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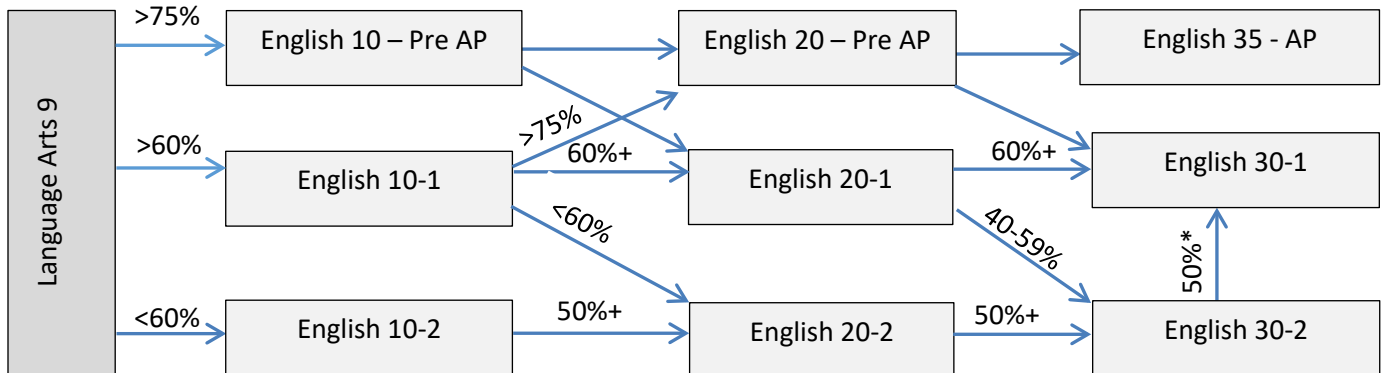
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# GRADE NINE REQUIRED AND COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

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### English Language Arts 9

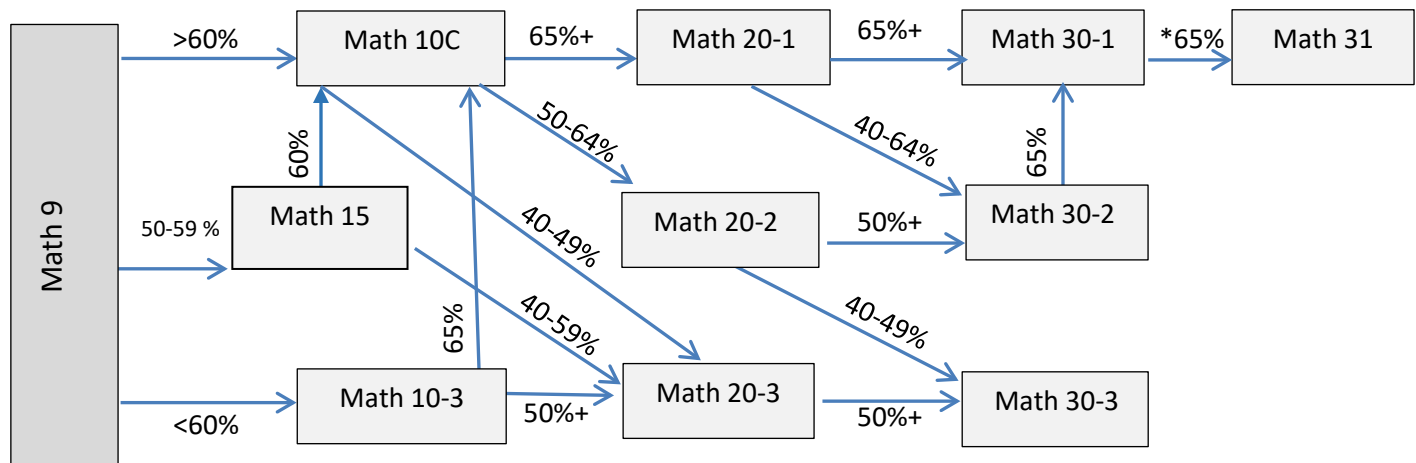
English Language Arts 9 takes a process and theme-oriented approach. This provides for variety, flexibility and student involvement. A variety of units are covered with practice in reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, and representing skills. To advance to English 10-1, it is recommended that students achieve a minimum of 60% in English 9. This course is yearlong.



\*To successfully progress from English 30-2 to 30-1, it is recommended that a student achieve a mark of 75% or higher.

### Mathematics 9

Mathematics 9 consists of the following units: Powers and Roots, Algebraic Equations, Polynomials, Circle Properties, Shape and Space, Transformations, and Data Analysis. To advance to Mathematics 10 Combined (Math 10C), it is recommended students achieve a minimum of 60% in Mathematics 9. This course is yearlong.



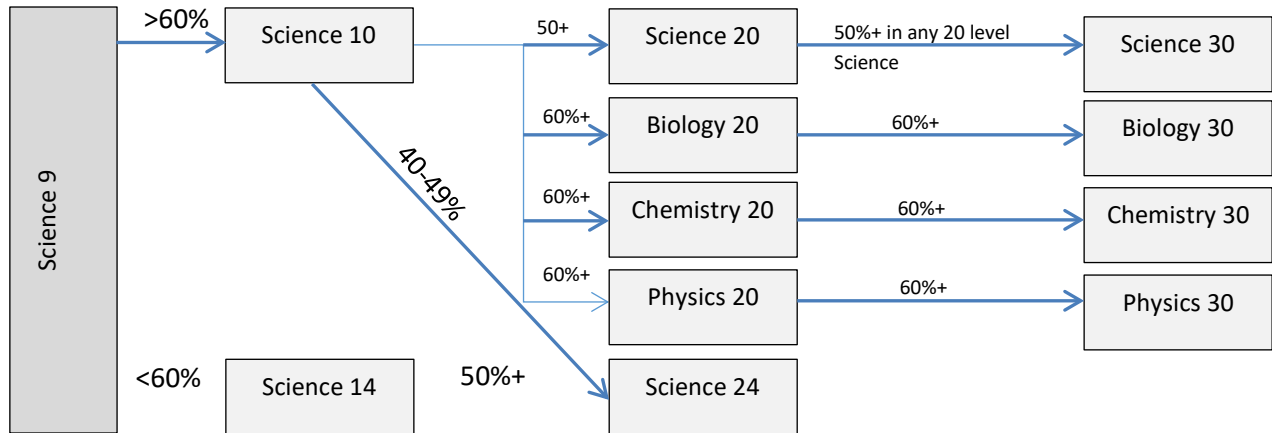
\*Recommended

## Physical Education 9

PE 9 will focus on fitness, skills and the development of positive interpersonal skills. This activity course requires participation and the wearing of proper athletic dress. Shorts and t-shirts may be purchased through the school. Activities may include the following: Badminton, Basketball, Fitness Training, Football, Organized Games, Soccer, Softball, Team Handball, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

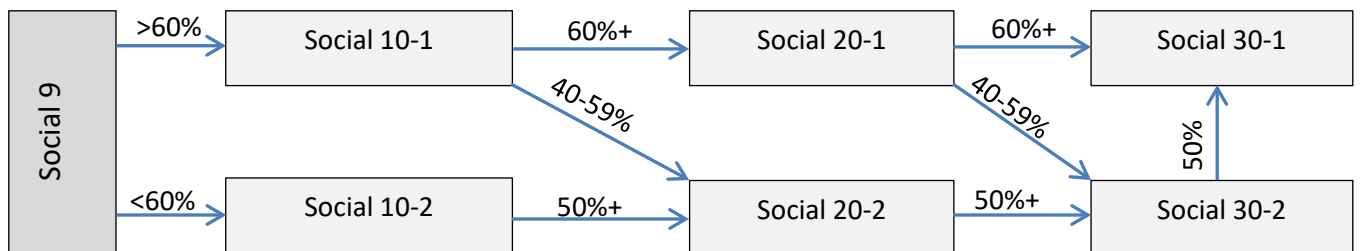
## Science 9

This is a general Science course that draws on the major scientific disciplines of Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Unit topics include: Biological Diversity, Matter and Chemical Change, Environmental Chemistry, Electrical Principles and Technologies, and Space Exploration. To advance to Science 10, it is recommended that students achieve a minimum of 60% in Science 9. This course is semestered.



## Social Studies 9

Grade 9 students will analyze the relationship between Canada's political and legislative processes and their impact on issues pertaining to governance, rights, citizenship, and identity. Students will also explore issues of economics and their impact on quality of life, citizenship, and identity in Canada and the United States. To advance to Social Studies 10-1, it is recommended that students achieve a minimum of 60% in Social Studies 9. This course is semestered.



## Health and Life Skills 9

The aim of Health and Life Skills 9 is to enable students to make well-informed, healthy choices and to develop behaviours that contribute to personal wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Three general outcomes are the foundation for H&LS 9: Wellness Choices, Relationship Choices, and Life Learning Choices. As positive and productive citizens, we learn to make good decisions.

## GRADE NINE COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

Courses will run **ONLY** if there is sufficient enrollment.

Fees listed are from 2023-2024 and are subject to revision for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **Art 9 - Fee: \$50**

Introduces the student to the artistic process. This program allows for experiential application of techniques using various mediums and exploration of art form, with research and design concepts being integrated throughout the program. There is an expectation for the student to explore their creativity and expand their skills. Critical thinking and aspiration is essential for student success.

### **Band 9 (Instrumental Music 9) - Fee: \$50**

Students learn a variety of music styles, genres and facets in a wind instrument/percussion setting that promotes full band, ensemble, and solo work. Techniques learned include sight-reading, listening, ear training, composition, and evaluative performance. Skills learned in previous wind instrumental/percussion courses will be further developed. Class times are inside of the regular timetable and run yearlong. Performances are **MANDATORY**. (Students are encouraged to have had prior school band experience but there is always the possibility of learning a new instrument.) If you want to make some noise, JOIN THE BAND!

**Note:** A band instrument rental fee of **\$210** is applicable to students registered in a band program who rent a musical instrument from the Board. A \$50 caution fee is fully refundable upon return of the instrument in the condition in which it was rented.

### **Choral 9 (Choir) - Fee: \$40**

Choir is a performance-based class and is open to students who enjoy singing and/or wish to improve their singing within an ensemble. Students are exposed to a wide range of musical styles. Attendance at all concerts and festivals is **MANDATORY**. Having some previous experience with singing is an asset, but not a necessity.

### **Cosmetology 9 - Fee: \$45**

Cosmetology 9 is designed to introduce students to the fashionable world of hairstyling and esthetics. This option will explore personal and professional grooming techniques as well as the following esthetic and hairstyling practices: basic nail art techniques used to enhance the appearance of fingernails, introductory hairstyling and personal hair-care tips and techniques, basic skin care practices to help students maintain the cleanliness of their skin and the creation of the students' own salon. Cosmetology 9 provides students with an opportunity to explore the topic through project based learning, helping to prepare them for the practical and creative aspects of the high school Hairstylist Apprenticeship program. This course is largely based in a classroom environment.

**\*Please note that Cosmetology 9 is NOT a prerequisite for the high school Hairstylist Apprenticeship CTS class. Students will be able to enter in grade 10 whether or not they have taken it at the middle school level as they are independent programs.**

### **Drama 9 - Fee: \$10**

Emphasis is placed on the development of the student as a creator, performer, historian, critic and patron. Students will develop dramatic skills through assuming roles, exploration of dramatic situations and reflection on the outcomes (though no previous experience in Drama is necessary). Teamwork is essential, as students participate in non-competitive, cooperative, supportive, joyful, yet challenging, dramatic study. This course is recommended as preparation for grade 10 level Drama courses.

### **Foods 9 - Fee: \$45**

This is a basic Foods course covering areas such as safety and sanitation, as well as the Canada Food Guide. Students learn about and create delicious recipes in topics such as Fruits and Vegetables, Baking and Meals.

### **French 9 (Continuing) - Fee: \$10**

This course is intended for students who have taken or been exposed to French at some point and wish to continue developing listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. The language of instruction will be French as much as possible. Students who take French 9 will have a smooth transition into French 10.

### **French 9 (Introductory) - Fee: \$10**

This course is intended for students who have very MINIMAL or NO previous French exposure. This course will prepare you not only for French 10 (3-Y) but will also put you on track for French 20 (3Y) and 30 (3Y). The language of instruction will be a mix of French and English. Students will be introduced to basic language building blocks such as letters, numbers, foundational verbs, and grammar to begin communicating in French. The primary focus in this course will be on speaking and writing.

### **German 9 - Fee: \$10**

This is a beginner's course for those students who want to learn basic German. If you already know English, then learning basic German is easy. This course focuses mainly on speaking and listening, with some emphasis on reading and writing. German 9 is recommended to prepare for German 10.

### **Industrial Arts 9 (Construction) - Fee: \$45**

Construction 9 offers all students important learning opportunities in the field of woodworking. This course builds basic student knowledge in planning, materials, tools, work habits, safety, and the field of woodworking.

### **Lacrosse 9 (Integrated Studies) - Fee: \$100**

Lacrosse 9 is a physical education enrichment course designed for students who are athletically inclined, enjoy participating in physical activity and fitness and are interested in participating in a lacrosse focused option during the school day. The intent is to increase the amount of time being active throughout the school year and this is supplemental to the required Physical Education 9 class. This class provides an introduction to the sport of lacrosse and will primarily consist of activity-based days, both indoors and outside. Additionally, exploration of local off-campus activities will be planned as part of the program.

This class provides an entry point for the high school Lacrosse Concentration, which is an athletic development course designed by and delivered in Bert Church High School. With an emphasis on individualized player development as well as academic excellence, Bert Church Lacrosse student athletes will explore the skill sets necessary to reach their full potential. The program is an excellent choice for multi-sport athletes who are looking to expand their training in a different sport focused environment, not only those who are current lacrosse players.

Throughout the quarter, classes will consist of on-field lacrosse technical skill development, strength, speed, and power training. Students will spend time outdoors on the field, indoors on the box field and in the fitness centre throughout the quarter.

#### **Requirements:**

- This offering is open to both elite lacrosse players and those who have never played the game before

- Female students are encouraged to enroll. If we have enough numbers, we may be able to provide women's field lacrosse specific training as well.

### **Music 9 - Fee: \$55**

Guitar is a performance-based class and is open to students who would like to learn how to play the guitar and to students who enjoy playing guitar already who wish to improve their playing. Students are exposed to a wide range of musical styles. Owning a guitar is **NOT MANDATORY** but it would certainly help you develop quicker.

### **Outdoor Education 9 - Fee: \$30**

In this program students will learn to challenge themselves mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. The students will utilize the great outdoors as a classroom and incorporate many skills to learn how to live an active and healthy lifestyle. The focus of this course is on building outdoor skills such as leadership, excursion, trip planning, wilderness navigation, survival, and outdoor cooking. Students will utilize these skills both in the classroom and the outdoors. Excursions are tailored to the seasons.

### **Photography 9 - Fee: \$50**

Learn about photography, videography, graphic design, and other media arts while completing exciting printed and digital projects! Students are assigned their own modern DSLR camera and Apple iMac computer with the most current versions of Adobe software (Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, etc.). This course provides students with an introduction to the Photography 10/20/30 CTS courses that are designed to develop essential visual communication skills.

### **Physical Education 9 Enrichment - Fee: \$40**

Physical Education 9 Enrichment is a course designed for students that are athletically inclined and enjoy participating in physical activity and fitness. The intent is to increase the amount of time being active throughout the school year. Ties to future sport-related endeavors may include exposure to Sports Medicine and Sports Performance, which can then be chosen as Grade 10-12 courses. Additionally, exploration of local off-campus activities will be part of the program.

### **Recreational Leadership 9 - Fee: \$25**

Students in Leadership 9 will build their skills as leaders while becoming engaged within the community. They will learn about leadership and learning styles and how they impact group dynamics. Learners will discover what their strengths are as leaders and how to put those skills into action by planning and delivering lessons and working with students in our feeder schools.

### **Robotics 9 - Fee: \$50**

This course will introduce students to engineering design, drafting and computer programming. Throughout the course students will learn Oval, a C-based programming language. Students will design a series of engineering challenges and will program their robots to complete the tasks. This course is a great introduction to careers in STEM; no programming experience is needed!

### **Yoga 9 - Fee: \$25**

Yoga 9 is an introduction to the poses, postures and breathing techniques of Yoga. This course is designed to develop strength, flexibility, and relaxation in students. This course is designed for students who are interested in combining disciplined physical training with breath work in order to improve focus, reduce stress and anxiety, increase flexibility, and promote overall wellbeing. No experience in yoga is required to take Yoga 9.



## KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY GRADE 9 COURSES

Knowledge and Employability courses (K&E) provide students with practical and applied opportunities to develop the competencies necessary to:

- earn a high school Certificate of Achievement (80 credits)
- enter the workplace upon leaving school with employability and occupational skills
- make successful transitions to continued education and training
- become responsible and contributing members of society

At BCHS, our K&E 9 students are fully integrated into mainstream cohorts. This allows students to move in and out of the K&E curriculum to match their skills & abilities.

Grade 9 K&E classes include English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math. Students also participate in PE, Health, and option classes. To further support the transition to high school, K&E 9 students can also be enrolled in Workplace Readiness 9 (WR), which helps to develop academic competencies, while at the same time developing student occupational and employability skills. WR classes also allow K&E students the time in their day to receive extra support with their core classes.

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*Members of the Bert Church High School learning community collaborate and challenge all individuals to use skills, knowledge, and values to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners in an ever-changing global community.*