

COURSE REQUESTS – Grades 8 to 10

Student's Name: _____ Requested School: _____

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.

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 and mathematics 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 short-term (one semester) students only:

Short-term students will study **4 courses only**. Please indicate which **4 courses** you prefer to take. Ensure you indicate the course(s) your school in your home country requires you to study, if applicable:

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

Please rank: Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Other (refer to elective subject areas, above): _____

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

COURSE REQUESTS – Grades 11 and 12

Student's Name: _____ Requested School: _____

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, offered only in one of the semesters or not available due to assessment results, grade level, timetabling conflicts, or full enrolment. If you are not sure about your choices, your school Counsellor will help you after you arrive.

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 **Science** (please rank below), a **Social Studies**, 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. June 1 is the deadline for requests.

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

To be completed by short-term (one semester) students only:

Short-term students will study **4 courses only**. Please indicate which **4 courses** you prefer to take. Ensure you indicate the course(s) your school in your home country requires you to study, if applicable:

English: Y N Math: Y N Social Studies: Y N Science: Y N
Other (refer to elective course subject areas, below): _____ Please rank: Biology
Deadline for requests: May 1 for Sept entry; Nov 1 for Feb entry Chemistry
Physics

ELECTIVE COURSE SUBJECT AREAS

*****Note:** Check your requested school's **Course Planning Guide** for elective courses offered at that school. To find the Course Planning Guide, look under the "Guidance and Support" tab of the school's website.

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