



# KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL ARTICULATION HANDBOOK 2021 - 2022

**Principal: Ms. R. Bains**  
**Vice Principal: Ms. J. Sehmbi**  
**Vice Principal: Mr. D. Gock**

### ASSOCIATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### ENGLISH

Bayview  
Carnarvon  
False Creek  
Gordon  
Hudson

#### FRENCH IMMERSION

Jules Quesnel  
L'Ecole Bilingue  
Lord Tennyson  
Gordon  
Hudson  
Trafalgar

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### LAST SCHOOL DAY OF FEBRUARY

**Deadline:** Gr 7 Catchment Enrolment Forms due to Kitsilano Secondary Office

#### LAST SCHOOL DAY OF FEBRUARY

**Deadline:** Cross Boundary Application Forms due at Kitsilano Secondary Office

#### LAST SCHOOL DAY OF MARCH

Cross Boundary Application Offers of Acceptance

### ARTICULATION TEAM

Vice Principal ..... Jill Sehmbi  
Grade 8 Counsellors .....Carrie Pitman, Kim Rebane, Brigitte Patenaude  
Student Services - Dept Head ..... Christie Breakingbury  
School Based Resource Teacher ..... Christie Breakingbury  
Records Clerk .....Susan Nakashima  
Administrative Assistant .....Franicia Devilla



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# Welcome to Kitsilano Secondary School

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Kitsilano**  
**A place where you find**  
**Safety, Energy, Respect**  
**Passion for Learning!**  
**Fiat Lux!**

Kitsilano Secondary School is a comprehensive school with approximately 1400 students in Grades 8-12. The community consists of families who value education and are dedicated to supporting their children in their scholastic, artistic, athletic, and service focused endeavours.

Kitsilano Secondary school teaching faculty and staff offer strong educational programs provided in a friendly, cooperative atmosphere. The school has a great diversity of programs: Enriched courses; a large French Immersion Program; one off-campus alternative education program; a special education mini-school, as well as vibrant fine arts, athletics, and service-oriented clubs.

There is a sense of energy in the school and an understanding that a good school is a combination of both in-class and out of school activities that promote an inclusive environment to address the needs of all students.

## 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Kitsilano's name derives from Chief August Jack Khahtsahlano whose portrait hangs in the main hall of the school. Kitsilano Secondary School originated in 1917 and opened on its present site in 1920. Connaught Park was then stumps and bog, and on Sixteenth Avenue, muskrats were still being trapped.

- SCHOOL COLOURS - Royal Blue and Gold
- SCHOOL MOTTO - Fiat Lux (Let There be Light)



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## PROCESS FOR APPLICATION AND PRIORITY GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE AT KITSILANO SECONDARY

Applications to Kitsilano Secondary are classified as either in boundary (students residing within Kitsilano Secondary boundaries) or cross boundary (students residing outside these boundaries). The Vancouver School Board believes that the students’ educational interests are best served by attendance at their neighbourhood school. Students residing within Kitsilano Secondary attendance area (in boundary) will have priority to be accommodated at the school, provided that suitable programs and facilities for the students are available.

### IN BOUNDARY - Currently Attending VSB Elementary School Regular and French Immersion Application Process

ALL Registrations will be facilitated by the current Vancouver Elementary School via:

1. Grade 8 Enrolment and Program Planning Form

### IN BOUNDARY - Attending Non-VSB Elementary School Regular and French Immersion Application Process

ALL Registrations must do the following:

1. Complete of the Vancouver School Board Online Student Application: <https://vsbapplynow.vsb.bc.ca/>
2. Provide hardcopy proof of address in the form of (a) current tax notice or rental agreement, and b) telephone bill and c) hydro/gas bill. (All three items required)
3. Provide hardcopy of the most recent report card
4. Provide hardcopy proof of legal name – (e.g. Canadian document: birth certificate, passport, BC care card)

**IN BOUNDARY APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE KITSILANO SECONDARY OFFICE BY THE LAST SCHOOL DAY OF FEBRUARY**

## CROSS BOUNDARY INFORMATION

Registration will open on the first day February:

1. Complete of the Vancouver School Board Cross Boundary Online Student Application

**CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE KITSILANO SECONDARY OFFICE BY THE LAST SCHOOL DAY OF FEBRUARY**

Families will be notified of Cross Boundary acceptance by the last school day of March

### KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT

Please use the [School Locator Tool](#) to identify the school catchment that your residents belongs to:  
[https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Your\\_School\\_Catchment/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/School/School-Registration/Your_School_Catchment/Pages/default.aspx)



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## KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADE 8 PROGRAM 2020-2021

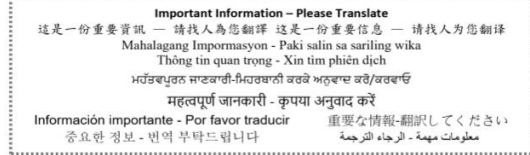
All students in Grade 8 take eight courses.

ENGLISH PROGRAM	FRENCH IMMERSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English 8</li> <li>2. Social Studies 8</li> <li>3. Science 8</li> <li>4. French 8</li> <li>5. Mathematics 8</li> <li>6. Physical and Health Education 8</li> </ol> <p><b>Elective programming may follow one of the following formats:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>3-Way Rotation</b></li> <li>b. <b>2-Way Rotation</b></li> <li>c. <b>Individually Selected</b></li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Applied Design               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Economics 8</li> <li>• Technical Studies 8</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship and Marketing 8</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Fine Arts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Music</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English 8</li> <li>2. Sciences Humaines 8 *</li> <li>3. Sciences 8 *</li> <li>4. Français Langue 8 *</li> <li>5. Mathematics 8</li> <li>6. Physical and Health Education 8</li> </ol> <p><b>Elective programming may follow one of the following formats:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>3-Way Rotation</b></li> <li>b. <b>2-Way Rotation</b></li> <li>c. <b>Individually Selected</b></li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Les Arts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Dramatique 8*</li> <li>• Arts Visuels 8*</li> <li>• Music 8</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Applied Design               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Economics 8</li> <li>• Technical Studies 8</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship and Marketing 8</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>*Courses are taught in French</b></p>	
<p><b>Career Education 8 – <u>MCE--08</u> - Off-timetable</b>          All grade 8 students will also be provided an off-timetable Career Education course. Learning outcomes for Personal Development, Career Development and the Planning Process are addressed in the Guidance Program taught by the Grade Counsellor.</p>	



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## ENGLISH PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### APPLIED DESIGN

As we explore various scheduling options for the 2021-2022 school year, programming of grade 8 electives may follow: a 3-way rotation; 2-way rotation; or individual selection.

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MARKETING 8 - **MADEM08**

A major component of the course will be the learning and application of Keyboarding skills. Students will also work in groups on a fun simulation called “Kits Mall” where they develop a business plan and design a scale model of their own retail store.

#### HOME ECONOMICS 8 - **MADFS08**

Home Economics is a survey course that introduces students to Food Studies as well as Textiles. In the Food Studies section, students will work in a lab setting and learn proper measurement and mixing techniques and the value of Canada’s Food Guide. Students will learn to prepare quick breads and a nutritious breakfast and lunch. In the Textiles portion, students will learn to use a sewing machine to design and create a variety of textile projects.

#### TECHNICAL STUDIES 8 - **MADW-08**

The Technical Studies component emphasizes design skills and safe completion of project work. Students will get an introduction to woodwork, metalwork, and jewelry.

#### ENGLISH 8 - **MEN--08**

English 8 is designed to teach students to read for information and enjoyment, to write paragraph compositions, stories and poetry which reflect their own ideas, to speak to classmates in small and large groups on given topics, and to improve their study and organization skills. Assignments and activities include sentence and paragraph composition, parts of speech exercises, notebook and journal keeping, reading, vocabulary and spelling study, and oral presentations.

#### FRENCH 8 - **MFR--08**

Learn Canada’s other official language! No previous knowledge of French is required. Develop your communication skills through games, songs, conversations, skits, and other activities. Learn about Francophone culture, music and literature. Projects include planning and presenting a cooking show, organizing a visit to a French speaking country, and celebrating Carnaval, all in French.

### FINE ARTS

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#### DRAMA 8 - **MDR--08**

The major focus of this course is creativity, fun, and group dynamics. In addition to communication and public performance skills, a variety of inventive projects developed by small groups will be prepared for presentation. Topics include silent skits, storytelling, improvisation, teamwork exercises and play building.

#### ART FOUNDATIONS 8 - **MAE--08**

In Art 8 you will use your imagination and ideas to create a variety of art pieces. You will use paints, pastels, graphite, and charcoal along with a range of other materials and tools. See your art skills develop in a supportive environment that encourages meaningful expression. You will have a chance to make projects that are hands-on and sometimes messy!

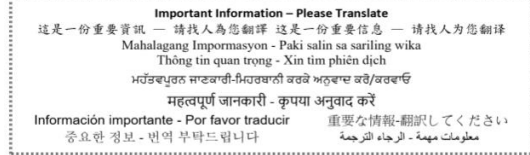
#### MUSIC 8 - **MMU--08**

Learn the building blocks of music through Bucket Drumming, singing, and playing instruments.



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### PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8 - **MPHE-08**

Major areas of study include rugby, track and field, badminton, field hockey, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and gymnastics-mat work.

### PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICS 8 - **MMA--08**

This course builds on mathematics basics learned in elementary grades, including the operations of arithmetic, the use of integers, fractions, and decimals. Topics include further work with Fractions, Rate, Ratio, Percent, Algebra, Exponents, Ordered Pairs, Graphing, Basic Data Graphing/Analysis, Central Tendency, Theoretical Probability, and Financial Literacy. This course will require regular homework and practice. There will be an emphasis on non-calculator work.

### SCIENCE 8 - **MSC--08**

This first science course introduces students to science, the scientific method and their applications. The specific science areas that are emphasized at the grade 8 level include: cells and systems, kinetic molecular theory, energy, and plate tectonics. This course is taught in a laboratory setting and includes lectures, demonstrations, laboratory exercises and experiments. Stronger students are encouraged to join the Science Fair club and complete a science fair project.

### SOCIAL STUDIES 8 - **MSS--08**

In Social Studies 8 you will continue to develop your understanding of civilizations by examining the causes for the decline of civilizations and the factors which develop new civilizations. By looking at the Medieval world, you will examine the roots of our current societies, and their geographic setting. By the end of the year you will have developed a good general knowledge of, current events, the historical and cultural foundations of the world's major civilizations and have enlarged on your thinking skills.

## FRENCH IMMERSION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### FRANÇAIS LANGUE 8 - **FFRAL-08**

The major goals of this course are increased competency in reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills. The reading of short stories, poetry and periodicals will promote discussion and enhance vocabulary. The improvement of speaking skills is an ongoing process.

### SCIENCES HUMAINES 8 - **FSCHF08**

This course parallels what is done in Social Studies in the English program but is taught entirely in French.

### SCIENCES 8 - **FSCF-08**

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### LES ARTS

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#### ART DRAMATIQUE - **FADRF08**

#### ARTS VISUELS 8 - **FVAF-08**

#### MUSIC 8 - **MMU--08**



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### LINK CREW

Link Crew is a course of Kitsilano students (Gr 10) who will help all the incoming Grade 8's transition into secondary school. Each Grade 8 student will have a Link Crew buddy that will be available throughout the school year as a mentor.

### LIBRARY RESOURCE

For full details on services, visit our library website at:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/kitsilano/Teaching-and-Learning/Learning-Commons-or-Library/Pages/default.aspx>

The Kitsilano Library is a bilingual Resource Centre with books, audiovisual materials, newspaper, and periodicals available in both French and English. The collection is designed to support the curriculum as well as provide for and encourage independent study and recreational reading.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT KITSILANO SECONDARY

At Kitsilano Secondary, we believe in allowing our students to grow, not only in their academic studies, but in their other hobbies as well. That is why we have numerous athletic teams and clubs for your teen to join. Involvement in such a group develops a sense of belonging which is a significant correlation of success.

Students are encouraged to form new clubs by asking a teacher sponsor to oversee the activities.

To join a school team, students will be informed of sign-up dates by their PE teachers, and through the student bulletin.

More information about clubs and teams can be found on the school website.

- Athletics: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/kitsilano/Extracurricular/Athletics/Pages/default.aspx>
- Clubs: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/kitsilano/Extracurricular/Clubs/Pages/default.aspx>