

## COURSE REQUESTS – Grades 8 to 10

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested School: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Students entering grade 8, 9, or 10 will study 8 courses over 2 semesters, 4 courses each semester:

English 8, 9, 10 (or English Language Learning ELL)  
Social Studies 8, 9, 10  
Physical Education 8, 9, 10  
Language or elective 8, 9, 10

Mathematics 8, 9, 10  
Science 8, 9, 10  
Applied Skills / Fine Arts 8, 9  
1-2 elective courses, depending on grade level

**\*Note:** While every effort will be made to give each student some requested courses, there is no guarantee that students will receive their preferred courses. Choices may be limited, courses may not be offered or available at your school due to lack of enrollment, timetabling conflicts, staffing, or other issues beyond the control of the school. Some courses require students to have adequate language ability. Some courses are only offered in one of the two semesters.

**Deadline for requests:** May 1 for Sept entry; Nov 1 for Feb entry

**You may indicate preferences for 4 elective (choice) subject areas:** (e.g. write '1' beside your first choice, '2' for your second choice, etc). If you are not sure about the choices below, your school counsellor will help you after you arrive. You will be placed into English courses according to your assessment results.

1 = first preference,    2 = second preference,    3 = third preference,    4 = fourth preference			
	Art 8, 9, 10		Business Education 9, 10
	Drama 9, 10		Information & Communication Technology 9, 10
	Music (Band or orchestra) 8, 9, 10		Food Studies (cooking) 9, 10
	Choir (singing) 8, 9, 10		Textiles (design, sewing) 10
	French 8, 9, 10		Technology Education – Woodwork 8, 9, 10, Automotive Technology, <u>if</u> offered at your school
	Other language, <u>if</u> offered at your school Please rank:    Spanish Mandarin Beginning Japanese		Technology Education - Electronics, Robotics, <u>if</u> offered at your school

**To be completed by students returning to home country after 1 semester only:**

Short-term students will study **4 courses only**. Please indicate which **4 courses** you prefer to take.

English: Y    N                      Math: Y    N                      Social Studies: Y    N                      Science: Y    N

Other (refer to elective course subject areas below: use the course planning guide\*\*\*  
to indicate specific courses of interest): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please rank \_\_\_\_\_ Biology  
In order of \_\_\_\_\_ Chemistry  
preference \_\_\_\_\_ Physics

My school in my home country requires me to study these courses: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Note: Check your requested school's **Course Planning Guide** for specific **elective** courses offered at that school. Locate the Course Planning Guide by looking under the "Guidance and Support" tab of the school's website. There is no guarantee the listed elective courses will be offered.

## COURSE REQUESTS – Grades 11 and 12

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested School: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The Vancouver school district offers a **semester schedule** for secondary schools. Students take four (4) courses in Semester 1 from September to January and another four (4) courses in Semester 2 from February to June (8 courses total).

**IMPORTANT!** Elective course requests are ***not*** guaranteed. Students must be flexible. Some elective courses may not be offered, or may not be available due to assessment results, grade level, timetabling conflicts, or full enrolment. Some elective courses are only offered in one of the semesters. If you are not sure about your choices, your school Counsellor will help you after you arrive.

**Deadline for requests:** May 1 for Sept entry; Nov 1 for Feb entry

I understand that although every effort will be made to accommodate my requests, the final timetable is determined by VSB staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

### **To be completed by year-long (September to June) students only:**

Year-long students are required to study 8 courses over two semesters, including **English** (or ELL, English Language Learning), **Mathematics**, **a Social Studies**, **a Science** (please rank below), **or other courses according to their grade level requirements**. Please list 4 elective courses, in order of preference, using the elective course subject areas listed below for reference.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. English                     | 5. _____ (choose specific elective course***) |
| 2. Mathematics                 | 6. _____ (choose specific elective course***) |
| 3. A Social Studies            | 7. _____ (choose specific elective course***) |
| 4. A Science: _____ Biology    | 8. _____ (choose specific elective course***) |
| (Rank in order _____ Chemistry |                                               |
| of preference) _____ Physics   |                                               |

### **To be completed by students returning to home country after 1 semester only:**

Short-term students will study **4 courses only**. Please indicate which **4 courses** you prefer to take.

English: Y      N      Math: Y      N      Social Studies: Y      N      Science: Y      N

Other (refer to elective course subject areas below: use the course planning guide\*\*\* to indicate specific courses of interest): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please rank  
In order of  
preference* \_\_\_\_\_ Biology  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chemistry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Physics

My school in my home country requires me to study these courses: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ELECTIVE COURSE SUBJECT AREAS**

**\*\*\*Note:** Check your requested school's **Course Planning Guide** for specific **elective** courses offered at that school. Locate the Course Planning Guide by looking under the "Guidance and Support" tab of the school's website. There is no guarantee the listed elective courses will be offered.

Fine Arts – Visual Arts	Business Education
Drama & Performing Arts	Technical Studies (i.e. Woodwork, Metalwork, etc.)
Modern Languages	Computer Studies
Home Economics (i.e. Foods, Textiles, etc.)	Physical Education
Music	Science