

SPRINGBANK HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 Course Planner 2025-2026



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2025-2026 Grade 9 Required Courses

Language Arts 9

Language is used to communicate ideas and feelings, to assist social and personal development and to mediate thought processes. It is therefore important that the students use language to explore their world. Language Arts students address the following: explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences; comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts; manage ideas and information; enhance the clarity and artistry of communication; and respect, support and collaborate with others.

French Immersion students follow the same curriculum, but instruction is given in French for one semester.

Mathematics 9

The aim of the math program is to prepare students to use mathematics confidently to solve problems, communicate and reason mathematically, appreciate and value mathematics, commit themselves to lifelong learning and to become mathematically literate adults, and use mathematics to contribute to society. Units of study include Powers and Roots, Algebraic Equations, Polynomials, Circle Properties, Shape and Space, Transformations, and Data Analysis.

Science 9

Science 9 builds on students' previous life and science education experiences and provides a foundation for the study of senior high sciences in the areas of biology, chemistry, physical and earth sciences through an integrated approach. Topics include biological diversity, matter and chemical change, environmental chemistry, electrical principals and technologies and space exploration.

Social Studies 9

Social Studies students analyze the relationship between Canada's political and legislative processes and their impact on issues pertaining to governance, rights, citizenship, and identity. Students explore issues of economics and their impact on quality of life, citizenship, and identity in Canada and the United States.

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Physical Education / Health and Life Skills 9

The aim of the **Physical Education** program is to enable students to lead an active healthy lifestyle. A variety of learning experiences are offered to meet individual differences and provide students with experiences that can contribute to an active and healthy adulthood. Students are encouraged to maintain physical fitness and positive attitudes toward life-long participation in physical activity. The aim of the **Health and Life Skills** program is to enable students to make well-informed, healthy choices and to develop behaviors that contribute to the well being of self and others. Three areas of focus are wellness, relationship and life learning choices. A comprehensive health program involves a partnership among home, school and community. Students take this course every second day for the full year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

French Immersion 9

In the French Immersion program at SCHS, students complete half of their Language Arts program and their entire Social Studies course in the French language.

Global Sport Academy (Male & Female)

Partnership with SCHS and Global Sport Academy Group – Application to program is required via the Global Sport Academy website and additional fees apply.

(Hockey – \$6021.75, Golf - \$6132.00, Multi-sport - \$TBD all prices include GST)

The Springbank Sport Academy program powered by Global Sport Academy Group, allows motivated and passionate young student athletes an avenue to pursue their academic and athletic goals in a unique and integrated setting. The program, offering hockey, golf, and multisport has a state of the art curriculum delivered, in partnership with SCHS, by industry leaders in athletic, leadership and academic training modules. The program also allows students to earn credits toward graduation in grades ten through twelve. This course may include physical education and complementary course credit. Further information regarding this course offering is available online at <https://villagesports.ca/education/global-sport-academy.html>. Students registering in the SCHS Sport Academy do NOT register separately in physical education. ***This is subject to sufficient enrollment. Wait list will apply if course is full.***

2025-2026 Grade 9 Electives' Exploration

Students in grade nine at the high school level are embarking upon an exciting stage in their educational career. High school is a time of exploration, discovery, and refinement of one's talents. As we prepare students for a busy and changing world, they will be exposed to a breadth of elective courses that will help them to discover and develop their learner skills. Elective courses are an integral part of a balanced education. The foundations of brain research and science reinforce the importance of deliberate and explicit development of students' minds through second language learning, fine arts and kinesthetic education. Students will be enrolled in four electives across the school year. While we attempt to accommodate all elective requests, timetable and resource constraints may not allow for all requests to be fulfilled. Fees listed are subject to change based on resources and budget.

Second Language (Required)

Spanish 9

¡Bienvenido a Español! This beginner level elective is designed for students who have no previous knowledge of Spanish. Students develop increased confidence in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Spanish, while exploring the Spanish culture around the world

French as a Second Language 9 (FSL)

FSL students develop vocabulary relevant for daily communication, practice and use verb tenses and develop reading and speaking skills. FSL students develop increased confidence in understanding and communicating in French, while exploring the Francophone culture in Quebec and Canada.

Option Courses

Art 9 (\$40.00)

Art students learn to use traditional and contemporary tools, materials and media to express their feelings, think like artists, value art creation and value art form through Drawings, Compositions and Encounters.

Band 9 (\$50.00)

Band 9 continues from Band 8 in the development and appreciation of music, history, theory and performance. Students develop the necessary tools to make a healthy contribution to the senior band tradition.

Photography 9 (Media Arts) (\$50.00)

Photography 9 is an introductory course focusing on photography, stop motion film and graphic design. Students will use a variety of digital multimedia equipment, and software to create engaging and effective multimedia projects. Students will gain beneficial skills to help them throughout their high school career and everyday life. Projects include digital art, photography and graphic design portfolios, and stop motion film. Students registered in Photography 9 will have access to a variety of current camera, film and computer equipment, as well as the entire Adobe Creative Cloud suite of software.

Design Studies 9 (Digital Art) (\$50.00)

Digital art 9 is an introductory course that focuses on creating artworks using a variety of digital tools. In addition to learning the principles of art and design, students will have an opportunity to practice a variety of artistic techniques through the creation of digital drawings, paintings, photographic composition and animations. Students will have access to a variety of professional cameras, computer equipment, drawing tablets, as well as the entire Adobe Creative Cloud suite of software in the media arts studio.

CTS_BIT Robotics 9 (Engineering and Design) (\$35.00)

This is an introductory survey course in Engineering and Design. First, students will use robot kits to explore the world of robotics. Initially they will build robots from pre-existing robotic plans. This will introduce them to the design, function, structure and programming systems before advancing into designing their own functioning robots. Also, students will be introduced to the basics of computer programming. They will explore computers and coding with the goal of creating an original final project. Students need no previous computer, coding or robotics experience.

Enhanced Physical Education 9 - Fee: \$40

Enhanced Physical Education 9 is a course designed for students that are athletically inclined and enjoy participating in physical activity and fitness. The intent is to increase the amount of time being active throughout the school year. Ties to future sport-related endeavors may include exposure to Sports Medicine and Sports Performance, which can then be chosen as Grade 10-12 courses. Additionally, exploration of local off-campus activities will be part of the program.

Drama 9 (\$10.00)

Students in this elective explore a variety of dramatic roles, develop a range of dramatic skills and experience theatre through Movement, Speech, Improvisation, Acting, Theatre Studies and Technical Theatre. Grade 9 Drama students are also welcome to audition for the Fall Mainstage Production.

Fine Arts 9 (Film Study) (\$10.00)

This course focuses on learning how to interpret films in order to enhance the enjoyment, and ultimately, the understanding of cinema. Students will discover cinematic techniques, explore film history, search for patterns in film and evaluate the director as *author*. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the language of visual media and to give them critical tools for presenting, discussing and writing about films.

Foods 9 (\$60.00)

Food 9 students learn the basics of culinary arts while preparing a wide variety of recipes to please the palate. Students gain confidence in the kitchen while learning how to maintain safety and sanitation. Students learn to plan and prepare snacks, appetizers and full course meals for their family and friends.

Leadership 9 (\$20.00)

Students in this elective will learn what it means to be a leader, how leaders create change, and includes how we can create positive change in our school, our community, and the wider world. Students participate actively in a series of initiatives introducing them to leadership in a high school setting, including a major project of their choice where they create positive change with a group of their peers. This course is perfect for students who would like to actively engage in improving our world.

Learning Support

Learning Support is a course designed for students who wish to develop and/or increase skills, understandings, literacies and values across all subject areas. Targeted intervention, a focus on individualized study skills as well as direct access to adult and peer support for learning are the key foundational elements. Students are engaged in developing individualized learning strategies as a means to increase confidence, independence and the likelihood of success across all domains. While this course is open to all students, priority is given to students with an Alberta Special Education Designation (IPP). Please note, this course is not for credit and is offered to address the diverse learning needs of students.

Music 9 (Guitar) (\$25.00)

To be a REAL Guitar Hero it takes more than pushing some buttons. You have to pull some strings. This is a hands-on course where students will learn to read and play music on the guitar. The technical skills learned will include various scales and chords that will be applied through the learning and performing of different styles of music. Students will have opportunities to perform as a collective group and in smaller groupings or as solo performers.

Outdoor Education (Wildlife) 9 (\$275.00)

Students will have an opportunity to participate in outdoor pursuits such as mountain biking, hiking, disc golf, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. The participants will be provided transportation, gear and the instruction necessary to safely partake in outdoor field trips. Students will develop personal and group skills while enriching their understanding of natural surroundings. In addition to outdoor pursuits, this course is designed to examine human effects on the environment. Students will learn about environmental concerns that face our world today and have an opportunity to learn about an environmental issue through a hands-on project. This introductory course is suitable for all grade 9 students, regardless of previous experience.

Please note: Students may miss 6-7 days of school to participate in the practical portion of the course. It is expected that students will maintain their academics with these absences. Students' attendance is mandatory.