

2024-2025



HOWARD S. BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL Grade 9 Course Selection

PROCEDURES

Course Selection for the next year takes place in the spring:

This document contains all the information needed about compulsory and option courses for the next school year for their grade level. Students will receive the Course Selection form by email (student's NFSB email).

Section A) Students will automatically be enrolled in the Compulsory courses listed.

Section B) Students must **select an option** for Compulsory courses listed.

Section C) Students are to **select one Elective courses** from those listed.

Students must submit their course selections electronically before **May 3, 2024**. Be sure to adhere to the deadline for course selection so that you will not be disappointed. Delay in returning your course option selection form may result in you not getting your choice of options.

Parents and/or students are welcome to call or make an appointment to meet with the Guidance Counsellor if they wish to discuss course option selections. **Students may request changes to their option selection with parental permission up to the end of June or during course option change period, which starts during the 2nd week of September and runs for 1 week only. Request for Course Change forms must be completed.**

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Students: When setting your educational goals, and subsequently selecting your courses, you are making a commitment. Great care is required in choosing your options since changing from one option to another later may be difficult or even impossible. To help you decide which option(s) you might select, please read the next section on High School Diploma requirements, CEGEP entrance and specific programme requirements, as well as Adult Education Vocational training programme requirements.

Have Questions?

Chat with our HSB Academic Advisor, Mrs Yvonne Williams in person or by email.

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Section A) Compulsory Courses

Students will automatically be enrolled in these classes.

English Language Arts	MEES Code: 632306	
Science and Technology	MEES Code: 555306	✓ Graduation Requirement
History of Quebec and Canada	MEES Code: 585304	✓ Graduation Requirement
Physical Education	MEES Code: 543302	
Culture and Citizenship in Québec (CCQ)	MEES Code : (569404) -4 credits	✓ Graduation Requirement

Section B) Compulsory Courses with options

Students will choose which option they would like to register for from those courses listed below.

Description

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE OPTIONS

✓ Graduation Requirement

Students choose ONE:

French as a Second Language– - de Base MEES Code: 634306	The goal and design of this French program at the Secondary III level is to improve oral skills, to encourage reading, writing properly, and acquire a deeper understanding of the French language.
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OR

French as a Second Language - - Erichi MEES Code: 635306	Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation As per the specifications outlined by the MEES, this French as a Second Language course will further their knowledge of French culture and bring a deeper understanding of grammar concepts.
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CREATIVE ARTS COMPULSORY COURSES

✓ Graduation Requirement

Students choose ONE:

Drama III MEES Code: 670312 -2 credits	Students should be familiar with stage terms, scripts, acting technique and the value of body & vocal warm-ups. Improvisations are at a more difficult level and are derived from what is learned in each chapter of the text. Criticism is an essential part of developing competence. Students work on improvisations and on memorized scenes that are performed at the end of each term.
Visual Art III MEES Code: 668312 -2 credits	Students will explore a variety of art materials to create painted self-portraits, assemblages & collages, charcoal sketches, papier-mâché sculptures, origami, pastel illustrations... etc. Students may gain inspiration from artists throughout history, from the Neanderthal cave paintings to Andy Warhol's Pop Art.

Section C) Elective Courses

Students will choose one (1) from the courses listed below.

Note: Courses will be offered based on enrolment and staffing.

Students will be enrolled in one (1) of the following options:

Course	Description
Dungeons and Dragons MEES Code: TBD	Through the creation of fantastic characters and the exploration of imaginary lands, students will set forth in groups and tackle a wide range of adventures that will develop problem solving, teamwork, overcoming communication barriers and other multi-disciplinary challenges.
Team Sports MEES Code: 546342	This course will include a multitude of team sports including the more common sports but will also include new sports as well such as Quadball and 4-square games. Rules and Regulations of various Team Sports will be observed and applied. You will even have to invent a game of your own!!!! The main focus of this course will be teamwork and communication.
Health and Fitness MEES Code: 548342	This course investigates fitness and healthy living. Students will examine, in more depth, their lifestyle and habits, in order to become healthier and more fit. Students of varying degrees of fitness are welcome to take this class. They will develop a fitness plan that will involve Pilates, Step-aerobics, free weights, and Yoga. There will be classroom theory all about the many issues and concerns surrounding health.
Creative Writing MEES Code: 632342	Exploring various styles of writing and discovering new aspects of one's self and the world around you through writing.
Horticulture MEES Code: 639362	Exploration of the science and art of growing plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits. Learning more about the role the environment plays on the growth and sustainability of plants and the lasting impacts on the local and global environment.

Please note that Course Selection is dependent on:
Promotion from Grade 8 to Grade 9

A student is automatically promoted to the first year of the second Cycle of secondary school (Grade 9) if they have successfully completed (received at least 60%) in:

- Mathematics, English Language Arts, and French second language; or
- Two of mathematics, English Language Arts, and French Second Language and the half of the remaining courses; or
- At least two of the following three subjects: French, mathematics, English and at least one of the following two subjects: social studies or science and technology.

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