



Welcome to
Port Moody Secondary School
“A Tradition of Excellence”

Grade 8
Parent Session
February 2025

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded core traditional territory of the $k^w i k^w \text{ə} \lambda \text{ə} m$ (Kwkwetlem) First Nation which lies within the shared territories of the Coast Salish Nations of the $S k w x \text{ú} 7 m e s h \text{ Ú} x w u m i x w$ (Squamish), Tsleil-Waututh, $x^w m \text{ə} \theta k^w \text{ə} y \text{ə} m$ (Musqueam), Sto:lo, Qayqayt, Katezie and Kwkwetlem First Nations.

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Youth Worker

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Comparison of Grade 8 vs Grade 9

Grade 8

- 35-minute classes with a flexible block schedule
- Less elective choices
- Core classes taught within a team of teachers sharing the same group of students
- Core courses taught Sept – June
- 35-minute lunch –closed campus (students not permitted to leave)
- Student learning is closely monitored by their teachers

Grade 9

- 77 minute classes (4 a day)
- 25 minute Flex block 4 times per week
- 8 Courses in total (4 each semester) that include 5 core courses and 3 elective choices
- Core classes taught by teachers in different departments
- Classes are everyday for 1 semester
Semester 1 – Sept. to Jan.
Semester 2 – Feb. to June
- 40-minute lunch – Open campus after October 1 for grade 9s
- Students are more responsible for their own learning

Bell Schedule

PMSS Bell Schedule 2024-25

Monday (All Students)

Block	Schedule
1	7:40 – 8:46
2	8:50 – 9:56
3	10:00 – 11:06
Lunch	11:06 – 11:45
4	11:45 – 12:52
5	12:56 – 2:02

Tuesday – Friday

Block	Schedule
1	7:40 – 8:56
Flex	8:56 – 9:22
2	9:22 – 10:38
3	10:42 – 11:58
Lunch	11:58 – 12:40
4	12:40 – 1:56

Flex Time

- Instructional time (Tuesday to Friday)
- Students to engage in self-directed learning

Early Start Times

- IB Students generally start in block 1, most other students start in block 2



Support Crew

SOAR

Students Offering Affirmation & Reassurance

Senior Students being there for you to answer questions like.....

- ✓ What are the fun things that happen at Moody Secondary?
- ✓ How to find your way after getting lost?
- ✓ What clubs and/or teams are available and how to join one?
- ✓ Who to ask if you need a hand with homework?
- ✓ How to deal with increased responsibility that comes from being a Secondary student?

SOAR Leaders will also connect with new grade 9s throughout the year.

Be Connected!



PAC EXECUTIVE

Co-Chair: Alicia Purvis

Co-Chair: Grace Liang

Secretary: Sonya Burdett

Treasurer: Miwa Aoki

DPAC Rep: Dr. Alexandra
Chauran (shared)

DPAC Rep: Charles Yey (shared)

Port Moody Secondary CLUBS

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- SCHOOL COMMUNITY:
 - Blues Spirit Crew, Skills Department Club,
- GLOBAL AWARENESS:
 - Doctors without Borders, Unicef, Red Cross
- EDUCATION:
 - History Club, Language Club, Math Competition Club, Science Competition Club
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES:
 - Table Tennis Club, Tap Dance Club
- GAMES:
 - Reach for the Top, Table Tennis Club, E-Sports,

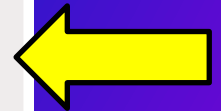
Course Selection Website

Port Moody Secondary Course Information

- Access to our online Course Guide is through our website
- Under “Quick Links” click Course Selection Website—this will take you to a description of the classes

Quick Links

- Grad Photos
- MyEd BC Log In
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Course Selection Website
- January 2024 Course correction form - Available January 11th - 15th
- Absence Report Form
- Career Centre
- Edublog for Digital Learning 10



Course Selection

- Course selection will be completed through the MyEd portal online
- IB Candidates will complete their elective choices as indicated through communication from Mr. Lenihan

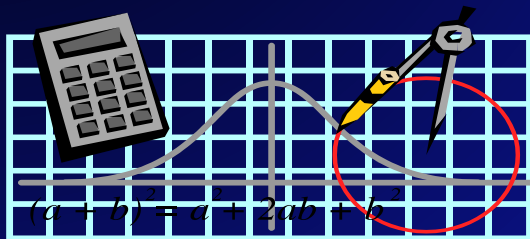
Grade 9 Course Selection

- Students must take 8 courses
(4 courses each semester)
- Some music/theatre classes can be a 9th course
- Classes are typically 77 minutes long



Grade 9 Course Requirements

Foundation Courses



English 9

Social Studies 9

Science 9



Physical & Health Education 9

Foundations of Math 9

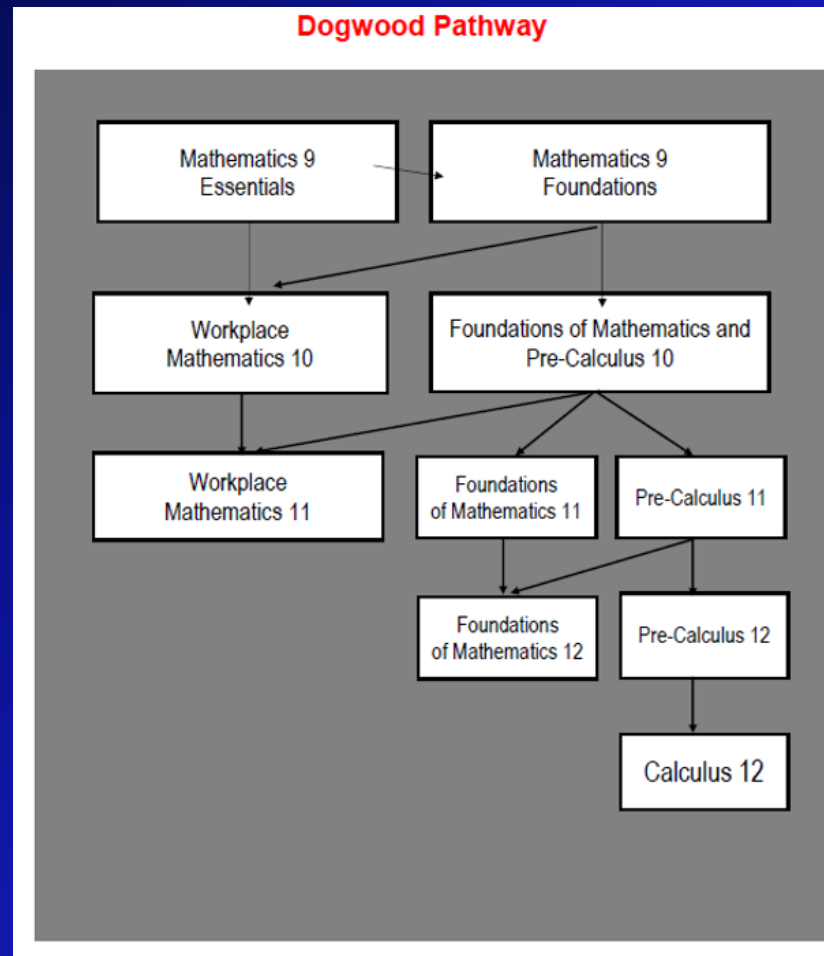
(or a middle school referral for Math Essentials 9)

COL Digital Learning 10

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- All grade 9 students will take this class.
- Students will
 - demonstrate the ability to efficiently and effectively navigate digital technologies
 - learn how to behave ethically and responsibly online
 - Learn to protect their personal security and privacy of themselves and others
- Students will meet during: Core courses, Flex learning time, scheduled TEAMS meetings and have special topic assemblies.

Math Courses



* Students may change mathematics pathways upon consultation with the classroom teacher and school counsellor.

Elective Courses

- Students will choose 3 electives from the Grade 9 course list, and 2 alternatives. Three of open classes will be given to the student
- Electives are found in the online Course Selection Website
- You do not require a second language to graduate or to go to as part of the general requirements for BC universities and colleges (new changes recently made at UBC & SFU)

Music/Choir/Musical Theatre



- **Concert Band 9**—In the timetable backed onto PE 9
- **Concert Choir 9**—offered outside the timetable, Rehearsals will be before/after school, schedule to be determined
- **String Orchestra 9**—Tuesday/Thursday evenings
- **Jazz Band 9**—Will be before or after school, schedule TBD
- **Musical Theatre 10**—will be afterschool.

ELL or Learning Support

- Your current teachers may recommend an ELL or Learning support class
- If you require an ELL or Learning Support Class, it will replace one of your electives

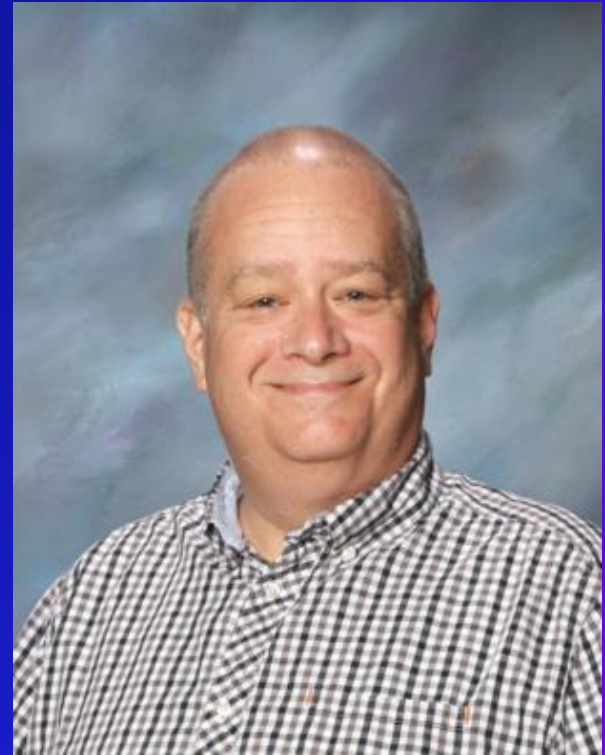


International Baccalaureate Program

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Pre-Diploma 9 & 10



- Two preparatory years leading to the IB Diploma in Grades 11 and 12.
- Includes course work from Ministry of Education Grade 9 and 10 programs including required Provincial Assessments.
- Once accepted into the program, students are expected to undertake the entire program.
- Pre-Diploma/ IB Diploma classes have an early start time—Block 1, 7:40 am.

Parent Information

- Report cards generally available on MyEd about every 6-8 weeks. Dates are always published and can be found on the PMSS website calendar
- School policies and rules are found on the school's web-site and on the school district's web-site.

General FAQs

- Course selections will be completed on the MyEd Portal. Middle schools will set this up with students.
- A Welcome letter will be sent to families in August with valuable information on the start-up of school and new grade 9 activities
- SOAR Leadership students will connect with the new grade 9 students will help with the transition.

Course Programming Due

February
9th



Questions & Answers...

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