

**VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
GRADE 9 COURSE CHOICES 2025-2026**

1. REGULAR MAINSTREAM STUDENTS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING FIVE COURSES:

English 9, Social Studies 9, Mathematics 9, Science 9, Physical & Health Education 9

plus three elective blocks (which may include a second language) to make a total of eight on-timetable courses.

2. FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROGRAM COURSES:

Français Langue 9, Sciences Humaines 9, Sciences 9, Communications 9

PLUS THE FOLLOWING THREE MAINSTREAM COURSES:

English 9, Mathematics 9, Physical & Health Education 9

plus one elective block to make a total of eight on-timetable courses.

3. FLEX HUMANITIES STUDENTS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROGRAM COURSES:

Flex English 9 (Classics), Flex Social Studies 9 (History), Flex Applied Skills 9, Flex Visual Arts 9

PLUS THE FOLLOWING THREE MAINSTREAM COURSES:

Mathematics 9, Science 9, Physical & Health Education 9

plus one elective block (which may be a second language) to make a total of eight on-timetable courses.

4. SUMMIT STUDENTS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING FOUR PROGRAM COURSES:

Summit English 9, Summit Social Studies 9, Summit Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10, Summit Science 10

PLUS THE FOLLOWING MAINSTREAM COURSE: Physical & Health Education 9

plus three elective blocks (which may include a second language) to make a total of eight on-timetable courses.

5. STUDENTS IN OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM, AND IN OUR L.A.C. PROGRAM WILL BE CONSULTED INDIVIDUALLY FOR ACADEMIC AND ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION. PROGRAM COURSES WILL DIFFER DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

ELECTIVES: IN ADDITION TO REQUIRED COURSES, STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE ENOUGH ELECTIVE COURSES TO MAKE UP EIGHT ON-TIMETABLE BLOCKS:

Note: All electives listed below marked by an asterix (above Music) run for half of a semester and count as half a block, so two of them are the equivalent of one block.*

APPLIED SKILLS

BUSINESS EDUCATION

- [MADEM09] – Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9*

HOME ECONOMICS

- [MADFS09] – Food Studies 9*
- [MADT-09] – Textiles 9*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- [MADIT09] – Computer Studies 9*

TECHNICAL STUDIES

- [MADD-09] – Drafting 9*
- [MADER09] – Robotics, Electronics, and Engineering 9*
- [MADMA09] – Graphics and Media Design 9*
- [MADM-09] – Metalwork 9*
- [MADPT-09] – Power Technology 9*
- [MADW-09] – Woodwork 9*

FINE ARTS

ART

- [MVA--09] Visual Arts 9: General Art*
- [MVA--09MA1] Video Production 9*
- [MVA--09CR1] Visual Arts 9: Ceramics & Sculpture*

DRAMA

- [MDR--09] Drama 9*
- [MDR--09C01] Theatre Company 9* (*Requires attendance during and outside of class time*)

MUSIC ON TIMETABLE – full semester courses

- [MMU--09BA1] Music 9: Beginner Band
- [MMU--09BA3] Music 9: Intermediate Band (minimum 1 year of experience needed)

MUSIC OFF TIMETABLE – a ninth full year course (not one of your eight, NOT AN ALTERNATE)

- [MMU--09CC1] Music 9: Choir
- [MMU--09ST1] Music 9: Beginner Strings
- [MMU--09ST3] Music 9: Intermediate Strings (minimum 1 year of experience needed)

MODERN LANGUAGES - all full semester courses

- [MFR--09] French 9 – a second year course – requires passing French 8 (ex-French Immersion students in a higher grade of French may take the next French course up next year as long as they pass their current French course.)
- [MSP--09] Spanish 9 – a first year course
- [MMAN-09] Mandarin 9 – a first year course

SUPPORT - full semester, NOT AN ALTERNATE COURSE, choose only if you have one in grade 8

- [XLDCD10] Skills/Learning Strategies 9

Brief Description of Applied Skills and Fine Arts Elective Classes:

APPLIED SKILLS

Business Ed: Entrepreneurship & Marketing 9	Learn the basics of marketing, entrepreneurship, investments & economics. Hands-on, good intro for Accounting 11/Marketing 11.
Computer Studies 9	Learn Windows, Microsoft Office, Linux, web design, internet/computer safety, coding, game design, hardware, devices, networking and more!
Drafting 9	Introduction to architectural and industrial design, perspective drawing, etc.
Metalwork 9	Learn a variety of metal fabrication and jewelry-making techniques such as welding, forging, casting, engraving etc.
Woodwork 9	Learn to use hand tools, portable and stationary power equipment safely and effectively, and learn basic joinery, design and wood finishing.
Robotics, Electronics and Engineering 9	Learn computer-based programming skills, robot building and control and analog/digital electronics.
Power Technology 9	Intro to a variety of tech processes such as design, problem-solving, construction, etc. Work with different materials, tools, and machines.
Textiles 9	Create clothing, and patterns, learn how to do alterations, create your own personal designs, learn about sustainable fashion and upcycling
Foods 9	Learn to cook and bake, follow recipes, make modifications, meal preparation techniques, etc. You get to eat what you make!
Graphics/Media Design 9	Learn communication skills through visual design, digital imagery, and software manipulation.

FINE ARTS

Visual and Performing Arts

General Art 9	Explore art process through drawing, painting, print-making and mixed/new media.
Ceramics & Sculpture 9	Explore the magic of clay – hand-building skills, an introduction to throwing on the wheel, and glazing.
Video Production 9	Learn the filmmaking process from story to screen – write, direct, shoot, act and edit your own movie!
Drama 9	Theatre games, intro to various scene studies, character building, acting techniques, and performing scripted monologues and scenes.
Theatre Company 9	Learn various aspects of “play production” on the stage and behind the scenes: acting, directing, props, costumes, stage management and more!

Music – on-timetable

Beginner Band	No prior experience is required! Emphasis on woodwind and brass.
Intermediate Band	1-2 years’ experience is required. Emphasis on music literacy, musicianship, and technique through performance.

Music – off-timetable

Concert Choir*	No singing experience is required! Learn proper vocal techniques and reading music for a 3-piece ensemble.
Beginner Strings*	No prior experience is required! Intro to music theory, reading and ear training. Violin, viola, cello or double bass.
Intermediate Strings*	1-2 years’ experience is required in violin, viola, cello and/or double bass.

*Off Timetable courses take place either before school, at lunch or after school