



École KLO Middle School

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COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET 2024/2025

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English Program	French Immersion Program
<p>All grade 9 students in our English Program will be enrolled in the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 9• Science 9• Social Studies 9• Mathematics 9• Physical Health Education 9• Career Education 9 (integrated)• 4 Electives (half year)	<p>All grade 9 students in our French Immersion Program will be enrolled in the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 9• Sciences 9• Sciences Humaines 9• Mathématiques 9• Français Langue 9• Physical Health Education 9• Career Education 9 (integrated)• 2 Electives (half year)
<p><i>Please see the following pages for election option descriptions</i></p>	

GRADE 9 COURSE OPTIONS

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9 OPTIONS

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This is a regular PHE class.

LIFESTYLE - PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9

This class will focus on individual sports and personal wellness as opposed to team sports. Daily walking and individual training will be emphasized. Additionally, this course teaches students how to play and perform games such as pickleball, badminton, spike ball, bocce and disc golf (to name a few). The goal is to develop healthy lifestyle skills for a lifelong learning mindset. This class will incorporate the 3 C's of Caring, Connecting, and Contributing into our daily classes.

HIGH PERFORMANCE - PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9

This class will have an emphasis on fitness and conditioning. The focus is to train at a high level with a group of students that are looking to work hard, improve their fitness levels, as well as take part in regular PHE curriculum.

BASKETBALL ACADEMY - PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9 (Student Fee: \$400)

This class will focus half of class time on basketball training. Some classes will be outside on the KLO courts and or transported to off-site gym facilities. Basketball coaches will be brought in to supplement training and teaching alongside our KLO PHE teacher.

HOCKEY ACADEMY - PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 9 (Student Fee: \$1300)

This class will focus half of class time on hockey training. Students will be transported to off-site facilities for some of the classes. Some classes will be outside on the KLO courts to play ball hockey. Hockey Academy coaches will be brought in to supplement training and teaching alongside our KLO PHE teacher.

GRADE 9 ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Students take each elective course for half the year (one semester). Band is the only exception as it is a full year course.

ART 9

This course offers a wide variety of experiences, including clay, paint, printmaking processes, drawing, design, sculpture and more. Students will be encouraged to problem solve, be creative, use critical thinking skills, learn about new techniques and materials and be open to new experiences. They will be exposed to many different kinds of art, and will keep a personal sketchbook that will serve as both a place to practice drawing skills, and as a collection of plans and ideas. Many creative strategies and techniques will be encouraged, all of which contribute to the development of a well-rounded individual. Art will be displayed publicly at various times, both in the school and the community.

BAND 9 (full year course - out of the timetable)

Band 9 is designed to be a continuation of Band 8. Continued emphasis will be placed on developing playing techniques, articulation, dynamics and ensemble playing. Emphasis will also be placed on theoretical and historical aspects as they occur within the ensemble music

as it is being rehearsed. This is a performing arts course; therefore, attendance at concerts, assemblies and festivals will be an integral and required part of the curriculum.

*Percussion, guitar, bass guitar and keyboard are required to take private lessons.

FIBRE ARTS & SEWING 9

Make your own PJ bottoms, hoodie and more! This course continues to build on the basic machine and hand sewing skills from grade 8 and provides students the opportunity to be creative, problem solve, and have fun while exploring other forms of fibre arts (crocheting, knitting, etc). While learning design elements and construction techniques, students will create several different projects including learning to design an original creation. Students will be able to work on general class projects, as well as create individual assignments. Projects will vary and will, for the most part, be student driven according to interest and ability.

FOODS & NUTRITION 9

Do you love to cook? Do you want to make chocolate lava cake? How about homemade soups, pasta dishes and pizza from scratch for a meal at school? If so, then this is the course for you. In Foods 9 you will learn about safe food handling practices and develop a variety of cooking techniques through weekly recipe preparations. You will explore nutrition, healthy eating habits, and cultural food practices while integrating fresh herbs from our KLO Modular Farm. Favourite units are often holiday baking and individual choice labs. Learn the techniques to make the foods you love to eat!

FRENCH 9

French 9 is a continuation of French 8. Emphasis will be placed on speaking and listening skills while developing the students' abilities in reading and writing. This course focuses on a communicative approach that incorporates learning language structures, improving pronunciation, as well as expanding vocabulary through stories, music and games. Developing an understanding of and an appreciation for French culture in our country and in other parts of the world will also be explored. French 9 prepares students for French 10; a stepping-stone to completing second language entrance requirements for many universities.

LEADERSHIP 9

Leadership 9 is a course designed to help students develop skills to be effective school leaders and mentors for our younger students. Students participate in activities aimed at developing leadership, problem solving, team building, peer mentoring and decision-making skills. Leadership students also work together to contribute to KLO's school culture through event and spirit day planning as well as through volunteering in the school and in the community. Leadership students learn the importance of creating positive, memorable moments for the entire KLO community. Leadership students are encouraged to dedicate some morning, lunch, after school, or evening hours to this course. Leadership students also take an active part in the creation and presentation of assemblies at KLO.

SPANISH 9

Spanish 9 will consist of an introduction to Spanish with a focus on real life useful situations like travel, food, asking for directions, greetings, buying things and simple grammar. We will be focusing on conversation. We will watch videos, listen to music, eat food from Spanish speaking countries and learn about different Spanish speaking cultures. This course is not required for Spanish 10 at secondary school (but will certainly make Spanish 10 easier for you!)

TECHNOLOGY 9

Technology 9 is designed for students who are creative problem solvers and enjoy working with their hands. We do a number of projects that develop your critical and creative thinking skills. Some of the things we do are:

- CAD (AutoCad and Fusion 360) / Professor HDX CNC router (Computer Numerical Control) and the V-Carve program / CAM (we have a 3D printer!) / Electronics / Robotics and Coding / Siege Machines / Tethered Planes

Students are expected to be active participants in all aspects of the course. Expect to work with partners, use your critical and creative thinking skills all while completing inquiry-based projects. Students may be required to pay for some project materials as the course progresses (it is highly unlikely that this cost will exceed \$20.00 over the course).

THEATRE 9 (DRAMA)

Do you want to develop your acting abilities? Build the skills you need to break into the Okanagan's fast-growing film industry? Or simply get over your stage fright and perform in a play for the first time? Then this is the course for you! Theatre 9 provides an opportunity for you to design, choreograph, rehearse, and share your passion for theatre with a live audience. You will have opportunities to explore a variety of creative roles and skills throughout the year, including stage design, lighting, sound tech, film acting and backstage crew. You will also have the opportunity to create visual works of art such as masks, sets and props that will be used in our productions. You don't need to have any acting experience, just the desire to express yourself and explore your inner "Thespian." Students will create and perform scripts to present to members of the community.

WOODWORK 9

This course is intended to give the student an appreciation of various woodworking hand skills and techniques. Students start out learning important construction techniques and will be required to make several assigned projects like a spoon, a picture frame, a box, and a dish (using the lathe). The type of projects to be constructed at this level should incorporate the use of leg and rail construction (like a chair or a small table), or containers (cases, boxes, cabinets). Many grade 9s choose to build a long-board, chair, or table as their first major project! Students can choose from approved projects (usually there's an example in the WW room) or consult with the instructor on suitable alternatives. Motivated students may design a project that will incorporate the Professor HDX CNC router (Computer Numerical Control) to create a 3-dimensional object out of wood or plastic. Students may be required to pay for some project materials as the course progresses, but many cool and useful projects can be made for no cost. Students rarely spend more than \$20.00 over the whole course, and often students can sell their work at a profit!

YEARBOOK & JOURNALISM 9 (full year course)

This course will introduce students to real-world skills in writing, broadcasting, design principles, marketing, teamwork, and time management. In this course, students will learn to bring a product (the yearbook) to publication and will be responsible for all journalism, graphic design, photography, and filmography that will appear in the yearbook and year-end assemblies. They will be exposed to a variety of learning opportunities, which will include such things as planning, organizing, reporting, editing, creating effective layouts, and taking digital photographs. Students will be expected to take a leadership role in this class and be expected to work outside of class time to photograph events, sell, and distribute yearbooks. Students will work collaboratively to produce a creative and innovative KLO School Yearbook, thus must be reliable with meeting deadlines and maintaining a strong work ethic.