

ANDREW MYNARSKI V.C. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Application for Grade 9

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Student Last Name

Student First Name

PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Core Subjects (Mandatory)

English Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education/Health
Practical Arts (@Sisler High School)

GRADE 9 Options

Before making your choice, please ensure you have read the course descriptions on the backside of this page.

You will be scheduled for a total of 3 full courses for the school year.

Electives will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

PLEASE SELECT ELECTIVES BY NUMBERING YOUR TOP 6 CHOICES

IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

VISUAL ARTS _____	BAND _____
DANCE _____	JAZZ BAND _____
DRAMA _____	GUITAR _____
PHOTOGRAPHY _____	CHOIR _____
VIDEO PRODUCTION _____	SPANISH _____
CAREER DEVELOPMENT _____	

AMVC Grade 9 Elective Course Summaries

Visual Arts – VIAR1S

The Grade 9 Visual Arts Program is an introductory course to the basic elements and principles of art. Throughout the course students will gain a visual vocabulary which will be used to engage in art criticism and class discussion. Students will be introduced to a variety of art techniques and explore various types of media including, but not limited to; drawing, painting, sculpture and collaging as well as digital media. Although this is an introductory course to the basics of art, students will be provided with the tools necessary to pursue art education into high school.

Dance – DANR1S

Students will learn various styles of dance with the focus being on jazz/ballet/hip hop learning styles. Through these dance styles, we will focus on technique, choreography, and performance. There will be various performance opportunities throughout the year, and a final year-end performance. No dance experience is necessary for this class.

Drama – DAMR1S

This course is a non-auditioned ensemble emphasizing the exploration of dramatic forms and techniques. It is designed to use materials from a wide range of authors, genres, and cultures. Students will construct, discuss, perform, and analyze drama. This course helps develop student confidence, unleash imagination and enhance presentation skills which can transfer to many areas in life.

Career Development: Life/Work Exploration – LWER1S

This course provides students with an overview of career development outcomes with emphasis on building positive self-esteem, exploring self-assessment, locating work information, and selecting high school courses in the future. This course emphasizes the transition from high school to post-secondary training in preparation for employment.

Spanish – SPAR1S

This course is aimed towards the beginner Spanish student. Students will learn the basics of the language while studying authentic situations that one might encounter in Spanish speaking countries. Students will work on their fluency while writing and speaking, as well as, reading and listening to Spanish. In addition, students will look at both the culture and history of Latin American countries, focusing on Mexico.

Photography – VAPR1S

This course will help you compose better photos by learning about camera functions and settings, lighting and composition. Learn to capture, import, organize, adjust and output your images for the web, printing or slide shows using adobe photo shop elements.

Band – MCBR1S

- **Pre-requisite: Completion of Grade 8 Concert Band with a recommended 60% final grade.**
- **No student without previous instrumental experience will be accepted unless pre-approved by the band teacher.**

Students will continue learning musical concepts through the performance of instrumental music. This course is designed to build upon the skills learned in grade 8 band and apply them to more complex performances. The band students will put on several concerts throughout the year for the enjoyment of the community as well as go on a band trip to another province.

Jazz Band – MJBR1S

- **Co-requisite: Must be in Grade 9 Band**

Students will explore complex concepts in jazz music in a 'big band' setting. Students will learn different jazz styles, some history and improvisation techniques. The jazz band students will put on several concerts throughout the year for the enjoyment of the community.

Choir – MCCR1S

Grade 9 Choir is a non-auditioned ensemble for students who wish to learn the fundamentals of vocal technique, gain basic music literacy, and become confident performing on a stage.

Guitar – MGUR1S

Students will learn basic the guitar technique, focusing on music literacy, finger picking and playing with a pick. This course will also study 20th and 21st century popular music. Open to all students, no matter musical background.

Introduction to Video Production - VA1R1S

Lights, Camera, Action! This course serves two purposes, the first is to introduce students to media literacy and the second is to introduce students to the basics of video production. Students will plan, develop, experiment, communicate and apply film concepts to create several short videos. Students will also learn the power of media in the modern world.