



COURSE PLANNING 2026: THE GRADE 9 YEAR WELCOME!

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam).



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THE AGENDA

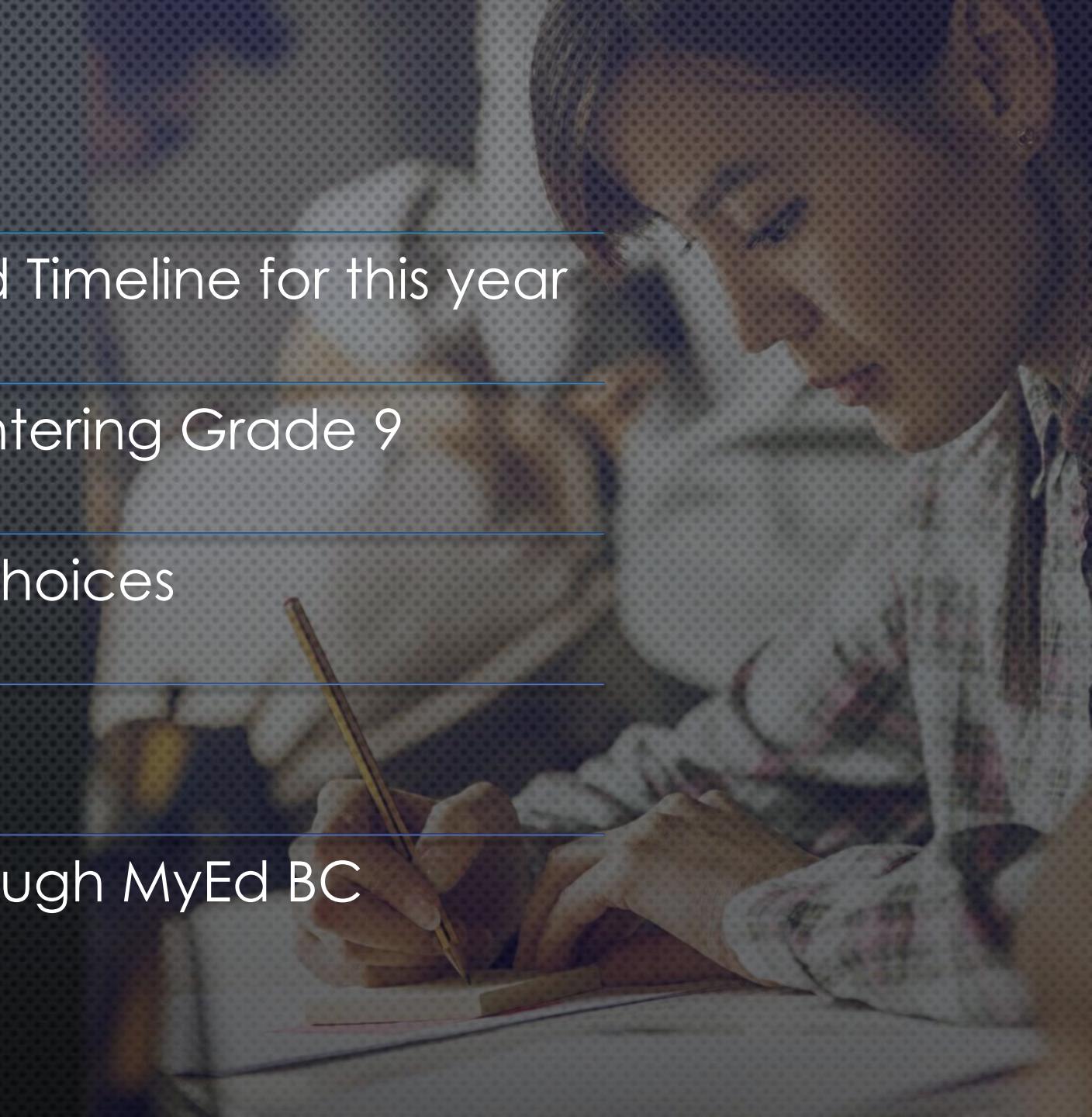
Course Planning Process and Timeline for this year

Requirements for Students Entering Grade 9

Review of Grade 9 Course Choices

The Course Planning Form

Online Course Selection Through MyEd BC



ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- THIS PRESENTATION IS POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR EVERYONE TO VIEW, INCLUDING YOUR PARENTS.
- ALSO ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE IS THE **COURSE PLANNING FORM, INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE COURSE PLANNING AND THE COURSE PLANNING GUIDE.**
- PLEASE SEE ME IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANSWERS TO ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS



COURSE PLANNING PROCESS & TIMELINE

- COURSE PLANNING IS DONE EVERY **FEBRUARY** WITH COUNSELLORS
- RESEARCH IS IMPORTANT, MORE SO EACH YEAR. CONSIDER CONSULTING AND DISCUSSING WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:
 - FAMILY AND FRIENDS
 - TEACHERS AND OLDER STUDENTS
 - YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR (THAT'S ME!)
- THE **COURSE PLANNING GUIDE** IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO USE FOR LEARNING ABOUT COURSES. THERE ARE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS FOR EACH OPTION. YOU CAN ACCESS THIS DOCUMENT **ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE**.

COURSE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9

- COURSE PLANNING FORM COMPLETED ON-LINE AND YOUR FORM SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO ME SIGNED, SUBMITTED BY:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026

- CHOICES REVIEWED BY COUNSELLOR AND DISCUSSIONS WITH STUDENTS AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE **SPRING**
- STUDENT SCHEDULES RANDOMLY BUILT BASED UPON COURSE REQUESTS FROM **MAY THROUGH TO AUGUST**
- TIMETABLING CONFLICTS RESOLVED FROM **JUNE THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER**

GRADE 9 CORE COURSES

Main School	Mini School	ELL Program	LSP Program
English 9	Mini English 9	ELL 2 or 3 English	English 9
Social Studies 9	Mini Social Studies 9	ELL 2 or 3 Social Studies	Social Studies 9
Mathematics 9	Mini Mathematics 9	Mathematics 9	Mathematics 9
Science 9	Mini Science 9	Science 9	Science 9
P. H. Ed. 9	Mini P. H. Ed. 9	P. H. Ed. 9	P. H. Ed. 9
Elective 9 (Language?)	Elective 9 (Language?)	ELL support course	Learning Hub Block or Elective 9
Elective 9	Elective 9	Elective 9	Elective 9
Elective 9	Elective 9	Elective 9	Elective 9



LEARNING HUB BLOCKS

- THE “SKILLS ROOM” IS NOW “**THE LEARNING HUB**”.
- “SPECIAL EDUCATION” IS NOW “**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**”.
- “RESOURCE TEACHER” IS NOW “**INCLUSION SUPPORT TEACHER**”.
- LEARNING HUB FUNCTIONS AS A SUPPORT BLOCK, AND IS NOT FOR CREDIT.
- STUDENTS ARE REFERRED TO LEARNING HUB BY THE INCLUSION SUPPORT TEACHERS (MR SAPLAMAEFF & MS SCHULTZ). PLEASE SPEAK TO AN INCLUSION SUPPORT TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LEARNING HUB BLOCK.
- LEARNING HUB WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ANY STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE IT NEXT YEAR ON A STRUCTURED DROP-IN BASIS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

- STUDENT PLACEMENT IN ELL CLASSES IS BASED ON:
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
- COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS' READING, WRITING, SPEAKING AND LISTENING ABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT OF TEACHERS IN BOTH REGULAR AND ELL CLASSES, MADE LATER IN THE SPRING
- THERE IS NO TRANSITIONAL IN GR. 8 AND 9 – REGULAR COURSES ARE PUT IN PLACE INSTEAD

ELL 2 → ELL 3 → Transitional → Regular



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E. L. L.)

ELL Level 2	ELL 2 Reading ELL 2 Writing ELL 2 Social Studies ELL 2 Science
ELL Level 3	ELL 3 English ELL 3 Social Studies ELL 3 English Tutorial
Regular	All subjects

ELECTIVES: MODERN LANGUAGES

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French 8 (MFR--08) -introductory course to develop a foundation so you can begin to understand French and express yourself and have basic conversations in French about friends, family, school and activities. Students may participate in fieldtrips with a focus on theatre, food, and film as well as exploring your own cultural identity and the Francophone culture.

French 9 (MFR--09) -build on your strategies so that you can understand more French and express yourself and meaningful conversations in French. Students will read and share media and participate in field studies with a focus on theatre, food, and film as well as exploring your own cultural identity and the Francophone culture.

French 10 (MFR--10) -gain more appreciation for cultural diversity through an exploration of Francophone culture, deepen your ability to express yourself in French and have more meaningful conversations, communicate with accuracy, through an authentic cultural context and share media orally and in written form.

ELECTIVES: MODERN LANGUAGES

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French 11 (MFR--11) –continued exploration and understanding of the Francophone culture and their own, students will continue to increase their ability to communicate in oral and written forms, read, interpret media, expand writing, having meaningful, varied conversations. Field studies at Cinamatheque.

French 12 (MFR--12) – students will have the opportunity to keep polishing their French language skills and continue to express themselves with more depth, duration and clarity. Students will continue to explore Francophone culture and creative works, read authentic texts, explore a novel, and will attend a full day film study at Cinamatheque.

Beginners' Japanese 11 (MBJA-11) -intensive introductory course, emphasizing listening, speaking, reading, writing, with more attention on oral presentation. Many topics covered including Japanese media, and environmental issues.

ELECTIVES: APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

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Foods 9 (MADFS09) - this course alternates as Course A and Course B as it is a combined class. Course A: focuses on food, culture and the culinary aspects of special celebrations; Course B: focuses on food preparation techniques and the relationship food plays with self, family, and different cultures.

Clothing & Textiles 9 (MADT-09) – introduced to basic hand and machine sewing techniques, fabric study, First Peoples practices and principles of design, environmental and ethical factors of textiles choices, altering patterns, upcycling /recycling, and other arts and crafts techniques.

Information Technology 9 (MADIT-09) - introduces students to foundations of computer science, intermediate programming skills, and focus on the big ideas of computing- abstraction, design, recursion, concurrency, simulations, and the limits of computations. Please see the guide for more details...

Woodwork 9 (MADW-09) - introductory course appropriate for beginners. Students learn and demonstrate safe woodworking practices on a variety of hand tools, portable and stationary power tools. Basic joinery, design and wood finishing also introduced.

ELECTIVES: FINE ARTS

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Art 9 (MAE--09) - drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture , students encouraged to pursue self-expression and experiment with both techniques, and materials.

Ceramics & Sculpture 9 (MVA--09CR1) - focus on skill development and experimentation in ceramics and sculpture using various materials. Modelling, casting, carving construction, in clay , wood, soapstone, plaster and more.

Graphic Arts 9 (MADMA09) - foundational course that introduces tools, techniques and processes of graphic design. Photoshop, digital and pinhole photography, animation, illustration, typography, colour theory all introduced.

ELECTIVES: PERFORMING ARTS-BAND

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Beginner Concert Band 9 (MMU--09BA1) - no experience necessary as students will learn the basics of playing and musicianship. Students will be able to select an instrument from a large variety of concert band instruments.

Concert Band 9 (MMU--09BA3) - for students with at least one year experience. Continued emphasis on musical development while learning a wide variety of music. Includes concerts and other music related activities.

Junior Strings 9 (MMU--09ST2) - for students who are beginners and those with some experience playing the violin, viola, cello and double bass. Students will learn bowing techniques, orchestral ensemble, and performance skills.

Junior Concert Choir 9 (MMU--09CC2) - large performing choir singing a range of music including early classical to pop while learning vocal production, music reading, and musicianship.

Jazz Band 9 Off-Timetable (MMU--09JB1) - students must also take Concert Band or Strings, so this will be a ninth course. This group meets once in the morning and once after school each week.

ELECTIVES: PERFORMING ARTS- DRAMA

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Drama 9 (MDR--09) - this course provides instruction on improvisation skills as well as individual and small group work in short scripted scenes and plays,. Emphasis on public speaking and building performance confidence.

Theatre Production 10 (MDRD-10) - this is an on-timetable course intended for students interested in the production aspects of theatre: set design, computer drafting, lighting projection, sound scenic painting, invention and innovation.

COURSE PLANNING FORM 2026 – 2027: ENTERING GRADE 9

COMPLETED FORM DUE TO COUNSELLOR BY: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

Last Name:	Called Name:	Legal First Name:		
Student #	Student Email:	Student Cell #		
Mini School Student: <input type="checkbox"/>		International Student: <input type="checkbox"/>	ELL Student: <input type="checkbox"/>	Current Level: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3

CORE COURSES

- English 9
- Mathematics 9
- Physical & Health Education 9
- Science 9
- Socials Studies 9

Are the above core courses accurate? Yes No If "No" describe required / requested changes below:

ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS

Choose a total of 4 elective courses below by putting in the box your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice.
(3rd & 4th are back up choices)

APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES		MODERN LANGUAGES		PERFORMING ARTS	
Foods 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MADFS09	French 8	<input type="checkbox"/> MFR- -08	DRAMA	
Information Technology 9 Junior Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> MADIT-09		French 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MFR- -09	Drama 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MDR- -09
		French 10	<input type="checkbox"/> MFR- -10	Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> MDRD-10
Textiles 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MADT-09	French 11	<input type="checkbox"/> MFR- -11	MUSIC	
Woodwork 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MADW-09	French 12	<input type="checkbox"/> MFR- -12	Beginner Band 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09BA1
ELL		Beginners' Japanese 11	<input type="checkbox"/> MBJA-11	Concert Band 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09BA3
Level 3 Course Package <input type="checkbox"/>		LEARNING STRATEGIES (SKILLS)		Jazz Band 9 Off Timetable	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09JB1
FINE ARTS				Junior Concert Choir 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09CC2
Art 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MAE- -09	If a dedicated support block is needed, please speak directly with your inclusion support teacher.		Junior Strings 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09ST2
Ceramics & Sculpture 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MVA- -09CR1			Grade 9 students will have a total of 8 Courses	
Graphic Arts 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MADMA09				

"Courses have been selected in MyEd": Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

"I have checked and approve the above course requests made by my child": Parent Signature: _____

COURSE PLANNING FORM: GRADE 9

Last Name:

Called Name:

Legal First Name:

Student #

Student Email:

Student Cell #

Mini School Student: International Student: ELL Student: Current Level: 2 3

CORE COURSES

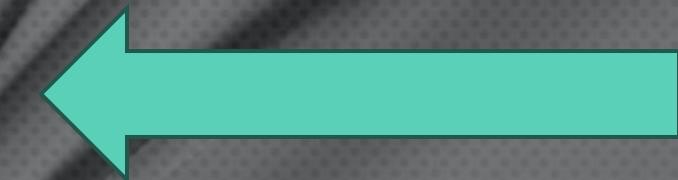
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		French 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	MFR- -10
				Theatre Production 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Textiles 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MADT-09	French 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	MFR- -11
Woodwork 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MADW-09	French 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	MFR- -12
ELL		Beginners' Japanese 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	MBJA-11	Concert Band 9
Level 3 Course Package <input type="checkbox"/>		OTHER DISCIPLINES		Jazz Band 9 Off Timetable	<input type="checkbox"/>
				MMU- -09JB1	

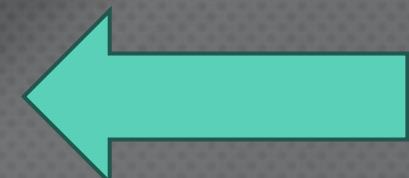


FINE ARTS			Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> XLD_CD09	Junior Concert Choir 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09CC2
Art 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MAE- -09	Pair Skills with which two courses? 1. _____ 2. _____		Junior Strings 9	<input type="checkbox"/> MMU- -09ST2
Ceramics & Sculpture 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MVA- -09CR1				
Graphic Arts 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	MADMA09				

Grade 9 students will have a total of 8 Courses

I've entered my course selections in MyEd Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

"I have checked and approve the above course requests made by my child" Parent Signature: _____



ONLINE COURSE PLANNING

- After you have created your plan on the Course Planning Form, you will make selections online through your MyEd BC account.
- Instructions for doing this are posted on our school website. You can find link to the Course Planning and instructions to complete online course selection through MyEd at : <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/point-grey/page/11915/course-planning>
- Detailed instructions are also provided on the following slides.

A composite image featuring a stack of books on the left and a laptop on the right. A person's hands are visible, one holding a stylus and the other resting on the laptop keyboard, suggesting a hybrid learning environment.

How to Enter Course Requests into MyEd



Guidance and Support ▾

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Code of Conduct

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(VTRA)

Course Planning

Multicultural Liaison Workers

Student Council

Student Safety

VISA Students

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Course Planning

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Resources

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Instructions for Selecting Courses

STEP 1

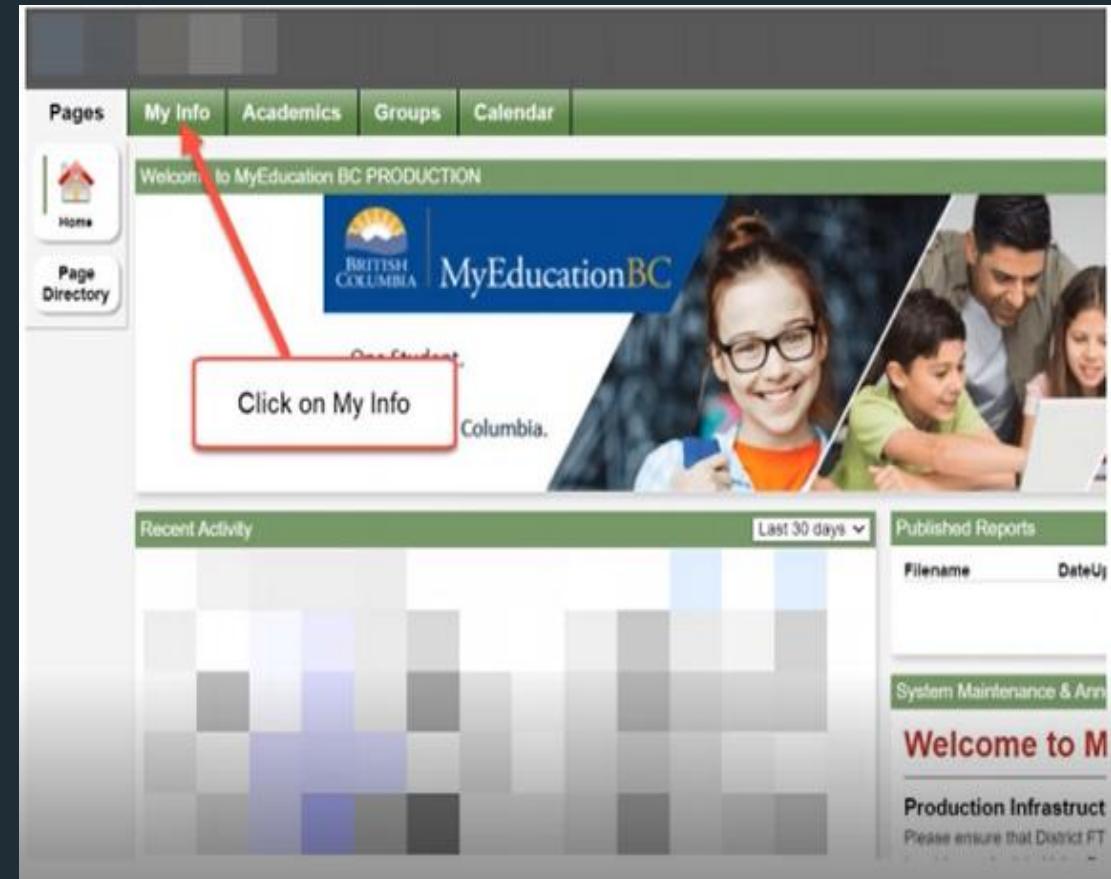
Log into your account using your student number and password. If you are unable to get into your account do the following:

- 1) Report to the school office during office hours: 8:00am-3:45pm
- 2) Email the school office with your details, pointgrey@vsb.bc.ca

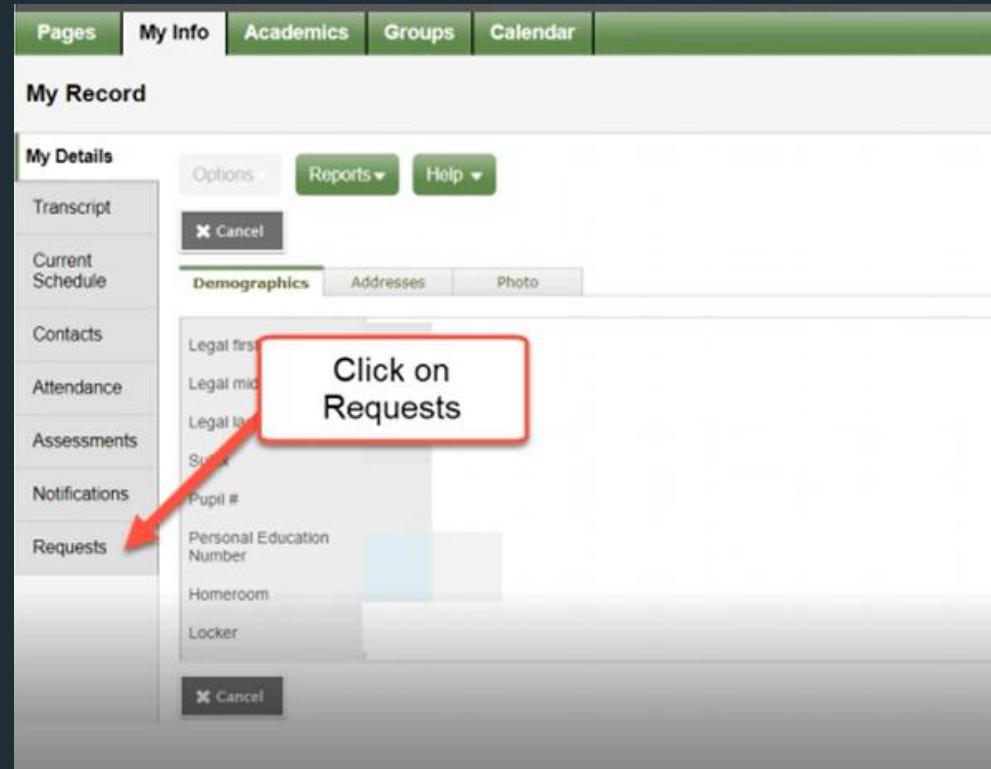
Use Safari, Edge or Firefox

STEP 2

Click on Top Tab “**My Info**”



On the left-hand side of the screen, you will see a tab called **“Requests”**- click on this



- Once you click on **Requests** you will be taken to a description of your next year's courses. You should see **"Welcome Grade 9"**. Under the tab option you should see that you're in entry mode to select courses

- Read through the instructions.
- Under **"Required Courses"** you will see all courses available that are required for your grade level.

The screenshot shows a user interface for course selection. At the top, there is a header with a logo and the word 'GRADE'. Below it is a section titled 'Instructions' with the following text:

Welcome! We hope you are excited for the year ahead.
The timetable is based on your requests, therefore the choices you make are permanent.
Please refer to your course programming sheet as a guide. You should be entering the courses from your signed course programming sheet.
Please read through the Course Calendar and choose your courses carefully as the timetable is built based on the choices you make now. In the fall, there may not be space to allow for the course not being offered.

Below the instructions is a grid representing the timetable, with a note: "All grade 9 students take a minimum of 8 courses - 4 required courses and 4 electives. (You will also select 2 alternates in priority order in case you cannot be programmed into one of your first choices.)".

Further down, there is a note: "Honours, EAL, adapted and alternate programs will be assigned by counsellors based on assessment and teacher recommendations. SCIENCE COOP: YOUR COUNSELLOR WILL NEED TO ENTER YOUR COOP COURSES".

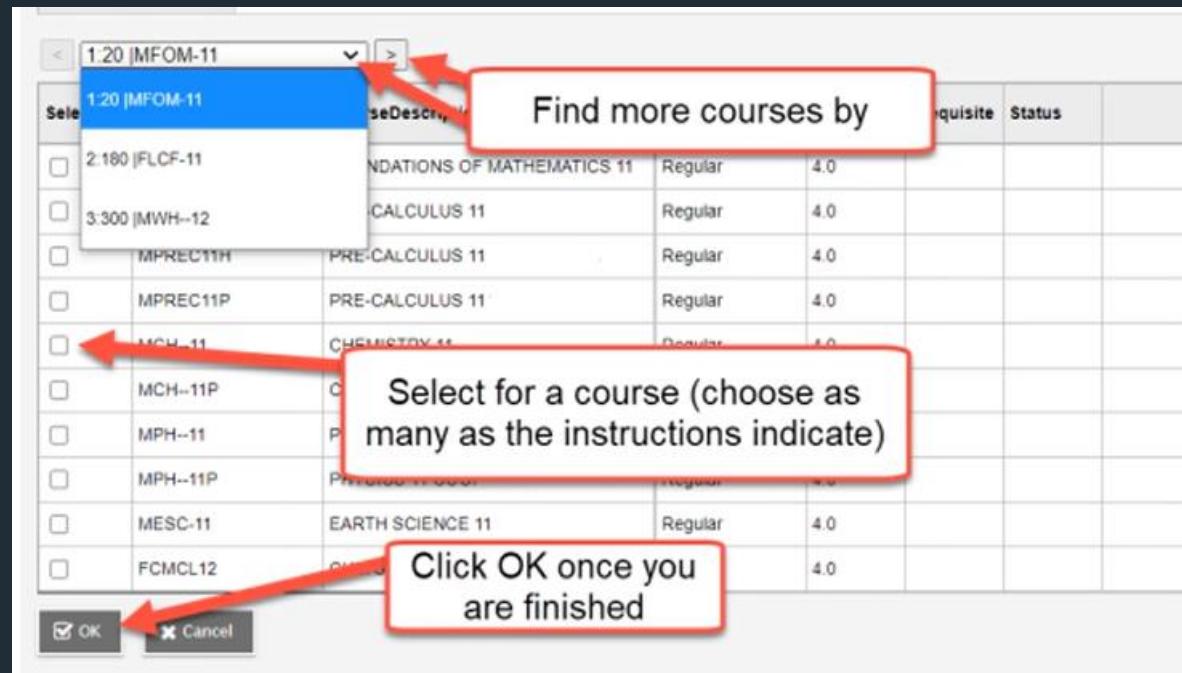
Below these notes is a section titled 'Primary requests' with a table:

	Subject Area	Required Courses	Electives	ESL and LC
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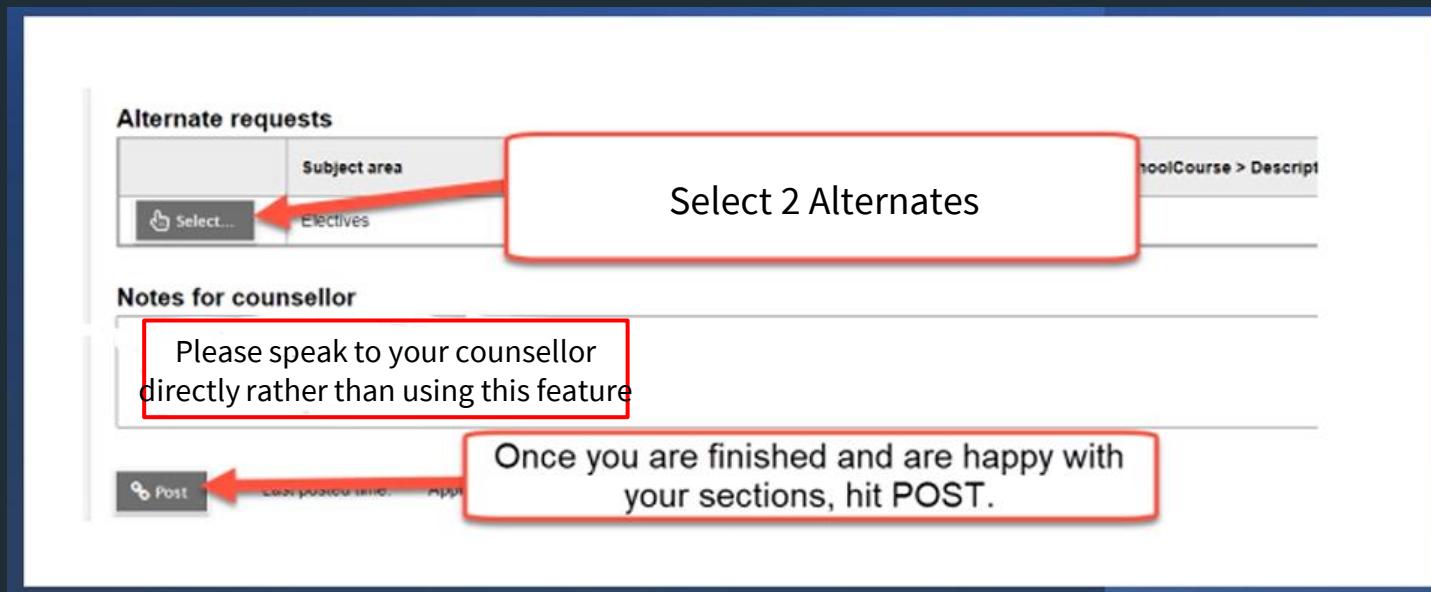
Red arrows point from the text 'Please Read the instructions (Your Specific Instructions may differ from these but will appear on your MyEd screen)' and 'Click on Select and start picking your courses. Repeat for electives' to the 'Select...' buttons in the table.

MATCH YOUR SELECTIONS

in **MyEd** with the ones
you made on the
Course Planning Form.
Course codes are
included on the paper
form to make
matching easier.



- Select 2 Alternates under **Alternate requests**
- Once you have selected all your courses, hit **POST!**





Due date:

Tuesday, February 17th

Please hand in your **Course Planning Form** to your counsellor. There is a box for this next to **Mrs. Sim's** office door in the Counselling Suite once you have completed in MyEd and make sure the selections **MATCH**. The courses you selected in MyED should be the same courses you selected on your Course Planning Form.