



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 programs 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, hand 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.

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.

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 7, 8, 9)

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

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 |
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| Band | Yes | No | | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
| Art | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes |
| Drama | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes |
| Foods and Fashion | No | Yes | | No | Yes | | No | Yes |
| Construction | No | Yes | | No | Yes | | No | Yes |
| Leadership | No | Yes | | No | Yes | | No | Yes |
| Outdoor Education | No | Yes | | No | Yes | | No | Yes |