



JUNIOR HIGH COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

Below is a list of current complementary courses offered at McKernan. We will accommodate, based on numbers and individual preference, to the best of our ability. Students in the English program and Pre-AP classes will need to enrol in a second language option as well as the equivalent of two full year options. Students in the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs must select the equivalent of two full-year optional courses. The list below shows our potential courses. These may change based on available teaching staff or student interest.

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 have to look at your alternate selections.

Please review all the information below before making your choices using 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)

Fee: \$30.00 Full Year

\$20.00 Half Year

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

Construction (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Fee: \$25.00

Students develop skills in four main areas: safety, hand tool use, power tool use and sound building practices. The students problem solve as they apply and hone their skills during the production of wood working projects.

Computer Studies (Grade 8)

Fee: \$0.00

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)

Fee: \$0.00

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)

Fee: \$0.00

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.

Environmental Outdoor Education (Grade 7, 8, 9)

Fee: Determined by Number of Field Trips during the semester

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

Foods and Fashion (Grade 7, 8, 9) (Fabric, Thread, Notions, & Groceries)

Fee: Grade 7 \$25.00

Students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine and serger by creating their own personal tote bag. Students learn kitchen safety and cooking skills, making squares, cookies, breakfast ideas and drinks

Fee: Grade 8 \$25.00

Students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine and serger by creating their own pajama pants, boxers or sports shorts. They learn kitchen safety and cooking skills. Grade 8 students focus of baking

Fee: Grade 9 \$25.00

Students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine and serger by creating their own hoodie or sweatshirt. They learn kitchen safety and cooking skills. Grade 9 students focus on main dishes.

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.

Grade 7

**Fees: Grade 7 \$70.00 for instrument rental
 \$30.00 for music, supplies, repairs, clinics, etc .**

There may be additional charges for band camp approximately \$90.00 and transportation cost to the festival in Red Deer.

Grade 8

**Fee: Grade 8 \$70.00 for instrument rental
 \$30.00 for music, supplies, repairs, clinics, etc .**

There may be additional charges for band camp approximately \$135.00 and there may be an extra charge for transportation cost to the festival in Red Deer if selected to participate.

Grade 9

**Fee: Grade 9 \$70.00 for instrument rental
 \$30.00 for music, supplies, repairs, clinics, etc.**

There may be additional charges for band camp approximately \$135.00 and transportation cost to the festival in Red Deer.

Leadership (Grade 8, 9)

Fee: Determined by Number of Field Trips participated in during semester.

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

Sports Performance (Grade 9)

Fee: \$200.00

Students with interests in athletics and healthy living will learn about goal setting, nutrition, fitness fundamentals and the effects of physical activity on their minds and bodies. This course is movement based; each week, students will participate in a range of activities such as fitness center workouts, interval training, holistic health practices, weight training, and alternative environment activities (climbing, swimming, curling, etc). Many of these activities will take place off school grounds and will be accessed primarily via public transportation (LRT, bus).

To determine if courses are run as full year or 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
Sports Performance	No	No		No	No		No	Yes
Computer Studies	No	No		No	Yes		No	No
Construction	No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes
Leadership	No	No		Yes	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.

