



Brock Middle School

Grade 8 Course Planning Form

2021-22

Student Information

Student Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Grade 8 Program Overview

For the 2021-22 School Year, Brock Middle School will be based on the quarter system (like the secondary schools used in 2020-21) to ensure we are able to appropriately meet the Provincial Health & Safety Guidelines. This means that the schedule is based on 2 blocks (A/B) every day that are 2.5 hours long. Each quarter lasts for about 9 weeks.

Grade 8 academics consist of one teacher for Math & Science for ½ the year, and another teacher for English & Social Studies for ½ the year. This allows the learning in the two subject areas to be spread over half the year. It also provides the opportunity for the teacher to have flexibility to break up the 2.5 hour blocks.

An example of a student’s schedule is: (see reverse for program specifics)

A	Math-Sci	Explo	French	Explo
B	PE	Math-Sci	English-SS	English-SS

Our belief is that Middle School is a place of transition between childhood (elementary) and young adulthood (secondary). Middle school is an important opportunity for students to determine who they are and who they want to become as they move into adulthood. An important part of this is the opportunity to explore a wide variety of learning and skills. To facilitate this, Grade 8 students will be enrolled in a series of Explorations (Metal/Foods Sustainability/Drama AND Foods/Media Arts/Careers). Later in their school career, these experiences will allow them to make informed choices about the things they are most interested in or passionate about. It is important for students to learn those things that they don’t enjoy as well as those that they do. Students will be given the opportunity to choose electives in Grade 9 and 10.

In Grade 8 for 2021-22, all students will be enrolled in French 8. It is a Ministry of Education grade level requirement. Learning supports for students on IEPs will be provided to students differently than in previous years (not scheduled LAC blocks). More information regarding this will be given later this year and into September.

Grade 8 Program

ALL student timetables will include:

Grade 8 Courses	English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical and Health Education, French
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Explorations 8	Includes all of the following: Metal/Foods Sustainability/Drama AND Foods/Media Arts/Careers (approximately 15 days of instruction per class) School Enhancement Fees will be a one-time \$60 fee for all grade 8 students and will be billed in October 2021.
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Grade 8 – Optional Program Choices (Additional Cost)

If your child wishes to select one of the options below, please check the line beside it and initial in the appropriate box to the right.

Band/Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Band 8 (<i>replaces Explorations</i>) (\$90 Band fee is for Instrument Rental only and will be charged to students in September)	\$90	Parent Initials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Choir 8	No fee	

Sport Academies	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance (<i>replaces PHE – 1 block</i>)	\$225	Parent Initials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics (<i>replaces PHE & Explorations – 2 blocks</i>)	\$350	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey (<i>replaces PHE & Explorations – 2 blocks</i>)	\$300	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (<i>replaces PHE & Explorations – 2 blocks</i>)	\$475	

NOTE: Students choosing a **Sport Academy** must submit the following **before** they will be scheduled into an Academy: **(deadline is Friday, April 30)**

1. Completed and signed Academy Registration form and contract
2. Deposit Money (1/2 of above listed fee) dropped off at the Brock Middle office
3. Academy courses will run pending enrolment numbers. ie: Low enrolment academies will be cancelled.

DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS FORM!!

I acknowledge that I have read this Grade 8 Course Planning Form for the program for my child at Brock Middle next school year. If my child has chosen Band/Choir, I understand the costs associated with the program. If my child has selected a Sport Academy, I understand the deadlines for forms/deposit and the costs associated with the program.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature