



JUNIOR HIGH COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

Below is a list of current complementary courses offered at McKernan. We will accommodate based on numbers and individual preference as much as possible. Students in the English program and Honours class will need to enroll in a second language option as well as the equivalent of two full year options. Students in the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual may take the equivalent of two full-year optional courses. The list below shows our potential courses. These may change based on available teaching staff or numbers of students enrolled.

We will attempt to place students in the options they select, but as classes fill or the number of students is too few, we will look at your alternate selections.

Please review all the information on this sheet before making your choices on the online option selection form that was emailed to you.

Fees: Most complementary courses have a fee associated with them. This fee is to cover the cost of consumable material that the students will use during the course. These fees are optional if parents choose to provide the consumable material. The only course where the fee is not optional is Instrumental Music.

Art (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students explore various media and techniques including drawing, painting, and sculpting. Materials used will include charcoal, pencil, pastels, paints (watercolour and acrylic), and clay.

Construction (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students develop skills in five areas: drafting, safety, hands tools, power tools as well as sound building practices. The students will apply and hone their skills while they plan and build a practical wood project.

Communication and Media (Grade 7)

Students will develop skills in creating and presenting video content for the school's morning announcements. The students will learn techniques in video recording, editing their content and presenting finished videos.

Computer Studies (Grade 8)

Students will develop skills in programming and creating computer activated and controlled systems. The students will be using Raspberry Pi computers and project kits to apply programming skills to creative and practical projects.

Discovery (Grade 7)

Students will have the opportunity to extend their studies beyond the regular curriculum. They will be engaged in active learning and in-depth research through independent study of student-selected topics.

Drama (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students acquire knowledge of self and others through participation in and reflection on dramatic experience. Students will work through orientation, movement, mime, tableau, scene work, scripted work, improvisation and theatre history. A full production is prepared each year for public viewing as a part of the after school drama program.

Environment Outdoor Education (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students study environmental issues and pursue a number of outdoor pursuits which may include canoeing, snowshoeing, cycling, archery, and skating.

Ethics - Leadership (Grade 7)

Students develop leadership skills as Environmental Leaders while planning, organizing and running a variety of activities and events. The main focus will be to assist in the running of the school Elementary Garden Club.

Foods and Fashion (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine by creating their own personal tote bag (Grade 7), pajama pants or boxers (Grade 8), hoodie or sweatshirt (Grade 9). They learn kitchen safety and cooking skills when they make squares, cookies, breakfast ideas, drinks, and snacks.

Instrumental Music - Band (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Students learn the basics of technique, breathing, music notation, ensemble playing, tone quality and music theory. Students have the choice of playing a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. Students must have Band 7 to move to Band 8, and Band 8 to move to Band 9. There is an instrument rental fee.

Leadership (Grade 8, 9)

Students develop leadership skills while planning, organizing and running a variety of school activities and events.

Music - Strings (Grade 9)

Student will learn the Ukulele through 3 modules in order in learn the skills and knowledge that will enable them to develop their musical abilities in a way that allows them to both challenge and express themselves. Students will learn fingering and strumming techniques, while also learning the basic functioning and maintenance of the instrument. They will receive instruction on the basic rudiments of music and how they apply to the Ukulele. Finally, Students will learn the historical roots of rock music and contemporary techniques in order to inform them as to how their newfound abilities will apply to popular the music of the day.

To determine if courses are run as full year of half year, please refer to the chart below.

	Grade 7	Grade 7		Grade 8	Grade 8		Grade 9	Grade 9
	Full Year	Half Year		Full Year	Half Year		Full Year	Half Year
Band	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Art	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Drama	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Discovery	Yes	Yes		No	No		No	No
Foods and Fashion	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes
Communications and Media	No	Yes		No	No		No	No
Computer Studies	No	No		No	Yes		No	No
Construction	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes
Leadership	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes
Music - Strings	No	No		No	No		No	Yes
Outdoor Education	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes

Students are not allowed to repeat an option class in the same grade. For example, if you take Outdoor Education in the first half of the year, you cannot take it again in second half of the year. You can however take the same option(s) in all three grades.