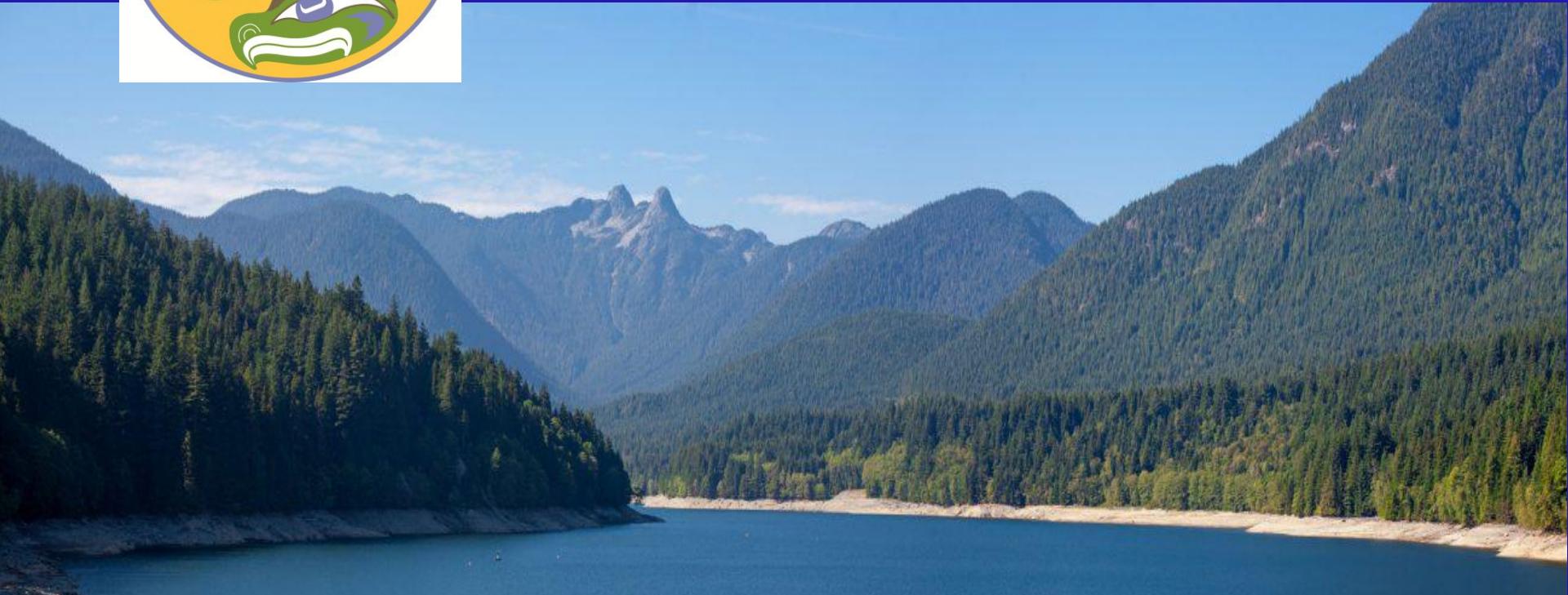
Key Dates:

1. **February 6th -20th – Course Requests MyEd Portal**
2. **Monday, February 23rd, 2026 - ALL completed & signed course request sheets**





Land Acknowledgement





INTRODUCTIONS



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THE WORLD OF THE GRADE 9 STUDENT

- More electives
- Greater Academic Expectations
- Greater Independence
- Greater Responsibility
- Greater Need for Self-Advocacy
- Continued development of social and personal identity



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Handsworth Course Selection Guide

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



GRADE 9 COURSES – ENGLISH STREAM

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 Electives

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



Block s	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	Education au choix de Ccarriere et de vie 10	Elective	Elective
(9)		Careers 9 (outside timetable)			*Indigenous Focussed Course * CLC 12



80 Credit Graduation

52 CREDITS OF REQUIRED COURSES COMPOSED of (13 courses)

- Literary Studies 10
- Literary Studies 11
- English Studies 12
- Social Studies 10
- Social Studies 11 or 12
- Science 10
- Science 11 or 12
- Mathematics 10
- Mathematics 11 or 12
- Physical Health Education 10
- A Fine Art or Applied Skill 10, 11 or 12
- Career Life Education 10
- Career Life Connections 12

28 CREDITS OF 10, 11, 12 Elective Courses (7 courses)
• (16 must be Gr 12 Level)

Other

- Numeracy 10 Assessment
- Literacy 10 Assessment
- Literacy 12 Assessment
- Indigenous Requirement – can be met through English/Socials



Graduation Requirements

Highschool Graduation

- 80 credits (minimum) Grade 10-12
 $(8 \times 4 \times 3 = 96 \text{ credits})$
- Second language is not required to graduate
- Any Math 11 will fulfil graduation requirements

Post-Secondary Entrance

- Highschool graduation with institution specific requirements
- Most universities require the Foundation/Pre-Calculus Math pathway to at least Grade 11
- Some post-secondary programs accept Workplace Math 11



Math Pathway

Grade 8

Math 8

Grade 9

Math 9

Grade 10

Workplace Math
10

Foundations & Pre-
Calculus 10

Grade 11

Workplace Math
11

Foundations of
Math 11

Pre-Calculus 11

Grade 12

Foundations of
Math 12

Pre-Calculus 12

Elective

Calculus 12

AP Calculus

English Pathway



Grade 8

Humanities 8
English 8 - FI

Grade 9

English 9
English 9 FI

Grade 10

Literary Studies 10
Compositions 10

Literary Studies 10
Creative Writing 10

Grade 11

English First Peoples 11

Literary Studies 11

Composition 11

Grade 12

English First Peoples 12

English 12

Electives

Literary Studies 12

Creative Writing 12

Socials Studies Pathway



Grade 8

Humanities 8
Socials 8 - FI

Grade 9

Socials 9
Socials 9 - FI

Grade 10

Social Studies 10

Grade 11

Explorations in Social Studies 11

Grade 12

Psychology (BA)

Genocide 12

Physical
Geography 12

Comparative
Cultures 12

20th Century
World History 12

Social Justice 12

BC First Peoples
12

Law Studies 12

Science Pathway

Grade 8

Science 8
Science 8 - FI

Grade 9

Science 9
Science 9 - FI

Grade 10

Science 10
Science 10 - FI

Grade 11

Life Science 11

Chemistry 11

Physics 11

AP Physics 1

Grade 12

Environmental
Science 12

Anatomy and
Physiology 12

Chemistry
12

AP Chemistry
12

Physics
12

AP Physics 2





PHE Pathway

Grade 8

Physical Education 8
Physical Education 8 - FI

Grade 9

Physical Education 9

Grade 10

PHE 10

PHE 10 Mindful
Fitness

PHE 10 Dance

PHE – 10
Fitness and Cond.
10

Grade 11/12

Outdoor
Education
11/12

Active Living
11/12

Fitness and
Conditioning
11/12

Fitness and Conditioning
11/12 (X-Block) - morning

■ 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 such as Academy?

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



■ WHAT ELECTIVES ARE OFFERED?

- Home Economics
- Fine Arts
- Performing Arts
- Business Education
- Technology Education
- Modern Languages





ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS

HOME ECONOMICS

- Textiles 9
- Food Studies 9

BUSINESS EDUCATION

- Info & Communication Tech 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.

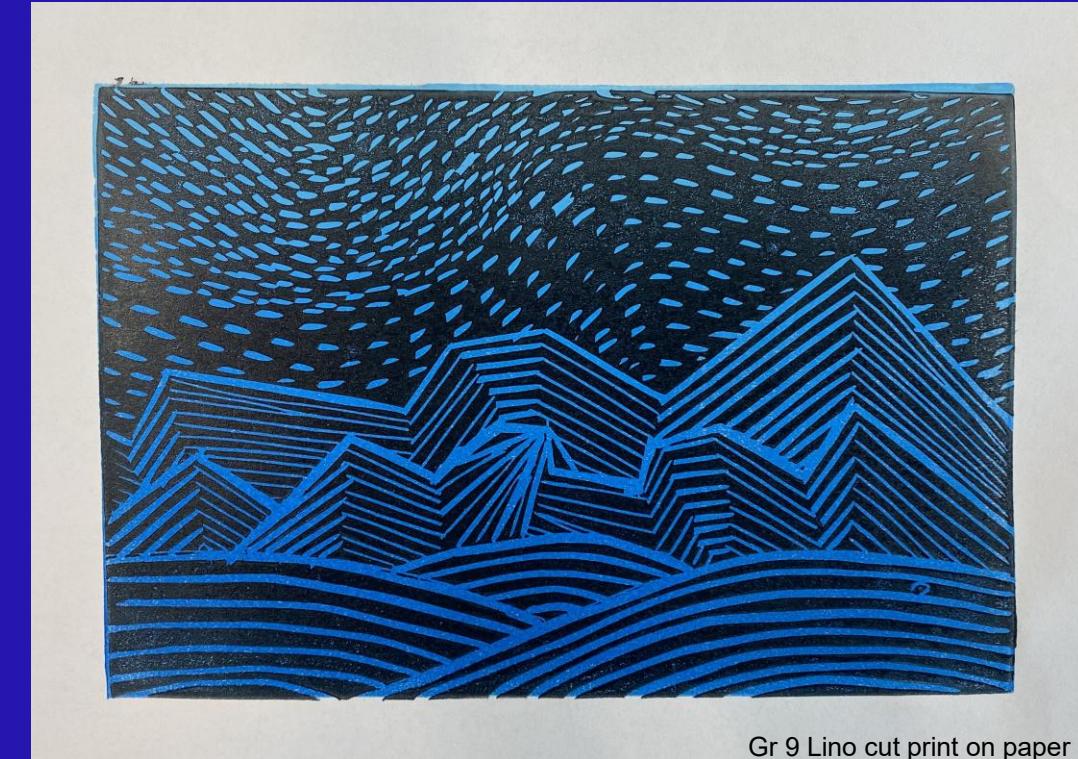
FOOD STUDIES 9

- 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

DANCE 9 JUST DANCE

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

No experience necessary:

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 mastery 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

PEAK PERFORMANCE

- A non-credit timetabling option for elite level student athletes and performers at the Provincial or National Level (see **new criteria** on NVSD Website)
- The PEAK Application is **not a course** rather a request to ask for a timetabling accommodation.
- Students must apply each year
- More information and the application can be found **soon** on the Handsworth Website it is currently available on the **NVSD website**

The deadline for priority applications is on or before, May 15th. Late applications will not be accepted after June 1st.



ACADEMIES

- Information and applications can be found on the NVSD [academies website](#)
- Further inquiries and applications can be forwarded to academies@sd44.ca
- Academy Registrations are open from **January 15 to February 28, 2026**
- Hockey Skills Academy
- Soccer Academy
- Volleyball Academy
- Dance Academy
- Basketball Academy
- Field Hockey Academy
- Digital Media Academy
- Artists for Kids Studio Arts Academy
- Rowing Academy
- Enhanced Programs

Summer Learning



Who is Summer Learning for?

- **Grade 7 students** getting ready for secondary school transition
- **Grade 8 & 9 students** reviewing their skills or preparing themselves to be a better learners. (Literacy, Numeracy)
- **Grade 9 to 12 students** wanting to earn full credits towards grade 10-12 graduation courses or create space in their Fall schedules.



Summer Learning Details



Programs	Foundations Courses (Gr 7-9)	Full Credit (Gr. 10-12) Academic Courses
	ELL Language Skill Building Literacy Skill Dev. Numeracy Skill Dev. 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 **School District**
the natural place to learn



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)

NVOL

North Vancouver Online Learning Grade 8 and 9
Course Offerings.



- English Language Arts 8 and 9
- Mathematics 8 and 9
- Science 8 and 9
- Social Studies 8 and 9
- **Students in Grades 8 and 9 need permission from their grade counsellor.**
- <https://www.sd44.a/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
- **Feb 6th – 20th**
- Choose courses based on *your* interests and *your* future
- There may be **no** opportunity to alter your timetable after deadline dates

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



COURSE PROGRAMMING - TIMELINE

Date / Time	Information
Monday February 2nd 8:30am - Theatre	ALL grade 8 students attend a MANDATORY course programming assembly and receive their personalized course selection form with login details
February 6th – 20th	MyEd STUDENT portal open for entering course selection requests
February 9th -12th	Counsellor visits classes to answer questions
February 23rd 	Signed course request forms due to front office <u>ALL completed & signed course request sheets must be handed into the Main Office by Monday, February 23rd, 2026</u>
March 2nd	Transfer Request Window closes (District Application)
April 2nd Handed out in Homeroom	Course Verification forms come home
April 10th	Course Request Verification due back to main office
April 17th	Course Request Change Deadline



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 2030 Team
(students)



MyEd Portal

You will need:

- User Name
- They will set up Password
- Enter core courses
- Enter electives
- “hit” post

February 6th – 20th

Pages My Info Calendar

Requests

My Details Transcript Current Schedule Contacts Attendance Assessments Notifications Requests Details Graduation Progress

Options Reports Help Search on CrsNo << Exit entry mode

2023-2024 - Requests: 0 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0

Instructions

1. Click on SELECT to begin your selections.
2. Click on SELECT for all other subject areas and choose courses as appropriate.
3. You must choose a minimum of 8 courses not including X BLOCK courses.
4. For any special programs (Academies, PEAK, etc.) choose the appropriate PHE COURSE and leave a message for the counsellor in the NOTES FOR COUNSELLOR section.
5. Remember to click POST to save your selections.

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description
Select...	Core Courses		
Select...	Electives		
Select...	X Block Course		

Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description
Select...	Alternates		

SHS Secondary School

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Select...	Electives		
Select...	X Block Course		

Alternate requests

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Select...	Alternates		

MyEd Portal

You will need:

- User Name
- Password they will set up or reset it.
- Enter core courses
- Enter electives
- “hit” post

Entry February 6th – 20th

Subject area Electives

Instructions



READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS

Course information can be found here: [Sutherland Course Programming Guide](#)

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEPSS11	EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MFR-11	FRENCH 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MSP-11	SPANISH 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MACLV11	ACTIVE LIVING 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MFTCD11	FITNESS AND CONDITIONING 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMAP-11	MARKETING AND PROMOTION 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC-11	ACCOUNTING 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDRTC11	THEATRE COMPANY 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDRTP11	THEATRE PRODUCTION 11	Regular	4.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDRDS11	DIRECTING AND SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT 11	Regular	4.0			

OK Cancel

Course Forms

English Stream

Things you need:

- Student signature
- Parent signature
- Classes outside
- Timetable
- Academy

Due: Monday Feb. 23rd

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth (604) 903-3600

2026-2027 Grade 9 Course Programming - English Program

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
MyEd Student #: _____ Student Email: _____
Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Required Courses

1. English Language Arts 9
2. Math 9
3. Science 9
4. Social Studies 9
5. Physical and Health Education 9

Electives (in priority order)

6.
7.
8.

Outside of timetable courses

9.
10.

• Careers 9 will be delivered outside the regular timetable, embedded in other subject areas, and through special assemblies/assignments.

Alternate courses (in priority order)

1.
2.

If you will you be applying for an Academy/Enhanced Program, which one? _____

For your information:

- 1. Students must take a minimum of 8 courses
- 2. Course requests are not guaranteed
- 3. School will choose alternate courses if Alternate Course choices left blank

Handsworth Course Programming Guide available at: www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth under "Programs & Services"

STUDENT _____ (Signature)	PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ (Signature)
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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY **February 23rd, 2026**

French Immersion Stream

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth (604) 903-3600

2026-2027 Grade 9 Course Programming - French Program

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
MyEd Student #: _____ Student Email: _____
Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Required Courses

1. Français langue 9
2. Sciences humaines 9
3. Sciences naturelles 9
4. English Language Arts 9
5. Math 9
6. Physical and Health Education 9

Electives (in priority order)

7.
8.

Outside of timetable courses

9.
10.

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Alternate courses (in priority order)

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Course Form – Back Side Electives

Things you need:

- Student signature
- Parent signature
- Classes outside
- Timetable
- Academy

Due: Monday Feb. 23rd

Applied Design Skills and Technology	Arts Education: Performing Arts
ADST - Drafting 9	Drama 9 – Intro to Stage
ADST – Electronics and Robotics 9	Drama 9 – Musical Theatre
ADST - Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9	Drama 9 – Improv
ADST - Food Studies 9	Music 9 Concert Band
ADST - Power Technology 9	Music 9 Concert Band A
ADST - Textiles 9	Music 9 Jazz Band
ADST – Information and Communication Technology 9	Music 9 Strings
ADST - Woodwork 9	Music 9 Concert Choir
Arts Education - Dance	Arts Education: Visual Arts
Dance 9	Arts Education - Visual Arts 9
Dance 9 – Junior Crew	Modern Languages
Dance 9 - Squad	French 9
Dance 9 - Studio	Spanish 9
English Language Learners	Spanish 10
ELL Beginner (English Language Learners)	
ELL Intermediate (English Language Learners)	
Language Strategies 10 (English Language Learners)	
ELL Seminar (English Language Learners)	





Support



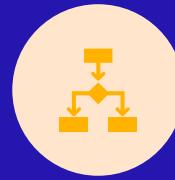
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8:30- 9:10



LAC 9 & 10
(LEARNING
ASSISTANCE
CENTER)



LSC 9 & 10
(LEARNING
SUPPORT
CENTER)



CHOICES



ELL
(ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
LEARNING)

A NOTE ON STUDENT SUCCESS

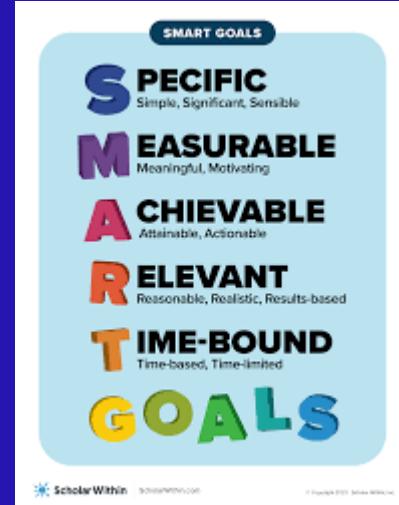
TUTORIAL TIME

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



Wednesday November 4th, 2026





THANK YOU!

Any questions?

- **Remember: February 6th - 20th – Course Requests through MyEd Portal**
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