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Mission Statement

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.

School Values

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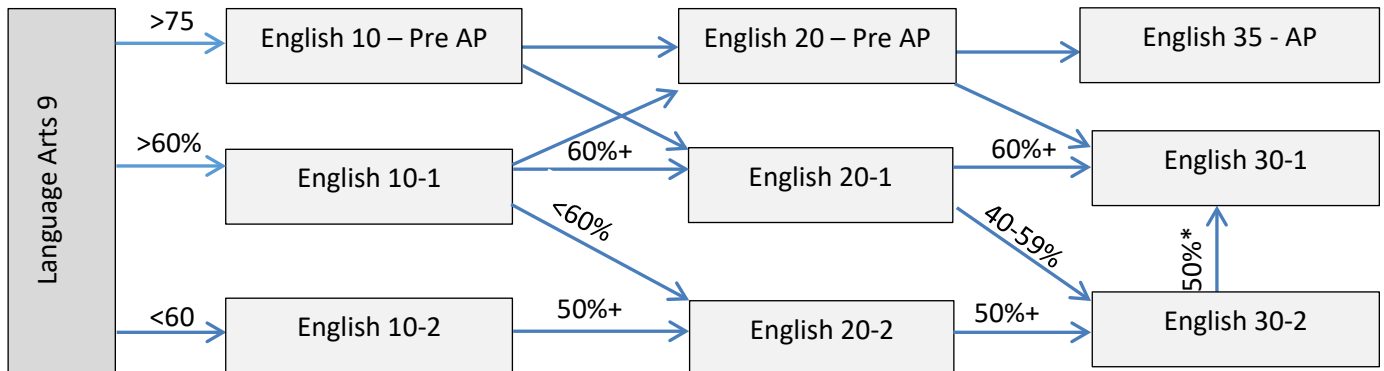
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GRADE NINE REQUIRED AND COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

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English Language Arts 9

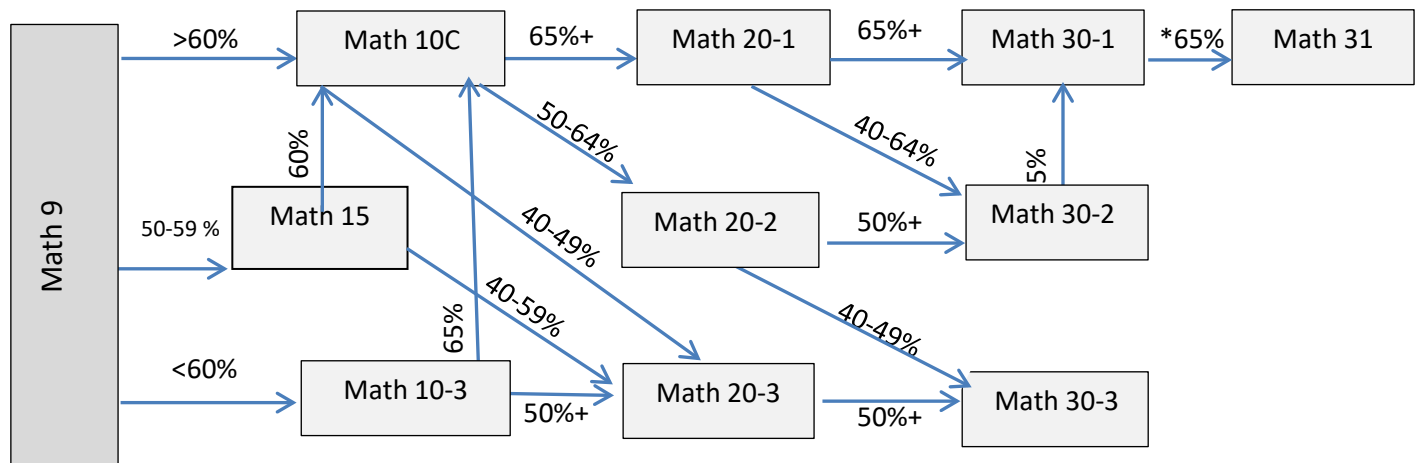
English Language Arts 9 takes a process and theme-oriented approach. This provides for variety, flexibility and student involvement. A variety of units are covered with practice in reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, and representing skills. To advance to English 10-1, it is recommended that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



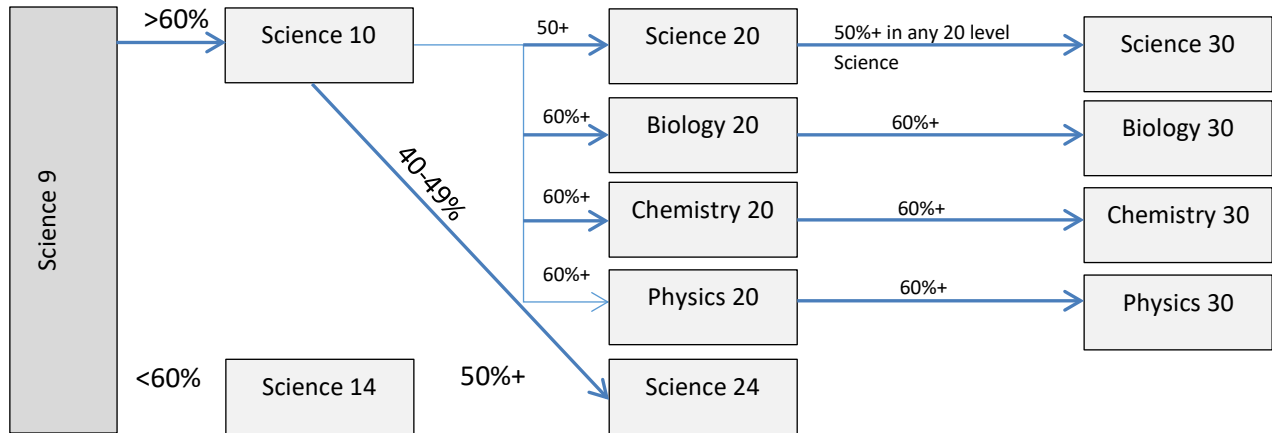
*recommended

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.

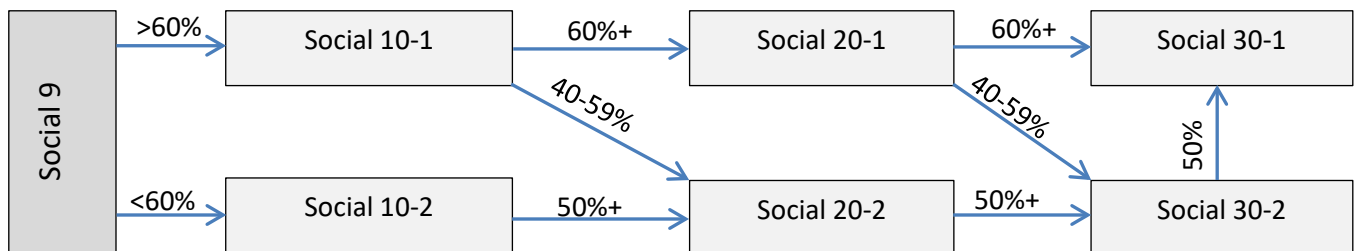
Science 9

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 HPLS 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 2020-2021 and are subject to revision for the 2021-2022 school year.

Art 9 - Fee: \$35

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.

Choir 9 - 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.

Communication Technology 9 - Fee: \$35

We live in a world where visual communication is an essential skill. In this course, students will have the opportunity to explore all things multimedia. If you're interested in photography, graphic design, electronic publishing, animation or video production, then this course is right for you! Using industry standard software and professional equipment, students will create a variety of multimedia projects that will give them the foundations for the high school Photography and Video Arts courses.

Construction 9 - Fee: \$40

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.

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.

Guitar 9 (General Music 9) - Fee: \$40

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.

Leadership 9 - Fee: \$10

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.

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.

Robotics - 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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