



Course Selection for Grade 9

HS experience

- Individual schedule
 - may look different than friends
 - enriched or accelerated classes continue
- Semestered schedule except Humanities which is yearlong
- New SOURCE teacher, but remains through HS
 - may not teach you in another class
- SOURCE/SDS happens daily between Period 1 & 2
- SDS: student directed studies (Tues/Thursdays)

Exams & HS credits

- Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's)
 - written end of term the course is completed
- No classes during the exam break
 - teachers & classrooms used for exams
- Grade 9 courses are non-credit
 - If accelerated in a core subject, credits and grade will go to PASI in the year you took the HS course



Things to consider

- US universities may require 3-4 years of a second language
- Check MyBlueprint for career exploration, university options, scholarships, etc. or speak with Ms. Kesik.



Students entering in Grade 9

Must register for One:

- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education

Complementary courses:

- Six
 - Classes may be every other day for a term or every other day yearlong
 - Band 9 counts as 2 options (yearlong)



Example schedule at Westmount

Block	D1	D2
MH1	PE 9	PE 9
SOURCE	SOURCE 9/Health	SDS
MH2	Spanish	Band
MH3	Science 9	Science 9
MH4	HUM 9	HUM 9
MH1	Math 9	Math 9
SOURCE	SOURCE 9/Health	SDS
MH2	Drama 9	Band
MH3	C. Writing	Kaboom
MH4	HUM 9	HUM 9

Course handbook

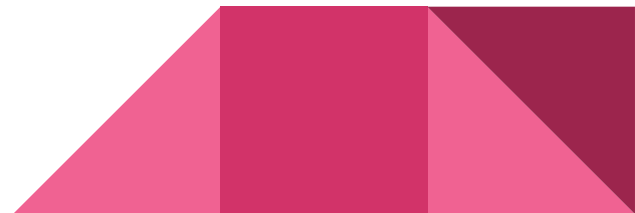
Use the grade 8 course handbook found on the Westmount website

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Course selection

- Online **March 10** to **March 21**
- PowerSchool login *(must be in your wcs-g account first)*



Drop-in program planning

- Lunch time
- March 10-20 in Student Services
- Stop by to speak with admin or counsellor to help course plan



Things to consider when choosing courses:

When putting together a schedule, please consider the following to create the the most well-rounded schedule for grade 9:

- You must pick 6 complementary courses
 - Note: Band is year long (counts at 2)
- No spares are allowed




Why should you complete your course selection accurately?

Courses offered in the upcoming school year are offered based on demand during the course selection process.

Therefore it is very important for all students to complete their course selection in the portal. Course selection and placement into a course are independent of one another, therefore, it is not first-selected first-priority.

If demand is low, courses that appeared on the course selection list may not be offered in the next school year.



Schedule release & changes

- Schedules released in Powerschool mid-June
 - ensure schedule reflects a **balanced** term load, core classes spread throughout the year (typically math and science in different terms)
- Course changes mid-June, during HS exam break (email will be sent to set up an appointment)

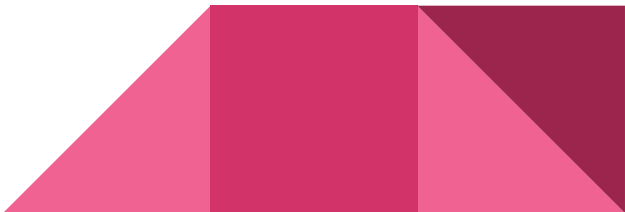


My Pass - create an account

Q: What is a myPass Account and why do I need one?

A: myPass is a self-service website for students provided by Alberta Education.

All students require a myPass account so they can:

- View Diploma and PAT exam results
 - Order official transcripts
 - View Detailed Academic Report (DAR)
 - View progress towards high school diploma
 - Register to rewrite diploma exams
 - Update their personal information
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Questions?