

## **Grade 9 Courses Offered at FFSS**

### **(Sorted by Department)**

#### **THE ARTS**

##### **Dramatic Arts (Open)**

**ADA 1OR**

This course provides opportunities for students to explore dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of sources and cultures. Students will use the elements of drama to examine situations and issues that are relevant to their lives. Students will create, perform, discuss, and analyse drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them.

##### **Music (Band) (Open)**

**AMU 1OR**

This course emphasizes the creation and performance of music at a level consistent with previous experience and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will develop musical literacy skills by using the creative and critical analysis processes in composition, performance, and a range of reflective and analytical activities. Students will develop an understanding of the conventions and elements of music and of safe practices related to music, and will develop a variety of skills transferable to other areas of their life.

##### **Visual Arts (Open)**

**AVI 1OR**

This course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles. Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context. As students embark on a journey of personal expression, they will focus on the language of visual communication, which will be explored primarily through studio experiences (e.g., drawing, painting, sculpture) that promote visual literacy by enhancing technical and critical thinking skills (\$10 enhancement fee)

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **Information and Communication Technology in Business (Open)**

**BTT 1OR**

This course introduces students to information and communication technology in a business environment and builds a foundation of digital literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven society. Students will develop word processing, spreadsheet, database, desktop publishing, presentation software, and website design skills. Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on digital literacy, effective electronic research and communication skills, and current issues related to the impact of information and communication technology.

#### **CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES**

##### **Issues in Canadian Geography (Applied)**

**CGC 1PR**

This course focuses on current geographic issues that affect Canadians. Students will draw on their personal and everyday experiences as they explore a range of issues, including food and water supplies, competing land uses, and interactions with the natural environment, developing their awareness that issues that affect their lives are interconnected with issues in other parts of the world. Students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process, including spatial technologies, to investigate choices related to sustainable living in Canada.

\* Students who take the majority of their core subjects at the essential level should be choosing  
**CGC1PX – Issues in Canadian Geography Applied for Essential Level**

**Issues in Canadian Geography (Academic)****CGC 1DR**

This course examines interrelationships within and between Canada's natural and human systems and how these systems interconnect with those in other parts of the world. Students will explore environmental, economic, and social geographic issues relating to topics such as transportation options, energy choices, and urban development. Students will apply the concepts of geographic thinking and the geographic inquiry process, including spatial technologies, to investigate various geographic issues and to develop possible approaches for making Canada a more sustainable place to live.

**ENGLISH****English (Essential)****ENG 1LR**

This course provides students who have experienced significant difficulties in previous English courses an opportunity to obtain sufficient background and skill development to prepare them for Grade 11 and 12 Workplace Preparation courses. Whenever possible, ideas will be presented in a real-life context, providing students with the opportunity to explore, organize and interpret different writing styles and literary genres. Assessment and evaluation will be done using a wide variety of strategies.

**English (Applied)****ENG 1PR**

This course emphasizes key reading, writing, oral communication, and thinking skills that students need for success in secondary school and their daily lives. Students will study plays, short stories, and newspaper and magazine articles, and will describe and create media works. An important focus will be the correct use of spoken and written language.

**English (Academic)****ENG 1DR**

This course emphasizes the analytical reading, writing, oral communication, and thinking skills that students need for success in secondary school academic programs and their daily lives. Students will study and interpret texts from contemporary and historical periods, including short stories, poems, and short essays, and will investigate and create media works. An important focus will be the correct and effective use of spoken and written language.

**FAMILY STUDIES****Food and Nutrition (Open)****HFN 1OR**

This course focuses on guidelines for making nutritious food choices. Students will investigate factors that influence food choices, including beliefs, attitudes, current trends, traditional eating patterns, food marketing strategies, and individual needs. Students will also explore the environmental impact of a variety of food choices at the local and global level. The course provides students with opportunities to develop food preparation skills and introduces them to the use of social science research methods in the area of food and nutrition.

**FRENCH****Core French (Applied)****FSF 1PR**

This course provides opportunities for students to communicate and interact in French in structured situations on everyday topics and to apply their knowledge of French in everyday situations. Students will continue to develop language knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary Core French program, through practical applications and concrete examples, and will use creative and critical thinking skills in various ways. They will also enhance their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop the skills necessary to become life-long language learners.

**Core French (Academic)****FSF 1DR**

This course provides opportunities for students to communicate and interact in French with increasing independence, with a focus on familiar topics related to their daily lives. Students will continue to develop language knowledge and skills by using language-learning strategies introduced in the elementary Core French program, and will apply creative and critical thinking skills in various ways. They will also enhance their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities, and will develop the skills necessary to become life-long language learners.

**GUIDANCE AND CAREER STUDIES****Learning Strategies 1: Skills for Success (Open)****GLE1OR**

*(Available to students with an IEP)*

This course explores learning strategies and helps students become better, more independent learners while increasing their personal management skills, both in school and in other contexts. Students will learn how to develop and apply a range of strategies to improve their learning and achievement, particularly their literacy, numeracy, communication, and planning skills. This course will increase students' confidence, motivation, and ability to learn.

*This course is available to students in consultation with the Head of Special Education.*

**HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION****Healthy Active Living Education (Open)****PPL 1OF (Female)****PPL 1OM (Male)**

This course emphasizes students' daily participation in a variety of enjoyable physical activities that promote lifelong healthy active living. Students will learn movement techniques and principles, ways to improve personal fitness and physical competence, and safety/injury prevention strategies. They will investigate issues related to healthy sexuality and the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and will participate in activities designed to develop goal-setting, communication, and social skills.

**MATHEMATICS****Essential Mathematics****MAT 1LR**

This course provides students who have experienced significant difficulties in previous Mathematics courses an opportunity to obtain sufficient background and skill development to prepare them for Grade 11 and 12 Workplace Preparation courses. Whenever possible, ideas will be presented in a real-life context, providing students with the opportunity to explore, organize, interpret, and use mathematical models to solve problems. Technology and manipulative materials will be used wherever appropriate. Assessment and evaluation will be done using a wide variety of strategies.

**Foundations of Mathematics (Applied)****MFM 1PR**

This course enables students to develop mathematical ideas and abstract reasoning through exploration of applications, the effective use of technology, and extended experiences with hands-on activities. Students will investigate relationships of straight lines in analytic geometry, solve problems involving the measurement of 3-dimensional objects and 2-dimensional figures, and apply key numeric and algebraic skills in problem solving. Students will also have opportunities to consolidate core skills and deepen their understanding of key mathematical concepts.

**Principles of Mathematics (Academic)****MPM 1DR**

This course enables students to develop generalizations of mathematical ideas through exploration of applications, the effective use of technology, and abstract reasoning. Students will investigate relationships to develop equations of straight lines in analytic geometry, explore relationships between volume and surface area of objects in measurement and apply extended algebraic skills in problem solving. Students will engage in abstract extensions of core learning that will deepen their mathematical knowledge and enrich their understanding.

**SCIENCE****Science (Essential)****SNC 1LR**

This course emphasizes reinforcing and strengthening science-related knowledge and skills, including scientific inquiry, critical thinking and the relationship between science, society, and the environment, to prepare students for success in everyday life, in the work place, and in the Science Grade 11 Workplace course. Students explore a range of topics, including science in daily life, properties of common materials, life-sustaining processes in simple and complex organisms, and electrical circuits. Students have the opportunity to extend mathematical and scientific process skills and to continue developing their skills in reading, writing, and oral language through relevant and practical science activities.

**Science (Applied)****SNC 1PR**

This course enables students to understand essential concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics; to develop practical skills in scientific investigation; and to apply their knowledge of science to everyday situations. Students will design and conduct investigations into practical problems and issues related to sustainable ecosystems, the structure and properties of elements and compounds, astronomy and space exploration, and static and current electricity.

**Science (Academic)****SNC 1DR**

This course enables students to understand essential concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics; to develop skills in the processes of scientific inquiry; and to relate science knowledge to technological, social, and environmental knowledge. Students will learn about scientific theories and pursue inquiries related to sustainable ecosystems, atomic and molecular structures, properties of elements and compounds, the universe and space exploration, and the principles of static and current electricity.

**TECHNOLOGY****Exploring Technology (Open)****TIJ 1OR**

This course enables students to further explore and develop technological knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary science and technology program. Students will be given the opportunity to design and create products and/or provide services related to the various technological areas of industries, working with a variety of tools, equipment, and software commonly used in industry. Students will develop an awareness of environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary education and training pathways leading to careers in technology-related fields.