

Grade 9 - Elective Choices

Please choose 4 primary elective choices (3 if they choose one of Band or Choir). Students will also be asked to choose 4 alternate electives. Every effort will be made to timetable students into their top choices but due to availability of space students may not get their first-choice electives.

	Art 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$30</i>) Provides an introduction to the art program at Chinook. This is a course that any student can be successful in no matter what previous art experience they have. Students will create artworks using a variety of mediums (drawing, paint, sculpture, mixed media, collage etc.). Through the exploration of techniques, students will gain confidence in their creative ability.
	Band 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$20</i>) Band takes up two of the four option spaces available to Grade 9 students. This option promotes an improvement in music skills and knowledge, an increased ability to perform music, growth and strengthening of individual character, and cooperative social interaction.
	Choral 9 is a 2-quarter option. Choir takes up two of the four option spaces available to Grade 9 students. This option promotes an improvement in music skills and knowledge, an increased ability to perform music, growth and strengthening of individual character and cooperative social interaction.
	Computer Programming (<i>supplementary fee \$10</i>) Students will be introduced to fundamentals of computer programming, robotics and game design.
	Construction Technology 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$30</i>) Shop 9 is 100% hands on instruction of safety, tool recognition and basic equipment fundamentals to construct shop projects.
	Critical thinking: Game Theory 9 This will be a chance for students to potentially find a new hobby, learn new skills and think about their thinking when it comes to strategy games. We will explore the rules, basic concepts and different strategies associated with a variety of card and board games. Possible games could include: chess, checkers, backgammon, Dama (Turkish Draughts), 4 in a row, Cribbage, Card games (hearts, cheat) and more.
	Dance 9 Beginner Is for students looking to have fun while learning how to dance. Those with little or no experience dancing should be in this class. Students will learn dance combinations in various styles (Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary and Body Percussion), and have opportunities to create their own work individually and as a group. This class will explore the world of dance through choreography, dance history, and anatomy, giving students the chance to build confidence in moving, flexibility, strength, and style.
	Dance 9 Int/Adv Is for those who come to Chinook with a solid dance background either from middle school or a studio. This class, which is geared toward focused and determined movers, will move fast, as students learn choreography in various styles including but not limited to: Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, and Body Percussion. Students will have the opportunity to build confidence, technical ability, and stage presence through individual and group choreography. We will build a foundation for our work through anatomy, and dance history, and will focus on individual improvement in strength, technique, flexibility, and style. The focus will be on in-class work but opportunities to perform may present themselves during the quarter. Please contact Alisha Hornberger at Alisha.hornberger@lethsd.ab.ca for more information.
	Digital Media 9 In this project-based course, students will build essential computer skills and explore digital creativity. From keyboarding and file management to graphic design and video production, students will learn how to use digital tools to organize, communicate, and create. With a mix of practical skills and creative projects, this course helps students feel confident navigating technology for both school and life.
	Drama 9 Students build skills in the fundamentals of performance. This includes voice and movement work. Through this course students are encouraged to collaborate with each other and be reflective. The general goal is for the student to learn how to be apart of an ensemble.
	Environmental Science 9 This course will provide students with the opportunity to discover the Earth and Life Sciences, while exploring their local environment through scientific inquiry.
	Fashion Studies 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$40</i>) Through hands-on experience, students are introduced to basic sewing, design and illustration skills. Students will all walk away with fun projects they can wear and use, as well as some great new skills. Other forms of textile arts may be explored including crochet and embroidery. All levels of experience welcome.
	Film Making 9 Interested in bringing stories to life through film? Filmmaking 9 is a course intended to familiarize students with the techniques used in creating major motion pictures. Throughout the quarter, students will learn the fundamental skills of camerawork, editing, screenwriting, sound design, and much more. Students will apply their skills in a series of projects that build towards creating their own short film which will be showcased in a student film festival. Lights, camera, action!
	Foods 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$35</i>) Students will learn the basics of meal planning, cooking and meeting nutritional requirements.
	Football 9 For anyone interested in learning more about football regardless of previous experience. We will develop various skills while also learning about the rules and strategy associated with the game. There will be some classroom work, but weather permitting this class will be outside getting exercise while practicing skills and playing football.
	Guitar 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$25</i>) is designed for students who want to learn to play guitar or continue to develop their knowledge and skills on the acoustic guitar. Students will learn about the history and fundamentals of popular music (blues, rock, folk and country). Topics covered include guitar maintenance, tuning, open chords, bar chords, and basic music theory. The goal is to give students the foundation for a life-long enjoyment of music and a desire to continue learning. Students will need to have a guitar at home so they can practice at least two hours a week.
	History through Film 9 Allows students to visually pay witness to history and the way in which history is remembered. This course will touch on the affects Hollywood has had in remembering people and events; how history can be portrayed in differing ways in order to ethically, morally and emotionally reach their viewers; and finally students will learn to take what they see in film and critically analyze the information they just viewed by cross-referencing it with outside sources and formulating their own opinions on the relevance, accuracy and overall value of the movie media outlet.
	Leadership 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$10</i>) This course will allow students explore the basic principles of leadership and evaluate their own personal leadership characteristics and qualities through various projects and initiatives. In Leadership, students will learn practical skills in teamwork, decision-making, organization, communication and service.
	Military History 9 This course offers students a look into Canada's military history including some of the conflicts we have been a part of and the impacts that they would not be able to see within their social studies courses. They will investigate Canada's proud military past through various events and experiences while remembering and better understanding the significance of the sacrifices made by those who have come before us.

	Mind vs Machine: AI, Media & Misinformation 9 In this course, students will become familiar with different AI tools, as well as develop an understanding as to how AI creates deepfakes, spreads misinformation (with a focus on conspiracy theories) and shapes what you believe—often without you realizing it. In this course, you'll learn to spot digital deception, challenge misinformation, and explore both the risks and benefits of AI in media, education, and everyday life.
	Modern Languages 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$20</i>) This class is a brief introduction to French, Spanish and Italian, where students will discover new cultures and learn basic conversational words and phrases.
	Photography 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$10</i>) Photography 9 is a quarter-long option course is available to all grade nine students looking to explore their skills and ideas surrounding Photography. This class is designed as an exploratory class that feeds into the Photography 10/20/30 stream here at Chinook – students will work with the fundamentals of digital photography, photo editing, and creative project development. This course charges a fee \$10. This fee covers maintenance of equipment, software access, supplies, and other items. A set of 30 class cameras is available for students to have access to and sign out for project work..
	Rock & Pop 9 (<i>supplementary fee \$40</i>) is designed for students to deepen and broaden their musical experience by working in combos with other students that share an interest in music. Students will be encouraged to sing and play one or more instruments (electric guitar, bass, drums, or keyboards). The expectation is that students will already have had some previous experience and will be motivated to do individual practice. Some students may wish to take Guitar 9 before taking this class. The class will explore the basics of Rock and Roll and encourage students to pursue their own musical interests.
	Soccer 9 is open to all levels of soccer players from beginner to advanced. Skill development will focus on various soccer related drills and activities as well as some scrimmage and mini game simulations. The goal is to have fun and incorporate some skill development and exercise.
	Sports Performance 9 This is a movement-based course that focuses on multi-sport fitness and athletic training. The course fee includes training apparel.
	Tech 9: Technical theatre 9 is an introduction to all the elements that support a show behind the scenes. Students will learn about lighting, costuming and sound through hands on experiences. This course focuses on learning basic skills as well as working as a collaborator and building skills in communication.
	Yoga 9 This class will be an opportunity for students to support healthy living through postures, stretches and meditation. No previous yoga experience required. Mats and blocks provided.

** Elective supplementary fees subject to change.*

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