

WELCOME TO BCSD'S VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



We value this opportunity to connect with you and show you some of the great opportunities we offer to our students. You will find these next slides for students going into specific grades.

These Powerpoint slides will cover course requirements and course selection. Once you have watched the slides for your child, you are encouraged to discuss this with your child.

Please feel free to contact either us or Madison Yaworski if you require more information.

Thank you,
Catherine Bennett, BCSD Principal
Jennifer Zuvic, BCSD Vice-Principal



SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE

- Burnaby South Secondary and BCSD are now operating on a Linear System.
- All students take 8 classes for the full school year
- Four classes are on Day 1 and 4 classes are on Day 2
 - Each class is approximately 75 minutes in length
 - 15 min break after 1st block
 - 45 minutes lunch after 2nd block



COURSE SELECTION

- This course Selection Sheet is like a contract between you and BCSD.
- All schools are staffed and timetabled based on how you complete your course selection.
- Sometimes it is NOT possible for us to give you your 1st choices (usually in electives)



BCSD - GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION (2024/2025)

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	STUDENT #:
SCHOOL:	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:	GRADE 7 TEACHER:	
CURRENT HOME ADDRESS ON FILE:	HOME PHONE #:	PARENT EMAIL ON FILE:	

NOTE: Please Notify your Child's Elementary School if any of the above information is incorrect



FYI:

- Students in BCSD will have the majority of their courses within the BSCD environment and taught in ASL with some elective courses being integrated in Burnaby South with ASL Interpreters
- Sometimes it is **NOT** possible for us to give you your 1st requests (this is in your Fine Arts Elective area)
 - Your Alternate Course will be scheduled in its place

REQUIRED COURSES - All Students must register in a **FULLTIME Program (8 Courses) - 7 Core Classes & 1 Electives Class**

<p>English – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English 8 – BCSD</p> <p>Social Studies – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 8 – BCSD</p> <p>Explorations – Choose 1 ONLY</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied Skills 8 – BCSD</p>	<p>Mathematics – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math 8 – BCSD</p> <p>Science – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science 8 – BCSD</p> <p>Physical & Health Education – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated into Burnaby South <p>American Sign Language – REQUIRED</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Sign Language 8 – BCSD</p>
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FINE ARTS ELECTIVE - All Students **MUST** choose their preference in Fine Arts Electives below

<p>❖ Art Studio: Visual Arts 8</p> <p> Art 8 is designed to develop students' skills and creative thinking in the following areas of study: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Graphics, and Textiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All artwork is created in class, with little to no homework, and all art materials are supplied to students. 	<p>❖ BCSD Dance Foundations 8</p> <p> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Dance Department Blog: http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/south-dance/
FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE

PARENT & STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

▪ Please Sign & Provide your Email & Cell Phone Numbers so we can contact you if needed

Student Signature: _____ Student E-Mail: _____

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

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Grade 7 Teacher Signature: _____

COURSE SELECTION

- Grade 8 students will take 8 courses:
 - ASL 8
 - English 8
 - Math 8
 - Science 8
 - Social Studies 8
 - Physical Education 8
 - Explorations 8

COURSE SELECTION

- Grade 8 & 9 lays the foundation for success in the BC Graduation Program (Grade 10 to 12)
- Course Planning is the single most important process that occurs in high school. It determines the courses a student will take, as well as the courses that teachers will teach
- What to Expect in Grade 8?
 - Workload
 - Developing good work habits NOW is key
 - Organization and Time Management

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- Grade 8 can be a big transition for many students
 - Expect homework
- Regularly check teacher's homework sites or email teacher directly
- Emphasized importance of work habits
 - G – Good
 - S – Satisfactory
 - N – needs Improvement

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- Encourage Responsibility
 - Using an agenda planner or electronic device to keep track of homework, assignments, tests
 - Attend tutorials
 - Ask for help if needed
- Absences from school
 - With students now having different teachers it is very important to call into the school and record your child's absence.
 - Please call the school in the morning your child is sick
 - When your child returns, it's equally important for them to check with teachers for any missed work or tests.

WHAT HAPPEN NEXT?

- The principal has been completing the PowerPoint slides for each grade on BCSD Website
- Your child will bring the course selection form on Friday and to complete this with you
- Course Selection Form is due back to the principal by February 15

ANY QUESTIONS??

- If you have any questions regarding course selection, please feel free to contact:
 - Cathy Bennett, Principal:
catherine.bennett@burnabyschools.ca
 - Jennifer Zuvic, Vice-Principal:
jennifer.zuvic@burnabyschools.ca
- If you have any questions regarding Career Life Connections/ Education, please feel free to contact:
 - Madison Yaworski, LST:
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