



# **SANDS SECONDARY**

Course Planning for  
transitioning from  
Grade 7 to 8 for 2024-  
2025

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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and all of the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial and on whose land we live, learn and play. I would also like to offer my respects to all the Elders who have gone before us and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.



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# Introduction to Sands

- Grade 8 – 12
- ~730 students
- Flex
- Clubs
- Sports
- Grade 8 Mentorship



# WHO ATTENDS SANDS

- If you go to Gray or Brooke Elementary you are automatically assigned to Sands
- If you live in our catchment and go to a Delta public school, other than Gray or Brooke, please let your elementary office know you want to attend Sands
- If you live in our catchment and don't attend a Delta public school, you will need to register starting on Feb 5 – please see website



# APPLICATION TO ATTEND SANDS

- Non-Catchment – you live in Delta but do not live in the Sands catchment
- Non-District – you do not live in Delta
- Applications open on February 5 at 8:30
- <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/>



HOW MANY COURSES DO I  
NEED IN GRADE 8?

(in high school, a 'subject' is now  
called a 'course')

**YOU HAVE 8 CLASSES TOTAL**



## 6 STANDARD COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

- **English** (Language arts) 8
- **Social Studies** 8
- **Science** 8
- **Math** 8
- **Physical Health & Education** 8 - CO-ED
- **A Second Language** - French 8
- → If you have been recommended for a support block it will usually replace the second language





## A NOTE ABOUT 2<sup>ND</sup> LANGUAGES:

- French 8 . . . You then take French 9, 10, 11 (and sometimes 12)

OR

- Want to try something new? You can start with **Spanish 9** in grade 9! . . . You then take Spanish 10, 11 and 12)

Keep your options open! Some UNIVERSITIES and programs require a language at the grade 11 level, but others don't

# ELECTIVE COURSES

- Courses that are not required and at this level, are not 'academic' are called 'electives'
- You get 2 elective blocks (out of your 8 blocks)



# Electives cont. . . .

Students entering Grade 8 choose:

- ADST Rotation – Wood, Drafting/Metal ,  
Foods, Sewing  
and
- Fine Arts Rotation – Art, Drama and Music  
or
- Band



# Learning Support Courses

- Learning Support or Grad Quest or Supportive Learning
  - If you currently have a support for this now you will likely be given a block of support for next year
  - this will typically replace an elective or a Language
- ELL Support -
  - ELL Strategies and/or
  - English Language Development (level 1-3)

STUDENT'S PLACEMENTS IN THE ABOVE COURSES  
WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH THEIR GRADE 7  
TEACHERS DURING THE ARTICULATION PROCESS

# DELTA ACADEMIES

- Applying is a two-part process:

1. Apply through MyEd. (If MyEd is closed please contact your school counsellor.)

AND

2. Also through online registration on the Delta Academies website [deltaacademies.ca](http://deltaacademies.ca)

- For online application, fees, videos, program content and transportation information, visit us at: [deltafilmcademy.ca](http://deltafilmcademy.ca) or call 604-952-2904.
- Transportation is NOT included – families must figure out how to get their student to the Academies



# ACADEMY OPTIONS

- Film Acting (Delta Manor, Ladner)
- Production (Delta Manor, Ladner)
- VFX (Delta Manor, Ladner)

Counts for 2 blocks in the timetable

- Film Academy runs on a linear timetable



# SO, AN AVERAGE TIMETABLE COULD LOOK LIKE.....

1. English 8
2. Science 8
3. Socials 8
4. Math 8
5. French 8 (May have a block of support instead)
6. PE 8
7. ADST 8
8. Fine Arts 8



# HOW TO PICK YOUR COURSES?

- Your student will log onto MyEd and work with you to select the courses they want
- They will be taught how to log onto MyEd at their current school.
- MyEd login and course selection information will also be emailed to all families in catchment schools
- If there is a problem selecting courses give Sands a call. We will help.
- The Sands team will visit Gray and Brooke in the coming weeks.





There is Something for  
Everyone . . .

Get Involved



# ATHLETICS . . .

- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Ultimate
- Curling
- Intramural sports at lunch (i.e. floor hockey)



# Student Council . . .

- Plans dances
- Special fundraisers
- Fun days – pajama day – tacky tourist day – Halloween costume days etc.
- Spirit Days
- **YES! Grade 8's can get involved!!**



# Clubs . . . To name a few !

- Ethics
- Environmental
- GSA
- Chess
- DYAC
- Model UN
- Gaming
- etc

GET INVOLVED!!

Students can start clubs:

- Find a teacher sponsor



# Welcome to High School!

- School tours
- Beginning of the year BBQ
- School open for exploration – August
- Grade 8 Retreat – September
- Grade 10-12 mentors – lockers, finding you away around the school, checking on how you are doing, helping with retreat, etc



QUESTIONS?