



Grade 9 Electives

Drama

ADA10

This course provides opportunities for students to explore dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of sources and cultures. Students will use the elements of drama to examine situations and issues that are relevant to their lives. Students will create, perform, discuss and analyze drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them.

Music

AMI10 - Instrumental Music

This course emphasizes the creation and performance of music at a level not dependent on previous experience and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity and imagination. Students will learn to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No experience is necessary however, this course also welcomes those with previous experience on any instrument (either through middle school or private lessons). Instruction will include the development of reading skills, tone quality, range, performance and

technical skill. The course will focus on performance in addition to theory, listening and other creative exercises. Students will also have the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre and other venues throughout the year.

AMV10 - Vocal/Choral

This course is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will develop musical literacy skills by using the creative and critical analysis processes in composition, performance, and a range of reflective and analytical activities. Students will develop an understanding of the conventions and elements of music and of safe practices related to music, and will develop a variety of skills transferable to other areas of their life. This course is for all grade 9 students who enjoy singing and would be interested in developing their vocal skills. No previous vocal training is necessary. Students will have one lunch-time rehearsal per week (day TBD).

Visual Arts

AVI10

The course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles. Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary and historical context.

Healthy Active Living Education

PPL10 - Health & Physical Education

This course equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active living. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively.

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TEJ20 - Computer Technology

This course introduces students to computer systems, networking, and interfacing, as well as electronics and robotics. Students will assemble, repair, and configure computers with various types of operating systems and application software. Students will build small

electronic circuits and write computer programs to control simple peripheral devices or robots.

Students will also develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will learn about secondary and postsecondary pathways and career opportunities in computer technology. Students who take Engineering in grade 9 will be required to take an Arts elective in grade 10.

Technology and the Skilled Trades

TAS10 - Computer Technology

This hands-on course enables students to further explore the design process and develop other technological knowledge and skills introduced in earlier grades. Students will design and safely create prototypes, products, and/or services, G18 working with tools and technologies from various industries. As students develop their projects to address real-life problems, they will apply technological concepts such as precision measurement, as well as health and safety standards. Students will begin to explore job skills programs and education and training pathways, including skilled trades, that can lead to a variety of careers.

