



Brock Middle School

Grade 9 Course Planning Form

2021-22

Student Information

Student Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Grade 9 Program Overview

For the 2021-22 School Year, Brock Middle School will be based on the quarter system (like the SD73 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 (about 45 classes).

Grade 9 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. Another advantage is that it minimizes the possibility of having an academic course such as Math 9 in Quarter 1 and Math 10 (at NorKam in 2022-23) in Quarter 4.

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

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	Major Elective	Minor Electives	Math-Sci	PE
B	English-SS	English-SS	Seminar	Math-Sci

In Grade 9, we believe that students should start to have some choice and the opportunity to dive more deeply into the elective content/skills that they are interested in. We still need to continue with cohorts, so we are limited in the choices we will be able to give for the 2021-22 school year. However, to facilitate some choice, students will select a Major Elective. The Major Elective will be for an entire quarter, every day for 2.5 hours. This will allow students and teachers to dive deeply into the elective content and extend students’ learning.

In their other elective block, students will receive 2 Minor Electives – each will be 4.5 weeks in length (2.5 hours each day). These will not be choice-based but will be based on the courses/teachers that are available during that time. In future years, the hope is that we will be able to provide choice in this area as well.

Seminars are the last piece of the puzzle. Seminars are courses designed for supporting the transition from middle school to high school and beyond. These will be three classes (2.5 hours per day) that will cover the skills and knowledge that students need to be successful as they transition to NorKam. This will include Careers 9, Computers 9 and Transitions & High School Success 9.

Grade 9 Program

ALL student timetables will include:

Grade 9 Courses	Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical & Health Education, and Seminars 9 (Careers 9, Computers 9, Transitions & High School Success 9 (approximately 15 days of instruction per course))
Minor Electives	2 Minor Electives (approximately 23 days of instruction per elective) **these will be assigned at time of schedule creation – not choice-based)
Major Electives	See below (approx. 46 days of instruction)

Grade 9 Major Elective Selection

Please circle the 4 elective options below that you would be interested in taking for a full quarter (46 days of instruction – 2.5 hours per day). We will do our best to ensure that you receive one of your choices, but we cannot guarantee it. (see Coursebook for more information)

Woodwork 9	Metalwork 9	French 9	Video Production 9	Art 9
Tech Ed 9	Foods 9	Outdoor Ed 9	Fly Fishing 9	Leadership 9
Drama 9	Sewing 9	Gamemaker 9	Food Sustainability 9	Lego Robotics 9



Grade 9 – 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 9 (<i>replaces 1 Elective block</i>) (\$90 Band fee is for Instrument Rental only and will be charged to students in September)	\$90	Parent Initials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	No fee	
Sport Academies	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance (<i>replaces PHE – 1 block</i>)	\$225	Parent Initials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics (<i>replaces PHE & 1 Elective block – 2 blocks</i>)	\$350	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey (<i>replaces PHE & 1 Elective block – 2 blocks</i>)	\$300	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (<i>replaces PHE & 1 Elective block – 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 9 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