

LAKE COWICHAN

GRADE 9 COURSE REQUEST

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ (Please Print)

REQUIRED COURSES:

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| SCIENCE | 9 | PHYSICAL EDUCATION | 9 |
| MATHEMATICS | 9 | CAREER / FRENCH | 9 |
| ENGLISH | 9 | SOCIAL STUDIES | 9 |

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

*In the elective Options box below number **all** the selections in order of preference. Number 1 is the course you want the most with number 8 the course you would like the least*

Grade 9 Elective OPTIONS *Number in order of preference*

- _____ Woodcraft
- _____ Foods & Nutrition
- _____ IT (Computers)
- _____ Drama
- _____ Art
- _____ Music / Guitar
- _____ Ice Hockey (course fee of \$30)
- _____ Leadership

We will do our best to honour student requests.
However, classes must have a viable number of student requests to run and a teacher must be available to teach the requested course.

*An option for **Hockey 9** exists for students to select as part of their rotation. If your child would like to register in this class please check below. Hockey will run on alternate days and students are expected to select and attend another elective on the "off" hockey days. There is also a \$30 fee associated with this course and students must have all their own properly fitted gear to participate.

I would like to be selected for the Hockey program: _____ (please check)

I APPROVE THE ABOVE COURSE CHOICES FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER.

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

Course selection – DIRECTIONS

1. Read the course descriptions below.
2. On the course selection sheet please number all the elective options in order with number 1 being the one you want the most, number 2 the next most desirable and so on and so on. Number all the options - leave no blanks.
3. Please write very clearly your name on the top of the form and have you parents sign and date the bottom of the form.
4. Return form to the office.

LAKE COWICHAN GRADE 9 ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Woodcraft - Students will earn the privilege of using the full shop facility by first completing a unit on machine safety. Participants will receive instruction on hand and power tools, advanced woodcraft processes, joinery and finishing. Compulsory projects may include a birdhouse, vanity mirror, mantle clock, bowl, jewelry box, or a candle sconce.

Foods & Nutrition – In Foods & Nutrition we will be covering Labs and Theory for Food Preservation, Flour Mixtures, Mixing Methods, Nutrients, Vegetables, Eggs, Meat, Poultry and Meal Planning and the use of leftovers.

IT (Computers) - This course focuses on Graphic Design and Publishing. A focus will be placed upon writing (journalism, script writing, blogging) and the basics of design for publishing. Students have the opportunity to work on the yearbook as well as self-directed writing, photography, and computer graphics.

Drama – This is an introductory creative drama course. The goal of the course is to encourage each individual student to take risks and build their self-esteem and confidence on stage. Through the course students will learn the importance of concentration, teamwork and self-discipline, all the while exercising their imagination, exploring movement skills and speech possibilities. Through individual, partnered and group activities, students will engage in various dramatic structures in order to create original work, practice various dramatic forms and concepts all the while developing an appreciation for the importance of the dramatic arts in our society. They will also laugh a lot.

Art - This course is an in-depth exploration of art concepts. Learning to use a sketchbook and developing drawing skills will be one of the areas of focus and drawing media could include pencil, oil pastel, pencil crayon and pen. The rest of the course will include learning to use a wide variety of media such as drawing, painting, clay and printmaking.

Music / Guitar - Music 8/9 is a beginner course in guitar and song. Topics covered include; learning chords such as E, A, B, G, C, D, B, F and all associated minor chords, playing guitar and singing together, and a big performance by all grade eight guitar students. The main goal of this course is to learn to play guitar and sing in a fun, supportive atmosphere.

Ice Hockey - Ice hockey is a course that focuses on skill development and activity. This class will run in the afternoons on alternate days. Students are expected to attend their other assigned elective on the “off” hockey days. **Note that this class will have a fee to cover costs of the program (\$30).**

Leadership (Grade 9 only) – The goal of this course is for students to become active members of Lake Cowichan and make a difference in their school community. Through teamwork, organization and management skills, students will work towards developing goals to promote an active and positive school climate. Students will often work independently within the school creating and establishing their “projects.”