

# So, You're Going into Grade 8 at SDSS

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# Territorial Acknowledgement

Before we begin this session, I would like to recognize and appreciate that we are invited guests in the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations.

We have the privilege to learn, to work, to play and to live in this beautiful place.

I express gratitude to the Coast Salish community and all Hun'qumi'num speaking people and offer my respect to all the Elders who have gone before us and First Nations people who are with us today.

I encourage you to do the same.

Huy ch q'u and Thank You.

# What's this All About?

1. Our Counselling/Admin Team
2. School Supplies & Student Fees
3. Our Timetable/FLEX
4. Grade 8 Program
5. How do you Graduate?
6. Athletics & School Clubs
7. Advice for New Students
8. MYED Set Up
9. Important Dates



# The Counselling/Admin Team

## For Grade 8:

Last Name **A to D** - *Ms. Leah Masse*

Last Name **E to K** - *Ms. Kristy Abel*

Last Name **L to Q** - *Ms. Val Hayes*

Last Name **R to Z** - *Ms. Karen Kilpatrick*

Child and Youth Care Worker - *Ms. Jessica Udy*

Vice-Principal for Grade 8s - *Mr. Kevin Dalgetty*



# Counselling Services

- Counsellors are available for students and caregivers to help with:
  - Mental Health Support
  - Referrals to Outside Agencies
  - Behavioural Assessments
  - Peer Relationships & Mediation
  - Personal Situations
  - Advocacy
  - Course Planning & Selection
  - Post-Secondary Options & Career Exploration
- Starting in Grade 9, I will be your counsellor and I'll stay with you all the way to graduation.



# School Supplies & Student Fees

Each teacher will have a list of supplies for their particular course. For the first week of school, students will need:

- At least 1 large (3") binder
- Lined paper
- Dividers (4)
- Pens and pencil
- SDSS APP
- Explore the SDSS Website

Student fees are collected late September. Fees vary by student. Some examples of fees are:

- Extra-curricular activities
- Yearbooks
- Workbooks
- Field trips
- Course supplies and materials
- Band instrument rental

A list of student fees can be found on the SDSS website.

# Bell Schedules & Class Times

## Regular Bell Schedule (M/T/Th/F):

Warning Bell

8:25

Period 1

8:30-9:40

Flexible Learning Time (FLEX)

9:45 - 10:20

Period 2

10:25 - 11:35

Lunch

11:35 - 12:20

Period 3

12:20 - 1:30

- Most of you will have 8 classes total.
- There are 4 classes each day.
- We run on a Day 1/Day 2 Schedule.
  - **Day 1:** A - B - C - D
  - **Day 2:** E - F - G - H



# FLEX Time & Lessons



## What is FLEX?

- FLEX acknowledges that students lead busy lives and must navigate competing demands for their time in and outside of school.
- FLEX provides students the opportunity to self-direct and engage in their own learning.
- It is a 40-minute work period, four days a week.
- FLEX is instructional time, so students must use it as such and take it seriously.
- Attendance is mandatory and is tracked.
- Grade 8s will be taught how to use this time effectively in early September.
- There will also be a series of FLEX lessons throughout the year.



# Golden Wednesdays



- Collaboration Days are for staff meetings, Pro-D and/or prep time.
- Every Wednesday, students start at 9:25 am.
- There is NO FLEX on Wednesdays.
- The blocks are slightly shorter and run on a different bell schedule.

## Wednesday Bell Schedule:

Warning Bell	9:25
Period 1	9:30 - 10:35
Period 2	10:40 - 11:45
Lunch	11:45 - 12:30
Period 3	12:30 - 1:35

# Course Selection - English Program

## 7 CORE COURSES:

*All grade 8s take:*

- English 8
- Math 8
- Social Studies 8
- Science 8
- Physical Education 8
- French 8
- Applied Skills Rotation



## PICK 1 of these ELECTIVES:

- Fine Arts Rotation or
- Instrumental Music - Beginner Band 8 or
- Instrumental Music: Band or
- Choral Music: Concert Choir

## Optional After School Courses:

- Vocal Jazz
- Pit Orchestra

# Course Selection - French Immersion Program

## 7 CORE COURSES:

*All grade 8s take:*

- English 8
- Math 8
- Sciences Humaines 8
- Sciences Naturelles 8
- Français Langue 8
- Physical Education 8
- Applied Skills Rotation



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# Learning Hub & Career Centre



- A Learning Hub block may be added in lieu of French 8 or one of the Elective rotations.
  - Decisions about Learning Hub placement are based on Learning Assistance in elementary school and is decided in consultation with Grade 7 school staff.
  - Meetings SDSS Inclusive Learning and elementary school staff will happen between April - June of the grade 7 year.
- The Career Centre is available for students and parents who are looking for guidance in regard to career, post-secondary and scholarship options.
  - Ms. Pam Cheng is our Career Advisor and she is available Tuesday to Friday.
  - The Career Centre Website is a great place to start.

<https://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/student-resources/career-center/>



# Applied Skills Rotation



**Computer Studies**



The Applied Skills Rotation is a survey of some of the elective courses available for grades 9-12. Each rotation is about 8 weeks long.

The courses for 2023/24 were:

- Textiles
  - Woodwork
  - Drafting
  - Computers
  - Foods
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# Fine Arts Rotation



The Fine Arts Rotation is a survey of some of the elective courses available for grades 9-12. Each rotation is about 12 weeks long.

- Music
- Drama
- Art

# Grade 9 -12 Curricular Options

In addition to a full range of academic courses, we offer a large variety of elective courses to meet the needs of our students.

These include:

- Music/Choir/Band
- Musical Theatre/Drama
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Applied Skills
- Second Languages (Spanish & French)
- Work Experience & Apprenticeships
- Academies







# Delta Film Academies

- Film Acting Academy
- Film Production Academy
- Visual Effects Academy
  - Available for Grade 8- 12
  - Take up 2 blocks back to back, so in Grade 8, it takes the place of the elective rotations
  - There is an extra cost involved
  - Classes take place at Delta Manor Education Centre
  - Students must find their own transport there and back from SDSS



# How Do You Graduate?

- A minimum of 80 credits are required for a Dogwood Diploma.
  - Credits start accumulating in Grade 10.
  - Most courses are 4 credits each.
  - 52 credits come from required courses.
  - 28+ credits come from elective choices.
- Most students will have more than the minimum required.
  - For example, if a student passes:
    - 8 courses in Grade 10 (32 credits)
    - 8 courses in Grade 11 (32 credits)
    - 8 courses in Grade 12 (32 credits)
  - They will graduate with 96 credits.



# External Credits

There are many opportunities for students to earn external credits. They must be completed at a high level.

- **Music:** RCM Grade 6+ Piano, Trinity Guildhall Grade 4+
- **Dance:** Royal Academy of Dancing Intermediate Foundation+, Cecchetti Grade 6+
- **Sports:** BC Summer Games Team, BC Winter Games Team, BC Games Team, Junior B Hockey, Provincial Teams, National Teams, National Development Programs
- **Sports Official:** Level 1/2/3
- **Cadets:** Air - Level 3 - 5, Army - Silver Star and above, Sea - Phase III-V
- **Languages:** Must be officially certified, ie. CEFR, HSK, DELE
- **Lifeguarding:** Bronze Cross, National Lifeguard Service
- **Duke of Edinburgh:** Bronze, Silver and Gold
- **Driver's Ed Courses**

# School Sports



## Fall:

- Football
- Aquatics
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Girls Field Hockey
- Boys Soccer

## Winter:

- Basketball
- Gymnastics
  - in Ladner
- Curling
  - in Ladner

## Spring:

- Golf
- Rugby
- Track and Field
- Girls Soccer
- Badminton
- Tennis

# Clubs



## Lunch:

- Drawing Club
- Environmental Club
- GSA (Genders & Sexuality Alliance) Club
- Interact Club
- Library Club
- ReconciliACTION
- Arts & Crafts Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Student Council
- French Council

## After School:

- Dance Club
- Game Club
- Math Club
- Swim Club
- Snow Devils

## Also:

- Theme Days (pajamas, Hallowe'en, etc.)
- Grade 8 Breakfast
- Free Hot Dog Day
- School Trips
  - Europe
  - New York
  - Disneyland



# The Best Things About Grade 8



- Meeting new friends
- Seeing your old friends
- Cafeteria
- Lockers
- Sports teams
- Spirit Days
- Regular Timetable
- Different teachers
- Flex
- Class choices
- Elective classes
- Vending machines
- Getting out at 2:45pm
- School clubs
- Intramurals at lunch
- More freedom
- Extracurricular activities
- Golden Wednesdays

# Some Suggestions...

- Obey the traffic rules: keep right in the hallways
- Don't walk and text
- Make sure you come to class prepared with supplies
- Do your homework and hand it in on time
- Spend some time on our school website – especially Start-up info
- Download the “My School Day” app: select BC, Delta and SDSS
- No bags allowed when lining up in the cafeteria
- There is WiFi in the school, but only use it in class when you are supposed to
- Get involved...there are so many things to do here
- Keep up and ask for help
- Have fun!

# Lockers Tips

- Label or use different coloured binders, so you can tell at a glance which to grab.
- Get a shelf, rack or locker organizers.
- Keep your locker clean and organized.
- Don't keep food or gym strip in your locker for too long!
- Buy an extra lock for PE to only be used during PE class.
- **Don't** (EVER! EVER!) share your locker or your combination.
- Get an air freshener.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help if you can't open your locker.





# In Class



- Be on time.
- Bring everything you will need.
- Glance back at your desk as you leave a class...did you forget anything?
- Take advantage of in-class work time so you don't have as much homework.
- Participate and listen in class.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Have a class buddy to call for updates on days you are away.
- Look at the homework board/SD app/teacher websites for any upcoming tests or assignments
- Use Flex for extra help.

# How to Register at SDSS



- Students coming from our catchment elementary schools are automatically registered with us for next year.
- Any students attending private school or not living in Tsawwassen (except for Ladner Elementary French Immersion) will need to register through our office.
- We are currently accepting registrations and final decisions will be made soon.
- Registration available on our district website at:
  - <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/>



# How to Select Courses in MyED BC

- **Step 1** - Check your Deltalearns account after March 1, 2024.
  - You will receive an email from
    - [sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca).
  - This email will contain the URL to MyED BC, your Login ID and your Password for the first time you login to MyED BC.
- **Step 2:** Click on the URL <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> or copy and paste it into an internet browser, or Google MyEd BC.
  - It should take you to a screen that looks like this:

# MyED BC

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asper/fogon.do` in the address bar. The browser's address bar contains a red box labeled "URL Pasted here" with a circled "1" next to it. Below the address bar, the browser's tab bar shows several tabs, including "MyEd LogOn" and "myeducation bc r...". The main content area of the browser displays the "MyEducation BC Prod" login page. The page has a blue header with the "BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducationBC" logo. The login form is centered on a light gray background and contains the following elements:

- Login ID:** A text input field with a red box around it and a circled "2" next to it. A red arrow points from the box to the text "Type Username (MyED student number) here: eg. 9999999".
- Password:** A text input field with a red box around it and a circled "3" next to it. A red arrow points from the box to the text "Type the password you were given in your email: eg. gyro20SLIFE".
- Log On:** A button with a left-pointing arrow and the text "Log On". A red box is around the text "Select Log On" with a circled "4" next to it. A red arrow points from the box to the button.

Additional text on the page includes "Request an account" below the Login ID field and "I forgot my password" below the Password field.

# MyED Course Selection

- **Step 3:** You will be prompted to create a new password.
- MyED BC has some specific rules regarding your new password:
  - Minimum length is 8
  - At least one number
  - At least one capital and lowercase letter
  - At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number
- **\*\*It cannot contain: 'password', login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id or only sequential letters or numbers.\*\***
  - Once you have created your new password select OK.

# MyED Course Selection

- **Step 4:** Select and answer the security question.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "MyEducation BC Prod" with a sub-header "Security Preferences Update". Below the sub-header is the instruction: "To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information". The form contains four input fields: "Primary email" (with the text "name @deltalearns.ca"), "Security question" (a dropdown menu), "Security answer" (a text box), and "Confirm answer" (a text box). At the bottom of the form are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons. Four red arrows point from text boxes on the right to the corresponding input fields: "Your email should appear here, do not change it from the deltallearns account" points to the Primary email field; "Select a security question from the drop down menu" points to the Security question dropdown; "Enter your answer to the security question" points to the Security answer text box; and "Re-enter your answer to the security question" points to the Confirm answer text box.

**MyEducation BC Prod**

### Security Preferences Update

To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

Primary email: name @deltalearns.ca

Security question: [Dropdown menu]

Security answer: [Text box]

Confirm answer: [Text box]

Submit Cancel

Your email should appear here, do not change it from the deltallearns account

Select a security question from the drop down menu

Enter your answer to the security question

Re-enter your answer to the security question

# MyED Course Selection

- **Step 5:** This is the landing page for MyED BC. Your name should appear in the top left hand corner and it should appear in the top right hand corner.

Delta 2020-2021

Last name, First name

Last name, First name Log Off

Pages My Info Academics Groups Calendar Locker

Welcome to MyEducation BC PRODUCTION

MyEducationBC

One Student.  
One Record.  
All of British Columbia.

Recent Activity

Search:

Attendance  Grades

- 01/27/2021 - Attendance (Tardy) Class: AM Attendance Period: AM
- 01/20/2021 - Attendance (Tardy) Class: AM Attendance Period: AM

Published Reports

Filename	DateUploaded	Creator	Description
No published reports.			

System Maintenance & Announcements

**Welcome to MyEducation BC PRODUCTION**

**Production Infrastructure Upgrade to Azure Completed Successfully**

Please ensure that District FTP clients, and third party vendors, are now pointing to the new environment to retrieve scheduled jobs. Detailed instructions are located on the L1 information station.

**Weekly Maintenance Windows - Outages may be required**

# MyED Course Selection

## Step 6: Choose REQUESTS.

The screenshot displays the MyED user interface for the 2020-2021 school year. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Pages, My Info, Academics, Groups, Calendar, and Locker. Below this is the 'My Record' section, which includes a 'My Details' sidebar on the left. The sidebar contains links for Transcript, Current Schedule, Contacts, Attendance, Assessments, Notifications, and Requests. The 'Requests' link is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from a text box that says 'Select here to access your course requests'. The main content area shows a 'Demographics' tab with fields for Legal first name, Legal middle name, Legal last name, Suffix, Pupil #, Personal Education Number, and Home room. It also shows 'School > Name' (Chalmers Elementary), 'Next School > Name' (Burnsview Secondary), 'Year of graduation' (2026), 'Grade level' (07), 'Parking Space', and 'License Plate #'. There are 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the sidebar and main content area.

Delta 2020-2021  
Lastname, Firstname  
Lastname, Firstname Log Off

Pages My Info Academics Groups Calendar Locker

My Record

My Details  
Options Reports Help

Cancel

Default Template

Demographics Addresses Photo

Legal first name	Firstname	School > Name	Chalmers Elementary
Legal middle name	Middlename	Next School > Name	Burnsview Secondary
Legal last name	Lastname	Year of graduation	2026
Suffix		Grade level	07
Pupil #	9999999	Parking Space	
Personal Education Number	689889889	License Plate #	
Home room	999		

Cancel


Select here to access your course requests



# MyED Course Selection

- **Step 7:** Read through the instructions at the top of the page.

**Instructions**



### Grade 8 Course Selection

Grade 8 students are required to take 8 courses including the following required courses:

- Applied Skills Rotation
- English 8
- French 8
- Math 8
- Physical Education 8
- Science 8
- Social Studies 8

Grade 8 students must choose a Fine Arts elective choice from the list below:

- Fine Arts Rotation
- Instrumental Music: Beginner Band
- Instrumental Music: Band
- Choral Music: Concert Choir

Do not use the browser arrows to go back. Use the CANCEL button to return to the previous screen.

Click the POST button (at bottom left of the screen) to finalize your selections.

For detailed course information please refer to the [Course Planning Guide](#).



# MyED Course Selection

- **Step 9:** Click each of these.
- If you are in French Immersion, you will see: Sciences Humaines 8 instead of Socials, Sciences Naturelles 8 instead of Science 8 and Français Langue 8 instead of French 8.

Subject area: Required Courses

These are the required courses for all Grade 8 students.  
Students must select all courses from this list.

Instructions

Select All 0 of 7 selected

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	CourseNumber
<input type="checkbox"/>	ME8-08	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MA8-08	MATHEMATICS 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MSC-08	SCIENCE 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MSS-08	SOCIAL STUDIES 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MPHE-08	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MFR-08	FRENCH 8	Regular	0.5		Required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MADGEM	APPLIED SKILLS & ROTATION	Regular	0.5		Required	

OK Cancel

# Fine Arts Choices



**Step 10:** Choose ONE of these:

Subject area	Fine Arts						
Instructions	Grade 8 students must choose one of the Fine Arts electives from the list below.						
							Select All 0 of 4 selected
Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAE-08	FINE ARTS 8 ROTATION	Regular	0.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU-08-BA	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: BAND 8	Regular	0.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU-08-CH	CHORAL MUSIC: CONCERT CHOIR 8	Regular	0.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MMU-08BBA	MUSIC 8: BEGINNER BAND	Regular	0.0			
OK		Cancel					

# Important Dates

- **Grade 8 Parent & Caregiver Night:**
  - Thursday, February 29, 2024 - 7 pm, SDSS Theatre
- **Grade 8 Course Selection Opens:**
  - Friday, March 1, 2024
- **Grade 8 Course Planning Closes:**
  - Friday, March 8, 2024
- **Welcome to SDSS BBQ & Scavenger Hunt:**
  - Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 5 -7 pm, SDSS Theatre
- **Caregiver & Student Night:**
  - Last week of August, 2024
  - Explore the School with your Grade 8 Schedule
  - Find out where your classes are before school starts!



# Getting in Touch with Counsellors

Email will elicit a much faster response than voicemail.

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Questions?

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