



GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION (2026-27) – Due January 30th (to your Gr 7 Teacher)

ELEMENTARY:	GRADE 7 TEACHER:	LAST NAME:	PREFERRED FIRST NAME:
CURRENT HOME ADDRESS ON FILE:		HOME PHONE #:	PARENT EMAIL ON FILE:

➤ Please visit the Burnaby South Webpage for more information on each departments course offerings

FYI:

- Honours admissions are based on Department recommendations. If a student is **NOT** approved for a requested Honours Course, the Regular Course will be scheduled in its place.
- Sometimes it is **NOT** possible for us to give your 1st requests – so an Alternate will be scheduled in its place.
 - It will **NOT** be a Timetable Error in September if you **DO** get one of your Alternates, so pick **WISELY!!**
- No Course should appear more than once in your choices (ie; placing a Course under Electives & Alternates)

REQUIRED COURSES - ALL Students must register in FULLTIME Classes (8 Courses INSIDE the Timetable) – 7 Core + 1 Elective

✓ **Note: All Grade 8 Students are automatically enrolled in the following 7 Core Classes**

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| ❖ English 8 | ❖ Physical & Health Education 8 |
| ❖ Social Studies 8 | ❖ French 8 |
| ❖ Math 8 | ❖ Applied Skills 8 – ADST (Applied Skills Design Technology) |
| ❖ Science 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All students will complete ALL 3 components (1 Term Each of following Courses): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Home Economics, Technology Education, Digital Citizenship |

HONOURS PROGRAM COURSES – If you are applying for any Honours Course(s), PLEASE CHECK THE COURSE(S)

◆ Further information about the Honours Exams will be posted on the Burnaby South Grade 8 Honours Website in Late February: <https://south.burnabyschools.ca/grade-8-honours-courses/>

◆ ALL Students applying for any Honours Course(s) **MUST** write the corresponding Honours Exam(s) in April on the specific date/times listed below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> April 13 th 4pm – 5:15pm – Math Honours Exam | <input type="checkbox"/> April 20 th 4pm - 5pm – English Honours Exam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 15 th 4pm - 5pm – Science Honours Exam | <input type="checkbox"/> April 22 nd 4pm - 5pm – Social Studies Honours Exam |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English 8 Honours | <input type="checkbox"/> Math 8 Honours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 8 Honours | <input type="checkbox"/> Science 8 Honours |

PREFERRED FINE ARTS ELECTIVES - All Students MUST choose 3 DIFFERENT Electives = 1st Choice + 2 "Alternates"

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| ❖ Art Studio: Visual Arts 8 | ❖ Dance Foundations 8 |
| ❖ Concert Band 8: Beginner | ❖ Drama 8 |
| ❖ Concert Choir 8 | ❖ Media Arts 8 |

FIRST CHOICE	ALTERNATE #1	ALTERNATE #2
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ELECTIVE COURSES OUTSIDE THE TIMETABLE – These are 9th Courses ONLY – for those wanting MORE than 8 courses

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre: Orchestra 8 PM 3:15 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra 8 AM 7:30 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wind/Brass/Percussion must also register in Concert Band 8</u> • <u>String players must be taking private lessons</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre Company Acting 8 / Vocals & Dance PM 3:15pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre: Dance 8 PM 3:15 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Production: Stagecraft 8 PM 3:15pm (Costumes, Sound, Light, Set Design) |
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LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES - Student is being recommended for the following Learning Supports by their Teacher

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students requiring ELL Supports will be recommended by their Grade 7 Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESS, Foundations, or Home Base Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students requiring ACCESS, Foundations, or Home Base will be recommended by their Grade 7 Teacher and School Based Team, who will then consult with the Teachers and Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students requesting a Learning Centre Class will be recommended by their Grade 7 Teacher who will consult with Parents ▪ Students will replace French 8 with a Learning Centre Block |
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PARENT & STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Please Sign & Provide your Email & Cell so we can contact if needed

Student Signature: _____	Student E-Mail: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	Parent/Guardian E-Mail: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This Course Selection sheet is like a contract between You, the Student, and Burnaby South Secondary School. All schools are staffed and timetabled according to the information completed on these forms. **ONLY Students with incomplete Timetables or legitimate errors will be approved for a Course Correction in September 2026**

PLEASE CHOOSE COURSES CAREFULLY AS COURSE CHANGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE



Grade 8 ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Grade 8 students at Burnaby South have an opportunity to take a variety of Elective Courses. These courses will expose them to areas of special interest, which may lead to more detailed study in later grades.

Art Studio: Visual Arts 8

- Art 8 is designed to develop students skills and creative thinking in the following areas of study: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Graphics, and Textiles
- All artwork is created in class, with little to no homework, and all art materials are supplied to students.

Media Arts 8

- Art: Media Arts 8 is an introductory course to many different media possibilities.
- Students learn the basics of Graphic Design, 3D Modeling and Web Page Design.
- The course is largely practical and involves students doing hands-on activities and group projects in class as well as outside of class.
- Software used include: MC (Adobe Suite Programs), Flip & Clip Animation, Autodesk Maya, HTML & CSS Web Development

Drama 8

- Drama 8 is an introductory course which offers students opportunities to develop various dramatic skills to deepen their understanding of themselves and the world through imagination and interaction.
- Drama encourages students to: trust themselves and others; reflect on thoughts, feelings and beliefs; take risks within a dramatic context; and actively express themselves in body and voice.
- Through a variety of theatre games, improvisation, exercises, and projects students will be introduced to basic techniques to create theatre and explore themes and situations.
- Students are encouraged to approach the course with an open mind, kind attitude towards others and willingness to enthusiastically participate.

Dance Foundations 8

- Through daily warm ups, across the floor work, teacher led choreography, and team building exercises, this beginner level course will teach students basic dance technique and performance qualities developed from the elements of movement.
- Through a progressive approach, students can expect to improve in strength, flexibility, stamina, balance, and coordination; in addition to building confidence and building trust with one another.
- Students can expect to work individually, small groups, and as a large class in preparation for the Year End Dance Recital

Concert Choir 8

- In Choir: Concert Junior 8, students will refine their skills as a singer by learning healthy vocal technique progressing to a higher level of skill as you move from Junior to Senior Choir.
- We offer many performance experiences & fields trips to allow our students the opportunity to hear the best musicians in Vancouver.

Concert Band 8: Beginner

- Concert Band Beginner 8 is an introductory course in which students are introduced to the maintenance, technique and rudiments of a selected band instrument. Concepts such as articulation, embouchure, blend, balance, tone and style are introduced to form a foundation of musical awareness that encourages expression, reflection and performance.
- There is an Instrument Rental/First Lesson Night in September, where Parents can purchase/rent their instrument for the Year.

ELECTIVES OUTSIDE THE TIMETABLE – 9th Courses

Musical Theatre Company Acting 8 / Vocals & Dance 8 PM 3:15pm Class

- Theatre Company offers students an exciting opportunity to develop their stage acting and performance skills by participating in a full scale live theatre production. Students will work as an ensemble, learning about the rehearsal and performance process while exploring the interconnected roles that bring a production to life

Theatre Production: Stagecraft 8 (Costumes, Light, Set Design, Sound) PM 3:15pm Class

- Theatre Company Stagecraft 8 offers Grade 8 students an exciting opportunity to learn about the behind-the-scenes elements of live theatre production. Students will work as a team to explore the technical and organizational roles that bring a performance to life, including set design, lighting, sound, costumes, props, and backstage management.

Musical Theatre: Orchestra 8 PM

- Offered during years when Burnaby South produces a large musical, which occurs every second year. No prior experience or prerequisite is required. Sessions take place after school at least twice a week.
- Students in this course learn multiple dance numbers as part of a large ensemble of dancers and actors.
- Dancers work closely with actors, musicians, and production students as they prepare for the final school musical.

Musical Theatre: Dance 8 PM

- No prior experience or prerequisite is required. Sessions take place after school at least twice a week.
- Students in this course learn multiple dance numbers as part of a large ensemble of dancers and actors.
- Dancers work closely with actors, musicians, and production students as they prepare for the final school musical.

Orchestra 8 AM 7:30am Class

- We are one of the few schools in the province that offers a full symphony orchestra class.
- This class offers those students with 3 years minimum on a stringed instrument an ensemble experience (Brass & Woodwind players are accepted by teacher recommendation). String players should be taking private lessons
- NOTE:** Wind, Brass and Percussion Players must also be registered in Concert Band 8

