

**WESTLANE****WHERE SPARTACULAR HAPPENS.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Compulsory Courses (select one for EACH subject area):**

Applied	Academic	Subject
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ENGLISH
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	FRENCH
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	GEOGRAPHY
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	SCIENCE

The Ministry of Education has destreamed MATHEMATICS (no choice required)

**Art Credit (select ONE of the options):****Elective Credit (select ONE of the options):** MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL (AMU10) MUSIC - VOCAL (AMV10) VISUAL ARTS (AVI10) DRAMA (ADA10) Information & Communication  
Technology in Business (BTT10) Exploring Family Studies (HIF10) Exploring Technologies (TIJ10)

Please indicate your alternative choice for an Art Credit and an Elective Credit:

Alternative Art Credit \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Elective Credit \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthy Active Living Education Credit:** PPL 10M - Male PPL 10F - FemaleIf you intend on taking PAL 10 (Healthy Living and Personal Fitness Activities) in **Summer School**, please indicate which elective (if any), will replace PPL (see reverse for more details):

Replace PPL with \_\_\_\_\_

 **Westlane Hockey Academy Option (replaces PPL and the Elective Credit)****Westlane Guidance Contacts**

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# Instructions for Completing the Grade 9 Course Selections

## Compulsory Courses

Choose the five compulsory courses, one in each subject area (English, French, Geography, Mathematics, and Science) at either the applied or academic level. Course descriptions are in the DSBN Program & Course Calendar and in the Open House package.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is the difference between applied and academic courses?***

Both contain hands-on learning experiences; however, courses at the Academic level contain more theory and require more in-depth abstract thinking skills combined with independent learning opportunities. Courses at the Applied level usually have more structured learning that includes more guidance from the teacher.

### ***Does it matter which level I take in Grades 9 & 10?***

Yes. In order to take university destination courses (beginning in Grade 11), students **must** successfully complete **Academic level courses in Grade 10**. While students should always be encouraged to reach for the best achievement possible, students, along with their parents/guardians, need to carefully consider their interests, abilities, and post-secondary goals and choose Applied or Academic levels wisely.

### ***Is there a range of marks in Grade 8 that would indicate which level to take?***

The provincial standard as set by the Ministry of Education is 70% or above. We recommend that a student achieving at this level (without modifications) with good work habits and good attendance attempt Academic courses. If a student's senior elementary grades are below 60%, a student should consider Applied courses. For students whose marks are between these two ranges, course choice is dependent upon their level of effort. Please strongly consider your Grade 8 teacher's recommendations; they are your best resource.

### ***Can I take some courses at the Applied level and some at the Academic level?***

The simple answer is yes; however, we recommend that, in most cases, you take all compulsory courses at the same level. We have found that some students might select one or two courses at the academic level because they like those subjects and do well, but select others at the applied level because they do not. Choose levels based on abilities and future directions and not simply on likes and dislikes.

## Choosing Art Credits and Elective Credits

***Usually*** students choose one Arts Credit **AND** one Elective Credit; however, students can choose two Arts Credits with permission. Indicate your second choice for each in case of a timetable conflict.

## Healthy Active Living Credit

Indicate Male or Female for your physical education credit. If you are planning on taking Healthy Active Living in Summer School, please note that the Summer School course and the Grade 9 course have different course codes and students **can** earn both credits. Either one will count toward their physical education compulsory credit.

## Westlane Hockey Academy

Westlane offers a specialized program, second semester, where students earn two physical education credits. This option would replace the PPL credit and the Elective credit. There is an extra cost associated with this option.

## Completing the Process

For students coming from within DSBN, please submit to your Grade 8 teacher.

For students coming from outside of the DSBN, please submit directly to our Guidance Office.

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