



**DAVID THOMPSON
SECONDARY SCHOOL
INVERMERE, B.C.**



**JUNIOR COURSE SELECTION BOOKLET
2023 - 2024**

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Vision: DTSS is a learning community where we respect ourselves and others, and we strive to fulfill our potential.

Mission: Our mission is to encourage learning by providing opportunity, challenge and guidance.

Values: We are responsible, we are respectful and we aim high to reach our potential.

JUNIOR COURSE SELECTION HANDBOOK

The purpose of this handbook is to provide students and parents with information about courses and programs available at David Thompson Secondary School. Every effort will be made through the counsellors and through this handbook to provide the required information for course selection. **It must be emphasized that the final responsibility for course selection remains with each student and his/her parents.**

For further information, please contact a school counsellor or administrator (342-9213).

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MESSAGE TO JUNIOR STUDENTS

All students are required to take English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Career Education, Physical & Health Education, a Fine Arts and an Applied Design, Skills & Technologies.

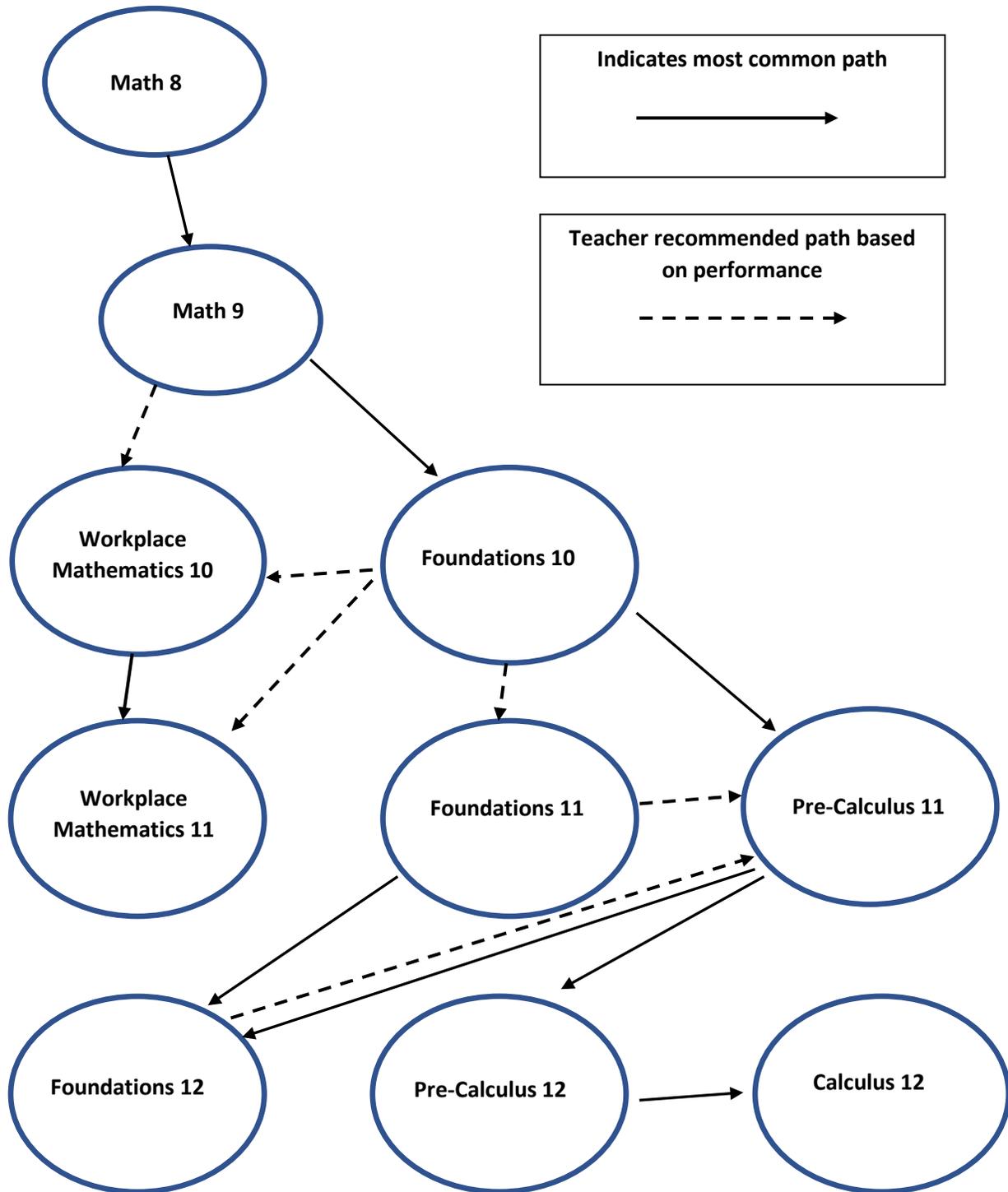
Students in Grade 8 and Grade 9 must have a full timetable, which is equivalent to 8 semester courses. From their Selected Studies, one of their courses must include one Arts course & one Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST) course. See the chart below for further information.

GRADE 8			GRADE 9
Foundation Studies:			Foundation Studies:
Career Ed. 8			Career Ed 9
English 8			English 9
French 8			Physical & Health Education 9
Mathematics 8			Mathematics 9
Physical & Health Education 8			Science 9
Science 8			Social Studies 9
Social Studies 8			
Sub Total	6.5	5.5	Sub Total
Selected Studies	1.5	2.5	Selected Studies
Total Semester Courses	8	8	Total Semester Courses

*Foundation Studies courses must be taken in the grade indicated by the course number. The only exception to this may occur if a course failure is involved.

Mathematics Course Pathways

Certain post-secondary programs may have different requirements. It is essential that students investigate the required courses. DTSS Student Services can assist in providing updated information for post-secondary requirements in and out of province.



English Course Pathways

ELA 8

ELA 9

ELA 10

*Five possible focus areas for English Language Arts 10
Two (for 2 credits each) to be chosen during the course

ALL students **must** take the following course (for 4 credits) to fulfill the Grade 11 English Language Arts requirement and the Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement:

English First Peoples: Literary Studies +
Spoken Language/New Media 11

Students must take **one of the following** courses (for 4 credits) to meet graduation requirements:

English
Studies 12 –
Literature Studies
Focus

English
Studies 12

English First
Peoples 12

Elective Choice for Grade 10-12 Students:

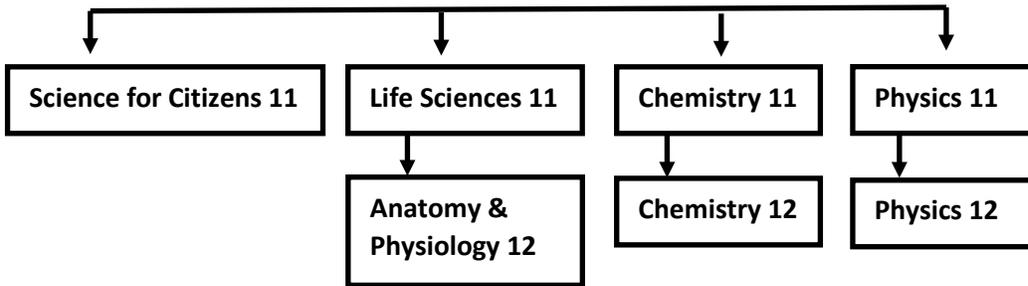
Creative
Writing 12

Science Course Pathways

Science 8

Science 9

Science 10



Science for Citizens 11

Life Sciences 11

Chemistry 11

Physics 11

Anatomy &
Physiology 12

Chemistry 12

Physics 12

Junior Course Selection

Grades 8 & 9

Foundation Studies Courses			
Course Name	Code	Prerequisite	Course Description
Career Ed 8	CE 8		Introduction to values and ethics, career skills, employment-seeking skills, work safety.
Career Ed 9	CE 9	CE 8	Builds on values and ethics understanding, career skills, employment seeking skills, work safety
English 8	EN 8		Introduction to Language Arts and Literature at the secondary level.
English 9	EN 9	EN 8	Builds on the knowledge of Language Arts and Literature.
French 8	FR 8		Using the Intensive French methodology students will learn French with a strong oral component. Students will obtain a DELF A1 Primary level.
Enhanced French 8	EFR 8	Intensive French 7	Course will follow the curriculum guidelines and expectations of the Intensive French program. Students will obtain a DELF A2 Primary level.
Enhanced French 9	EFR 9	Enhanced French 8	Course will follow the curriculum guidelines and expectations of the Intensive French program. Students will obtain a DELF A2 Junior level.
French 9	FR 9	FR 8	A continuation of French 8 using the Intensive French methodology. Students will continue to develop the language skills. Student will obtain a DELF A2 Primary level.
Mathematics 8	MA 8	MA 7	See Math explanation and chart
Mathematics 9	MA 9	MA 8	See Math explanation and chart
Physical & Health Education 8	PHE 8		Healthy Living
Physical & Health Education 9	PHE 9	PHE 8	Healthy Living
Science 8	SC 8		Introduction to the Cell, Optics, Water Systems, Fluids and Dynamics
Science 9	SC 9	SC 8	Atoms/Elements/Compounds, Reproduction, Electricity and Space.
Social Studies 8	SS 8		Exploration, expansion, and colonization in Europe and North America, local Indigenous history
Social Studies 9	SS 9	SS 8	Revolutions, imperialism and colonialism, physiographic features of Canada

Other Required Courses:

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>	<u>Course Description</u>
Arts			
Sculpture & Ceramics 9	SCULP 9		This course focuses on 3 dimensional art-making processes, though some drawing during the planning stages will be required. Students will create works on the pottery wheels and by using hand-building techniques. Media used will include clay and glazes, papier mache, wire, wood, cardboard and other “found objects”.
Drawing & Painting 9	Draw 9		This course focuses on 2 dimensional art-making processes. Students will experiment with a variety of media, including graphite, charcoal, chalk, pastels, India ink, watercolor, acrylic and print-making inks, while honing their representational abilities.
Band 8	BA 8		Group instruction on various instruments. Concert band musical styles.
Band 9	BA 9	BA 8 or permission	Group instruction on various instruments. Concert band musical styles with first introduction to jazz styles.
Drama	DR 9		This course introduces students to the Theatre: Exploration & Imagination, Drama Skills, making Social & Cultural Connections. Major concentration on movement and voice and some script work.
Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST)			
Computers & Communications Devices	ADCC 9		Design and function of digital infrastructures, from personal communication systems to wide area networks and the Internet of Things Social, cultural, and economic impact of mobile devices Systems for information transfer and communication, including videos, blogs, podcasts, and social Keyboarding techniques
Information & Communications Technologies	ADIT 9		Topics include; Coding (HTML.Java); Programing modular components (Raspberry, LEGO, Mindstorms); Cloud-based environment; Networking hardware (wired and wireless network router); Design for web (Coding, Networking Web Page & Video); Strategies for curating and managing personal digital content; Media Today; Keyboarding
Media Arts	ADM 9		Students will be challenged to explore digital and non-digital media technologies. They will explore layout and design, graphics and images. Students will use images, sounds, colors, settings, ideas, and text to represent characterizations and points of view. Students will use Photoshop, Scratch and FLStudio in their projects.
Home Economics: Foods	ADFS 9		Introductory course to nutrition and food cookery
Home Economics: Textiles	ADT 9		Introductory course to textiles and sewing skills. Students will learn about basic machine sewing, hand sewing and fabric. Some supplies will need to be purchased.
Tech Education: Metalwork	ADM 9		Introductory metalworking skills and metal art projects.
Tech Education: Woodwork	ADW 9		Introductory hand and machine woodworking skills.