SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COLLEGIATE HANDBOOK
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At Saskatoon Public Schools, our vision is that every student is **known, valued, and believed in**.

This vision can be achieved by focusing on four student goals:

- Academic Excellence
- Character
- Engagement
- Well-being.

We are committed to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.

We believe in safe, caring, and accepting schools. Our goal is to provide school environments that are safe and caring places where excellence in learning is a priority and everyone feels included. Our schools are open to all. We want every student to feel respected and have a sense of belonging.

We inspire our students to reach their potential. Our collegiates are home to several unique academies and programs for students with specific interests. Many of these programs can only be found at Saskatoon Public Schools. Whether it is challenging students through our SAGE program, providing valuable, hands-on learning through apprenticeship courses, or introducing them to their natural environment through our education for sustainable development offerings, we are providing experiences students will never forget.

We believe in being culturally responsive. We want our learning environments, our classroom teachings, and our instructional practices to be respectful of our diverse community. We collaborate with community members on the shared goal of developing strong learners, schools, and systems. Being more responsive will improve student achievement and engagement, with an emphasis on First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students.
GRADE 9 COMPULSORY CLASSES

Every Saskatoon Public Schools’ collegiate offers the regular English Grade 9 program.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 09
As students make their transition into Grade 9, they will continue to exercise their abilities in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and representing. Assessment will be based on student ability to compose and create, comprehend and respond, and assess and reflect. Major units of study will include: All that I Am, Indigenous and Norse Narratives, Conflicts, Issues and Choices, Exploring Loyalty, Love and Relationships, Surviving and Conquering, and Our Shared Linguistic and Cultural Roots.

MATHEMATICS 09
In Math 9, students will increase their logical thinking, number sense, and spatial sense through topics of study such as rational numbers, exponents, linear equations, and geometry. Math 9 will be taught throughout the year.

SCIENCE 09
This course is an introduction to a vast range of scientific topics. It covers atoms, elements and introductory chemistry; electricity, circuits and energy production; cellular division, reproduction and human development; and space, our solar system and the universe. These topics are studied using instructional technologies, hands-on activities, and inquiry in order to develop basic science skills, scientific habits of mind, and an understanding of science’s role in our society.

SOCIAL STUDIES 09
Grade 9 students will explore worldviews of ancient societies and connections between the past and the present. Students will consider how worldviews are shaped and how they are expressed by people living in a particular time and place. They will examine issues related to contact between societies with differing worldviews. The overriding goals of the course include: interaction and interdependence, dynamic relationships, power and authority, and resources and wealth. These goals are learned through exploring ancient societies to develop an understanding of anthropology, archaeology, philosophy, geography, politics, law, economics, and environment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CAREER ED 09
This full-year, every-day course integrates three areas of learning and is an opportunity to engage students in planning for one’s physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being:

• Grade 9 Physical Education is based around four main learning objectives: being independently prepared and willing to participate, demonstrating positive relationships, being independently active, and displaying skillful movement patterns. The course is designed to improve students’ abilities in all four of these areas through individual and team activities. An ongoing emphasis is placed on developing and improving physical fitness and encouraging daily health and wellness habits.

• Health Education, as part of a comprehensive school health program, will support students in developing a solid foundation for attaining and maintaining a balanced life.

• Career Education is designed to develop the competencies required by all people to successfully manage their work and life. This renewed curriculum reflects the latest career development research, updated technology, and recent resources, as well as responding to changing economic forces within the province.

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS 09
Students are able to experience three Practical and Applied Arts modules in the form of a survey course. Each collegiate has unique program offerings that are represented in their practical and applied arts survey.

ARTS EDUCATION 09
The Grade 9 Arts Education course involves learning experiences through each of the four strands of arts: Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Art. Students are invited to consider arts expressions that reflect the theme, Taking Action.

As a foundation to the exciting and experiential learning through the arts in high school, Grade 9 students will explore topics of concern to youth. How can youth express themselves through the arts? How can students, as artists in all methods, create or inspire the conditions for change? How do dancers, musicians, actors, and visual artists effect change or bring awareness to issues? The goal of this course is to express students’ beliefs, values and ideas, ultimately taking action through the arts on a topic that is personally relevant.

Collegiates also offer English as an Additional Language and resource support programs at the Grade 9 level, but options for scheduling may vary. Please contact individual collegiates to learn more about student support programs.
## CORE REQUIREMENT GRADUATION PLAN

### GRADE 10
- English 10A
- English 10B
- Science 10
- Wellness 10
- At least one of:
  - History 10
  - Native Studies 10
- At least one of:
  - Foundations Pre-Cal 10
  - Apprenticeship Math 10

### GRADE 11
- English 20
- At least one of:
  - Health Science 20
  - Physical Science 20
  - Computer Science 20
  - Environmental Science 20
- At least one of:
  - History 20
  - Law 30
  - Psychology 20 or 30
  - Geography 20 or 30
  - Native Studies 20
- At least one of:
  - Math Foundations 20
  - Math Pre-Calculus 20
  - Apprenticeship Math 20

### GRADE 12
- English 30A
- English 30B
- At least one of:
  - History 30
  - Native Studies 30
- At least one of:
  - Math Foundations 20
  - Math Pre-Calculus 20
  - Apprenticeship Math 20

### Electives:
- 1. __________________
- 2. __________________
- 3. __________________
- 4. __________________

### TOTAL CLASSES:
- Grade 10 + Grade 11 + Grade 12 = a minimum of 24
- Successfully complete at least five subjects numbered “30”
- Minimum of 9 electives, at least 6 in Grades 11 or 12
- Please see Counsellor to discuss any Post-Secondary requirements

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**ARTS ELECTIVES:** Arts Education, Band, Choral, Dance, Drama, Music, Instrumental Jazz and Visual Art


*11, 21, 31 denotes Modified credits  *18,28,38 denotes Alternate credits
Saskatoon Public Schools Graduation Plan

Grade 9
- Career 9 Checklist
- myBlueprint education planner, inventories, goal setting
- 'Credit Conversation' — SPS Core Requirements (3 year plan) started, Math Pathways Explained, 'Credits' Explained

Grade 10
- Revisit SPS Core Requirements/Course Selection Book
- MyBluePrint – Post-Secondary Options
- Course Selection Book (Science Pathways)
- MyBluePrint
- MyBluePrint High School Planner

Grade 11
- Revisit SPS Core Requirements/Course Selection Book
- Curriculum Connections: All 20 level Science, English 20
- Career 9 Checklist
- MyBluePrint
- MyBluePrint High School Planner

Grade 12
- Letter and Resume
- Career Goals for Beyond Grade 12
- Applications and Scholarships
- Confirmation of graduation requirements with school-based team
- Cover Letter and Resume
- Financial Planning
- Wellness
- Career Goals for Beyond Grade 12
- Applications and Scholarships
- Curriculum Connections: Science
- MyBluePrint
- MyBluePrint
- MyBluePrint High School Planner
- Celebrate and Transition

Twice annual review of Graduation/Post-Graduation plans for factors such as on track to graduate.
An opportunity to share and discuss the plan with an identified supportive adult such as a family member, teacher or other trusted adult.
PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Saskatoon Public Schools offers the most diverse programming options in Saskatchewan. We work hard to ensure all students are engaged in their learning. Below is a sample of some of the unique programs found in each of our collegiates.

For detailed information on these and other programs at each school, including how to register, please visit each school’s website at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca or call the school.

ADEN BOWMAN COLLEGIATE
• Collective Voice (Grade 9)*
• Dance (Grade 10, 11, 12)
• English Language Arts B30: Language through Philosophy
• Fine and Performing Arts options—Band, Choral, Dance, Drama, Guitar and Instrumental Jazz
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grades 11 and 12)*
• Languages: French, German, Japanese
• Pre-International Baccalaureate (Grade 10)

BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE
• Alternative Education Work Study
• Cadet Orientation Police Studies*
• Dance Program
• Fire Introduction Recruitment Experience (Grades 11 and 12)
• Integrated Advanced History/English (Grades 10 and 11)
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grades 11 and 12)*
• Language: French
• Pre-International Baccalaureate (Grade 9 & 10)
• Pre-Engineering (Grade 10 and 11)
• SAGE (Grades 9 and 10)*

CENTENNIAL COLLEGIATE
• Advanced Placement Calculus, English, Physics, Statistics and Art & Design and Drawing (Grade 12)
• Dance Academy (Grade 10 to 12)
• French Immersion (Grade 9 to 12)
• Functional Life Skills Program
• High Performance/Personal Fitness/Physical Education (Grades 11 and 12)
• History Study Tour Program (Grade 11)
• Instrumental Jazz 20 and 30
• Soccer Academy (Grade 9 to 12)

CITY PARK SCHOOL
• Flexible Schedule, Blended Learning Program (Grades 7-12)*

EVAN HARDY COLLEGIATE
• Advanced Placement Calculus, Computer Science, English, Physics, Psychology and Art & Design and Drawing (Grade 12)
• Autism Resource Program
• Band, Choral, Guitar, Instrumental Jazz
• Dance (Grade 10, 11, 12)
• Functional Life Skills Program
• Global Citizenship 30
• Instrumental Jazz 10/20/30
• Integrated Kinesiology—2 credits (Grade 11 or 12)
• Languages: Spanish, Mandarin, French, Japanese
• Media School (Grade 11)*
• SAGE (Grades 9 and 10)*

MARION M. GRAHAM COLLEGIATE
• Advanced Placement Calculus, Art & Design and Drawing (Grade 12)
• Autism Resource Program
• Band, Choral, Guitar, Instrumental Jazz
• Dance Academy (Grades 10 to 12)
• English Language Arts through Role Playing Games
• Functional Life Skills Program
• French Immersion (Grades 9 to 12)
• Integral Calculus
• Integrated English and History Courses
• Languages: French and German
• Musical Theatre (Grades 10 to 12)
• Pre-AP Visual Art

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGIATE
• Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program
• Alternative Education Work Study
• Cadet Orientation Police Studies*
• Fire Introduction Recruitment Experience (Grades 11 and 12)
• Following Their Voices initiative school for Aboriginal Student Engagement
• High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (Grades 11 and 12)*
• Languages: Cree and French
• Numerous Arts and Practical & Applied Arts including Cosmetology, Commercial Cooking, Computer Animation, Graphic Arts, Welding, Mechanics, Machining, Woods, Electronics and Drafting
• Tourism/Hospitality (Grade 12)

NUTANA COLLEGIATE
• Academic Program
• Integrated School Linked Services
• Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program
• Parenting support programs
• Quarter classes offered—10-week duration
• “Stretch” Math, English Language Arts and Health Sciences class
• Adult 12 program
• Teacher-led tutorials
• Tourism 30 A & B
• NICE (Nutana Career and Industry Education class)
• Academic Upgrading
• Indigenous Ensemble

ROYAL WEST CAMPUS
• Adult Education for students 18 and over
• Adult 12 programming as well as upgrading
• Continuous enrolment until the end of March—individually paced course work (no semesters or quarters)
• Immediate Ministry marks upon class completion

TOMMY DOUGLAS COLLEGIATE
• Advanced Placement English, Calculus and Biology (Grade 12)
• Aquatics, Recreational, Competitive Sport & Outdoor Ed Physical Education (Grades 11 and 12)
• Dance Academy (Grades 9-12)
• Eco Science Club
• Fire Introduction Recruitment Experience (Grades 11 and 12)
• French Immersion (Grades 9 to 12)
• Full Fine and Performing Arts options—Choral, Drama, Dance, Guitar, Instrumental Jazz
• Functional Life Skills Program
• Languages: French
• Musical Theatre (Grades 10 to 12)
• Off the Grid (Grade 9)*
• Softball Academy*

WALTER MURRAY COLLEGIATE
• Alternative Education Work Study
• Band, Guitar, Instrumental Jazz, Choral
• Dance 10, 20, 30
• French Immersion (Grades 9 to 12)
• Full Vocational Options (Commercial Cooking, Graphic Arts, Welding, Mechanics, Machining, Electronics, Drafting, as well as Construction and Carpentry)
• Languages: German, Japanese, French, Spanish
• Outdoor School (Grade 11)*
• SAGE (Grades 9 to 12)*
• Skilled Trades of Construction (Grades 11-12)
WHAT SETS US APART

Aden Bowman offers a variety of programs and classes for students to individualize their learning experience.

Opportunities Include:

• Collective Voice* (ELA09/ELB09/SocSt09/Art Ed09)
• Computer Science 20 & 30
• Exchange Programs with Germany and Japan
• English Language Arts B30: Language through Philosophy
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grades 11 and 12)*
• Leadership 30
• Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (Grade 10)*
• Robotics 10, 20 & 30

* Application required

ADEN BOWMAN ADVANTAGE

Aden Bowman Collegiate has a long tradition of encouraging students to pursue excellence through education. The academic, athletic, and performing arts programs are recognized nationally for their distinction and innovation. The achievements of our students range from international and national awards and scholarships, to numerous provincial championships in athletics, and award-winning performances in music and drama. The diverse curricular and extracurricular programs assist all Aden Bowman Collegiate students in their personal pursuit of excellence in a welcoming and supportive school community.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Aden Bowman’s strength is its collective diversity. Our distinguished academic courses seek to meet the needs of all learners. Offerings range from Pre-International Baccalaureate, integrated and modified programming, as well as numerous electives that enhance our diverse learning community. English as an additional language adds to our exceptional repertoire. Without question, Bowman’s student diversity reflects our place in the global community.

“I love the small school feel and all its great choices.” STUDENT
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

A smooth transition from Grade 8 is the primary objective of Aden Bowman’s Grade 9 program. By offering students a welcoming learning community, Bowman fosters a sense of belonging that connects students to their learning, which in turn allows students to be positive contributors to the culture of Aden Bowman.

Grade 9 students will obtain the compulsory courses in their first year to meet the core curriculum requirements. Students are able to choose one 50-hour practical and applied arts elective and one 100-hour elective from a variety of options to balance their Grade 9 year.

Grade 9 students requiring support in their learning can access a number of courses and resources which include:

• Resource teachers
• Math 9 Plus (Foundational Skill Building)
• Literacy teachers
• EAL teachers
• Weekly after school tutoring

“It doesn’t matter what type of person you are, or what you are interested in, there is something at Bowman for you!” STUDENT

COLLECTIVE VOICE

Collective Voice is a unique learning experience offered to Grade 9 students enrolled at Aden Bowman Collegiate. This is a half-day, full-year program with an emphasis on learning through collaboration, group work, and community building. Using the themes of Social Studies 9 as a driving force, the program focuses on studying historical and current causes of inequality and injustice in Canada and around the world, and growing citizens who will help to build a sustainable future.

• Learning about yourself, your community and your world
• Weekly radio show on CFCR 90.5 FM
• Weekly StarPhoenix column
• Week-long travel experience
• English Language Arts 9A, 9B; Social Studies 9; and Arts Ed 9

Applications are due in early March. Criteria for a successful application is included and all students who meet this criteria will be entered into a lottery selection process.

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE INCLUDES:

PAA Survey
• Woods/Drafting
• Food Studies/Clothing
• Environmental

Computer & Commerce
• Information Processing and Keyboarding
• Vector-based Graphic Design
• Digital Image Manipulation
• Computer-Aided Drafting
WHAT SETS US APART

Bedford Road is a collegiate with a long, distinguished history and tradition. It is also home to BRIT—one of the largest basketball tournaments in Western Canada.

Bedford Road, an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offers a full range of secondary classes including:

• SAGE (Grade 9 and 10)
• Pre-International Baccalaureate classes (Grade 9 and 10)
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Grade 11 and 12)
• Cadet Orientation Police Studies (COPS)
• Fire Introduction Recruitment Experience (FIRE)
• Pre-Engineering
• Guitar and Amplifier Design and Construction

Students may also choose from other specialized Bedford Road programs such as:

• Band
• Career Education
• Choir
• Construction and Carpentry
• Dance
• Drama
• English as an Additional Language (EAL)
• Foods
• French
• Math 9 Plus
• Media Studies
• Philosophy
• Photography
• Resource Support
• Visual Art (Including IB Art)
• World Religions

BEDFORD ROAD ADVANTAGE

At Bedford Road Collegiate students immediately find themselves a part of the Bedford Road family. While there is a large enough student body to offer several course options, three levels of course difficulty, and a complete range of extracurricular offerings, Bedford is small enough for the development of a particularly warm and personal atmosphere in the school. Students and staff enjoy a special rapport best compared to that of a close family.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Bedford is a place where students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn. We offer academic programming for all types of learners to meet their unique needs, including regular-level courses, modified programs, Alternative Education Work Study, and SAGE/Pre-IB programs for gifted learners.

Our school takes pride in its small, close-knit community. Students can enjoy many opportunities to get involved outside the classroom with programs such as SRC, Yearbook, Pom, Musical, QSA, NorWester’s, Robotics & Coding Club, Indigenous Student Council, First Nation drumming group, cultural gatherings such as smudge and sweat opportunities, as well as numerous athletic teams.

THE BRIT CLASSIC is one of Canada’s premier basketball tournaments and is a highlight of the school year for the students at Bedford Road Collegiate. It is a time when students from all groups in the school are drawn together. No longer just a basketball tournament, it is a culture of volunteering and excitement that brings students, teachers, and alumni together.

BE A PART OF BRIT!
GRADE 9 PROGRAM
The transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 can be a stressful time for students. At Bedford Road we work closely with our elementary schools to best support all students in their first year of high school. By offering smaller Grade 9 classes and program-alike groupings, teachers are able to support the variety of academic, social, and emotional needs of their students. In addition, we offer tutor support for students in Math and English as well as specialized literacy programming for EAL students.

Bedford offers Math 9 Plus, Regular, and SAGE Math. Math 9 alternates with Practical & Applied Arts for one semester and runs every day the other semester. Math 9 Plus is designed to support concept mastery and is taken every day during both semesters.

Students planning to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme usually apply to take our SAGE/Pre-IB compulsory classes and take French 9 as their elective. Students in the SAGE program may opt for English/Social or Math/Science only.

SAGE students choose compulsory classes at a gifted level and also take the Young Urban Planner course. The course encourages students to work in partnership with local community members to develop projects to improve our neighborhood and city. Bedford Road Collegiate will host a SAGE Program open house, please check with the school for open house date and time.

Pre-Engineering 10 and 20 is a unique and innovative program that provides students with practical, hands-on experience and problem-solving skills in an interactive, state-of-the-art lab environment. Students will learn design fundamentals and work with robotic, pneumatic, electrical, and other technologies to acquire knowledge, skills, and attributes that will be used to communicate and document the solution to an authentic engineering problem.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme is a two-year program that starts in Grade 11 for students who are academically motivated, service-orientated, and who desire the rigorous international curriculum that focuses on our role as citizens in a global society. The International Baccalaureate organization’s goal is to provide students with the values and opportunities that will enable them to develop sound judgment, think creatively and critically, and respect others in our global community.
CENTENNIAL ADVANTAGE

Centennial Collegiate is an innovative, fast-paced, and modern educational facility located in the University Heights area. Centennial has built a tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, fine arts, and music. We are proud of our students’ many accomplishments both in academics and extracurricular.

Our partnerships with our school community council, the SaskTel Sports Centre, and the City of Saskatoon symbolize our commitment to new ways of learning and help to create community.

Centennial is a place to realize one’s potential, to aim high, and to become a lifelong learner. Centennial Collegiate Chargers value honour, respect, and service.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Centennial Collegiate is a diverse and inclusive community. We have students represented from many different countries and from all areas of Saskatoon. Students requiring additional support, enrichment, modification, second language support, or hands-on programming will find academic courses and extracurricular activities to meet their needs. In addition to our academic program, students will find that extracurricular options such as Allies in Action club and Spirit of Youth club provide opportunities to meet specific needs around well-being, gender, and cultural awareness.

At Centennial, we strive to create a positive and safe school environment that empowers our students personally, socially and academically.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Welcome to Grade 9! At Centennial Collegiate, there are initiatives to help students transition to high school with ease and confidence. Students from our area elementary schools are invited to Centennial Collegiate during their Grade 8 year to watch drama, dance, and band productions, as well as sporting events. By the time Grade 9 starts, many students know their way around the school and feel comfortable navigating the hallways, becoming involved with drama productions and sports teams, and experiencing the many clubs at Centennial Collegiate. More than 80 per cent of our students in Grade 9 are involved in an extracurricular program. Teachers from elementary schools and Centennial Collegiate meet to consider academic programming that will assist students in being successful in Grade 9. This commitment to excellence helps students quickly adjust to the rigour of high school, with the majority of our Grade 9s attaining honour roll status at midterm.

Our advisory program helps create a caring environment within the larger school community. Students meet once a week in small, grade-level groups to hone study skills, read, work through team building activities, or work on charity events. Students are with the same group of peers and advisory teacher for the four years.

Centennial Collegiate prides itself on having many academic opportunities for students. The soccer and dance academies, which allow students to discover or pursue a passion, are popular programs for Grade 9 students. Parlez-vous français? Centennial Collegiate offers French Immersion for those wanting to earn their bilingual certificate in French. Centennial’s Math 9 Plus and focused English classes help students who require more support in math and English. This individualized program gives students specialized instruction in math to help prepare them for the various math pathways in Grade 10. Every attempt is made to keep Grade 9 classes small so each student can connect to their teacher, thus improving a student’s success.

Grade 9—French Immersion Program
Français A
Français B
Mathématiques
Sciences Humaines
Sciences
Practical and Applied Arts
English Language Arts
Arts Education
Physical Education, Health, and Careers
*Students choose one elective

Grade 9—French Immersion Program

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE INCLUDES:

Independent Living Survey
• Introduction to Foods
• Introduction to Sewing

or

Industrial Arts Survey
• Introduction to Woodworking
• Introduction to Drafting

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WHAT SETS US APART

Academic Programs
- Advanced Placement
  - Calculus
  - Computer Science
  - English
  - Physics
  - Psychology
  - Art & Design and Drawing
- Arts Education
  - Band
  - Choir
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Music
  - Visual Arts
- Autism Resource Program
- English as an Additional Language
  - Direct instruction
  - Resource support
- Functional Life Skills Program (FLS)
- Languages
  - French
  - Japanese
  - Mandarin
  - Spanish
- Photography and Graphic Arts
- Practical and Applied Arts
- Resource Support
- SAGE (Grades 9 and 10)

Home of
- Media School Program

Extracurricular Programs
- Athletics
- Clubs
- Culturescape
- Drama
- Music
- Student Leadership
- And many more

EVAN HARDY ADVANTAGE

Since 1965, Evan Hardy Collegiate has offered a rich tradition of highly respected academic and extracurricular programs. We are committed to our school motto of “Excellence in All Things” and continue to find ways to improve upon our proud traditions. We support a community committed to learning and personal growth by providing an atmosphere wherein all students have opportunities to strive for excellence in all pursuits and to act upon their potential. Evan Hardy is an exciting learning environment and boasts many unique and innovative programs.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Evan Hardy is proud to be home to students from many nations as well as all areas of Saskatoon. Students will find that all learning styles and learning needs are recognized and supported within our curricular programming. Our vast range of extracurricular opportunities will provide students with avenues to make deeper connections within the school community. Our school size, committed staff and students, and caring community help us to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Evan Hardy has a rich tradition in academics, athletics, and the performing arts, all of which are blended into our Grade 9 programming. We offer a wide variety of experiences to meet the unique and diverse needs of our learning community.

From the time our Grade 9 team engages in the transition process with our elementary schools, our focus is on creating a safe and successful move to high school for students. Student Services counsellors, support program teachers, and Grade 9 teachers prepare well in advance to ensure student strengths and needs are well known and accommodated before Grade 8 students reach our hallways.

Our classes—whether they be regular, enriched, or individually modified—blend a strong provincial curriculum with our school goal to “engage all Souls in an inclusive and responsive learning culture.” Student progress is closely monitored and communicated with students, staff, and parents to ensure learners’ needs are continually evaluated, students are appropriately challenged, and success is celebrated. Co-teaching, offered in most Grade 9 core subject areas, and the Math 9 Plus Program allow for individualized and remedial instruction to students who need it. Our collegiate also offers the Saskatoon Academically Gifted Education (SAGE) program.

Ongoing counselling and support programs are available for all students. Teachers, staff and students work hard to create an atmosphere of support and belonging. A yearly fall retreat allows the Grade 9 class to nurture a sense of identity and community. Evan Hardy promotes opportunities for students to “Soulabrate” school success through assemblies, pep rallies, and exciting SRC events. Our extracurricular program allows students to stretch their talents, interests, and skills.
WHAT SETS US APART

Specialized Academic Programs:
- Autism Resource Program
- AP Calculus
- Dance Academy (Grades 10 to 12)
- English Language Arts through Role Playing Games
- English as an Additional Language
- Direct Instruction and Support Classes
- Fine and Performing Arts (Choir, Band, Jazz Band, Drumline, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, AP Art & Design and Drawing)
- French Immersion
- Functional Life Skills Program
- German Language Classes
- Grade 9 STEM Program
- Musical Theatre
- Noon hour and after school tutoring
- Resource Support

Our Facility:
- Dance Studio
- Don Wilde Theatre for Performing Arts
- Fitness Centre
- Natural light and water-fed trees are the backdrop for our Commons Area
- Nutrition Hub
- Learning Resource Centre with skylights

Extracurricular Opportunities:
- Board Game Club
- Coffee House
- Cosmetology Club
- Debate Club
- Duke of Edinburgh International Award Program
- Exchange Programs
- Intramurals
- Katepwewesipiy Canoe Club
- LGBTQ Club
- Light and Sound Club
- Math Club
- Represent Club
- Sports Teams
- SRC
- Variety Night
- Yearbook
- And many more!

MARION M. GRAHAM ADVANTAGE

This is what our Grade 9 students are saying about Marion M. Graham Collegiate: “Marion Graham is a great place to go to high school, and the people and teachers are wonderful. The classes are just the right level of challenge for me, and I enjoy my time here. I have been given many opportunities to participate in many different activities, which have helped me discover some of my interests as well.”

“My school is an excellent school in the way that it offers a vast diversity of clubs and programs to suit the different types of students at the school. There is really something for everyone. This school ensures that not one single person is left out and that everyone has a sense of belonging if they choose to be involved. Our teachers are very supportive and determined, and really do care that they do their best to see students succeed. They are always going above and beyond to meet the needs of students and are always ready to offer extra help outside of class to anyone in need. This school is a home-like community and this has a strong influence on the large amount of success we have in academics, arts, and sports.”

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Marion M. Graham Collegiate is a diverse community and we strive towards making everyone feel welcome. We offer extensive special programs such as Functional Life Skills, Autism Resource Program, and English as an Additional Language support. We also have other Resource classes to support students in their studies. At Marion Graham, we value our diversity and celebrate our community by hosting a multicultural festival and other experiences to honour the many cultures and nations represented at our school. Our Marion Graham community strives to make students feel welcomed and believes in the power of developing strong relationships.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Marion M. Graham Collegiate has a reputation for excelling in academics, arts, and athletics. Students entering Grade 9 are welcomed into a tight-knit, safe, and caring school community. Marion Graham offers Grade 9 students required courses in English or French Immersion. English stream students can apply for our STEM Program which provides English, Science, and Math courses through the lens of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in a hands-on, problem-solving environment. Students benefit from additional supports through Resource and English as an Additional Language to customize their learning. In addition, staff strive to create engaging and authentic experiences for students in all classes, which assist students in developing not only academically but socially. There are diverse extracurricular opportunities for all students. Whether it is the Board Game Club, Musical Theatre, Yearbook, or our various athletic programs, students are able to connect with teachers and other students in a meaningful way. Healthy food options are plentiful in our facility through either our servery or our Nutrition Hub. Our school community can’t wait to welcome you!

Grade 9
French Immersion Program
Français A09
Français B09
Arts Education 09 (integrated into Français A and B)
Sciences Humaines 09
Sciences 09
English Language Arts 09
Mathématiques 09
Computer and Commerce Applications 09 (integrated into Mathématiques 09)
Physical Education/Health/Career Education 09
Students choose one Elective Course.

STEM Program
English
Science
Mathematics
Computer and Commerce Applications

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE INCLUDES:
- Drafting
- Carpentry and Construction
- Clothing
- Food Studies
WHAT SETS US APART

Mount Royal is culturally diverse
- Traditional First Nations experiences including Cree language classes, opportunities to engage with a Traditional Knowledge Keeper, drumming, beading, hosting an annual pow wow, and smudging
- Extensive English as an Additional Language programming
- All members of the Mount Royal staff are part of the Ministry of Education Following Their Voices Initiative

Mount Royal is a comprehensive school including classes in:
- Animation
- Fine Arts
- Cosmetology
- Commercial Cooking
- Choral
- Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion
- Creative Image Design
- Drafting
- Electricity/Electronics
- Fine Arts
- Home Economics
- Graphic Arts
- Machining
- Metal Fabrication
- Music Education
- High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (HCAP)
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Welding
- Wood Construction

MOUNT ROYAL ADVANTAGE

Mount Royal Collegiate’s comprehensive school programming combines rigorous academics with a full complement of practical and applied courses in the arts and trades. Mount Royal Collegiate offers English as an Additional Language programming for new Canadians, Alternate Education Work Study (AEWS) programs, and a broad array of academic and vocational programs to suit a variety of learning styles.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Mount Royal Collegiate is located in the heart of Saskatoon’s west side and is a diverse community with numerous opportunities. It is the only high school in Western Canada that has established partnerships with post-secondary programs, with Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre both housed under the same roof at Mount Royal Collegiate. We have a complete array of comprehensive and academic programming. Specialized programs based at Mount Royal include the High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program. Mount Royal is the only high school in Saskatoon to offer a full Cosmetology program.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Our Grade 9 program is designed to help students transition from Grade 8 to a high school setting. A small group of staff work together as a team in setting goals and developing the academic program. We provide a safe, caring, and culturally inclusive learning environment and build positive relationships with all students. Our goal is to help students develop independent thinking, self-confidence, and a sense of social responsibility as they discover their own strengths and talents.

We recognize that students have a natural curiosity and need for relevance and meaning in what they are studying. Connecting their learning experiences in a meaningful way is crucial to ensuring students are engaged and active learners. To foster student engagement, we equip students with the necessary skills to plan and assess their own learning. To meet these goals we provide an integrated curriculum that balances academics (with emphasis on literacy and numeracy), arts, practical and applied arts, and career education. The curriculum prepares students for senior high school courses and teaches about human values, including respect, honesty, trust, determination, and responsibility. Career education and service projects both within the school and community foster qualities that will help students be successful citizens. All students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities and outdoor educational opportunities, which teach them to meet new physical and social challenges.

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE
INCLUDES:
• Cosmetology
• Dance
• Drafting
• Drama
• Electricity/Electronics
• Foods
• Machining
• Mechanics
• Music
• Welding
• Woods Construction
• Visual Art
**WHAT SETS US APART**

- Advanced Placement English, Calculus and Biology
- Softball Academy
- Off the Grid (Grade 9)
- Musical Theatre
- Core French
- French Immersion
- Dance
- Choral
- Drama
- Guitar
- Instrumental Jazz
- Band
- Aquatics, Recreational, Competitive Sport & Outdoor Ed. Physical Education (Gr. 11&12)
- Resource Support
- English as an Additional Language
- Drafting
- Construction and Carpentry
- A 430-seat performing arts theatre
- State-of-the-art computer and graphic arts labs
- State-of-the-art home economics lab
- Spacious band area complete with practice room
- Specialized dance studio
- Specialized art and digital photography studios
- Career Centre

**TOMMY DOUGLAS ADVANTAGE**

Tommy Douglas Collegiate opened in August 2007 and is Saskatoon Public Schools' newest high school. Tommy Douglas is part of the Blairmore Integrated Facility that brings together Saskatoon Public Schools, the City of Saskatoon, and Saskatoon’s separate school division in partnership to provide a destination centre for city residents. We are delighted to be part of this one-of-a-kind facility, and are thrilled that our students and community have access to all it has to offer.

**DIVERSE COMMUNITY**

At Tommy Douglas we offer programming to meet the needs of all students. We offer a broad-based curricular program that allows students countless choices in electives including Dance, Musical Theatre, Band, Digital Photography, Visual Arts, and Practical and Applied Arts. We also offer enriched and honours programs leading to optional Advanced Placement courses during a student’s Grade 12 year. Functional Life Skills offers programming for young adults with special needs. Our Softball Academy provides opportunities for students who wish to follow their passion for softball through this unique academic program.

Tommy Douglas is also a designated Advanced Placement (AP) school. AP is for those students who excel and wish to further enrich their experience in certain subject areas. This program is currently offered in English Language Arts, Calculus, and Biology. These courses also carry the potential to earn a university or college credit prior to leaving high school. As an AP school, students can take any AP exam offered in any subject area, although this would require individual study and preparation.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

A student's Grade 9 year at Tommy Douglas Collegiate provides them with the core classes while allowing them to experience many of the elective courses prior to their Grade 10 year. In addition to the core classes in Science, Social Studies, Math, and English, Grade 9 students have the opportunity to take all of the survey courses (Clothing, Drafting, Food Studies and Woodworking) as well as enriched classes. Distinct course offerings (non-integrated classes) in Health 9, Career 9, and Physical Education 9 empower students in their personal life and career paths. Tommy Douglas also offers French Immersion for those wanting to earn their bilingual certificate in French.

Those students who find Math or English challenging may be recommended for the Math 9 Plus or English 9 Plus programs which allow for additional support in building the skills necessary for success in future Math or English classes. All students will take the compulsory classes, as well as an elective class. Additional supports include a literacy teacher, resource teachers, English as an Additional Language support teachers, and after school and lunch hour tutoring.

Off the Grid is a half-day, full-year learning experience that will take students on an integrative, interdisciplinary adventure. This program is for Grade 9 students who are interested in topics such as climate change, sustainable living, social justice, and the growing need for innovation in these areas. Application forms are available during the open house and on the school website.

Grade 9
French Immersion Program
Français A
Français B
Mathématiques
Sciences Humaines
Sciences
Practical and Applied Arts
English Language Arts
Arts Education
Physical Education, Health, and Careers

*Students choose one elective

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE
INCLUDES:

- Drafting
- Carpentry and Construction
- Clothing
- Food Studies

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WHAT SETS US APART

Our programming is as diverse as our population.

Walter Murray offers a full range of secondary academic classes:

• English as an Additional Language
• French Immersion
• Practical and Applied Arts courses
• Resource Support
• Alternative Education Work Study
• Outdoor School
• SAGE Program

Students can take advantage of specialized offerings such as:

• Band
• Choral
• Commercial Cooking
• Construction and Carpentry
• Core French
• Dance
• Drama
• Electronics
• Graphic Arts
• Machining
• Mechanics
• Music
• Photography
• Skilled Trades of Construction (STOC)
• Welding

WALTER MURRAY ADVANTAGE

Walter Murray Collegiate is a comprehensive collegiate, which means our size and facility allows for the broadest range of programming and extracurricular offerings in Saskatoon. Our school community is noted for its excellence in academics, athletics, fine arts, and technology. Consequently, our students earn valuable scholarships and academic opportunities around the globe, find employment in industry and trades, and become exemplary citizens and leaders in their communities.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Walter Murray welcomes all types of learners. Special needs students and those who require enrichment, modification, second language support, or hands-on opportunities will find courses and extracurricular offerings suited to their interests and abilities. Walter Murray students represent many different nationalities and come from all areas of Saskatoon.

We work to maintain a safe and inclusive atmosphere and positive relations with our neighbours. Student Services counsellors and our Restorative Action Program (RAP) worker support students in healthy decision-making and conflict resolution.
GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Creating a smooth transition from Grade 8 to high school is the main goal of Walter Murray’s Grade 9 program, “#engage9wmci.” The program is designed to welcome all learners to Walter Murray by creating a sense of belonging to our school. Most importantly, #engage9wmci endeavours to maximize student engagement in their learning.

The Grade 9 experience at Walter Murray is an interdisciplinary, holistic, project-based program that meets Grade 9 curricular outcomes. Teachers work collaboratively to deliver programming that addresses the needs of all students. Available supports include an EAL teacher, resource teacher, mathematics teacher, and literacy teacher who are involved in co-teaching and assisting students within their programming cohorts.

#engage9wmci is structured to provide students with the opportunity to experience many of the unique programs that Walter Murray has to offer. From core components in numeracy and literacy, to a survey of tech options including, construction, dance, and commercial cooking. Walter Murray Grade 9 students also have the opportunity to choose an elective from an extensive list of courses, such as band, a second language, another practical and applied arts course, and more! #engage9wmci has it all!

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Students choose one elective

SAGE Program
(Application Required)
Students are required to take the same courses as other Grade 9 students. However, advanced curriculum will be delivered for English Language Arts A and B, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS SURVEY COURSE INCLUDES:

Foods 9
• cooking, baking and exploring healthy recipes
Technology Survey
• construction and carpentry, electrical, metal work, and drafting
City Park School has been repurposed to provide unique learning opportunities within our family of Saskatoon Public Schools. Originally built in 1929, the facility has undergone extensive renovations and is a new and exciting place to be for students who enjoy or require integrated and flexible programming.

**THE FLEX PROGRAM**

The Flexible Schedule, Blended Learning Program allows students in Grades 7–12 to participate in skill development outside of traditional school offerings while providing a quality education in a flexible learning environment. This program is designed for students who struggle to find enough time in the day to attend regular school hours, complete homework, and be dedicated to a high level of athletic or artistic involvement outside of the school. The Flex Program provides students with face-to-face instruction, as well as online learning opportunities to accommodate alternate schedules so that students may pursue their passions in arts or athletics such as dance, music, gymnastics, swimming, diving, hockey, or baseball. City Park School will host the Flex Program Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.

* An application with references from a homeroom teacher and a coach or instructor is required for this program

**What our students say about the FLEX Program**

"In the FLEX program there is more of an opportunity to participate in my activity and still focus on my academics. I would recommend it to anyone who has a passion for a specific activity and currently struggles balancing school and their activity."

"The FLEX Program allows me to put in more hours of training so that I can compete at a high level of diving and perform to the best of my abilities. I train during the school day without missing as much class time as in a regular school."
WHAT SETS US APART

- Academic Upgrading
- Cultural Centre
- 10-week Quarter classes
- Take only two classes at a time
- Small class sizes
- Teacher-led tutorials
- Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program (AYEP) 20/30
- Tourism 30 A & B
- Integrated School-Linked Services (ISLS)
- Student-parent support program
- Adult 12 program
- Literacy and Math supports
- Stretch classes in ELA, Math and Health Science
- Strong sense of community
- Student lounge and community school coordinator
- Band program
- Curricular Connected Indigenous Ensemble
- Nutana Career and Industry Education class (NICE)

NUTANA ADVANTAGE

Our school motto—“Working together towards personal success in a safe, caring, and respectful learning community”—lets everyone know the kind of place Nutana Collegiate is. We inspire learning by providing support through our many services, valuing our students’ voices, and creating a strong sense of belonging. We develop strong student-staff relationships through concentrated time spent together in our quarter system. We make learning relevant by including our students in their learning plans and by partnering with the community in our work. By individualizing learning and other supports, we strive to respond to students’ interests and needs. Students tell us they feel like they “belong” at Nutana. They are encouraged to develop the skills that will empower them in the future.

Our community partners tell us they appreciate working with our students and staff and are amazed at the commitment and skills of our students. We are proud of the many accomplishments of our Nutana family—both students and staff! We definitely know we are making a difference for individuals and the community.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Alongside our teaching staff, Nutana has many support staff and services to assist our students to achieve success. The Integrated School-Linked Services team includes a nurse practitioner, mental health and addictions counsellor, social worker, stay-in-school coordinator, community coordinator, and a police liaison officer. There is a breakfast program in the student lounge provided by the Salvation Army. The Jacoby Centre is a student-parent support program, and the school is home to Millie’s Early Learning Centre.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"It feels different at Royal West. You actually have a relationship with your teacher here. Teachers respect us and believe in us."

"I like how this school is very welcoming, treats you like family. Yes it is simple, it feels like home. It feels safe and I'm allowed to be me... no questions asked."

"I didn’t know what I wanted for myself and really didn’t believe I was worth anything. I don’t feel like that at Royal West. Here I matter and the teachers and staff make me a priority. It is like family. Everyone works hard to help everyone see their own success."

"Every day I see new people in my classes as well as those who were with me months ago. Other schools I would see less and less students as the year went on because people drop out. Here, the door is always open and students are always welcomed when they walk through."

AN ADULT PROGRAM AS UNIQUE AS OUR STUDENTS
Royal West Campus offers individuals aged 18 and over the opportunity to study in a format that suits their busy lifestyles. Advantages include:
- Continuous-intake, continuous-progress, self-paced learning.
- Daily student intake until the end of March.
- Teacher-facilitated independent programming.
- A calm, peaceful atmosphere in which to study.

ADULT 12 PROGRAM
The Adult 12 program permits students, who are either 18 years of age and have been out of school for at least one year or 19 years of age or older, to obtain Grade 12 standing by successfully completing the following courses without having prerequisites:
- English A30
- English B30
- History 30 or Native Studies 30
- Grade 11 or Grade 12 Math
- Grade 11 or Grade 12 Science
- Two Grade 12 electives

Modified courses are acceptable and available.

UPGRADING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
Royal West offers individuals who are planning for post-secondary education the opportunity to take the courses that they need for entrance. Whether to boost their overall average for admission or to fulfill a course requirement for a specific program, students will find what they are looking for at Royal West.

ON-SITE DAYCARE
Royal West Early Learning Centre is a daycare for infants to five-year-olds. The early childhood educators strive to provide quality, developmentally age appropriate programming. Call 306.683.8390 for information.
SUMMER SCHOOL

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WHAT SETS US APART

• Morning and evening classes to fit the student’s schedule
• Students can earn a high school credit in just one month
• Both classroom and online learning opportunities
• Provides current high school students with scheduling flexibility during the regular school year
• Opportunity for adult learners to upgrade or fulfill post-secondary requirements
• Opportunity for outcome completion based on individual circumstances

SUMMER SCHOOL ADVANTAGES

Saskatoon Public Schools’ Summer School Program offers a range of high school credit classes that provide both current high school students and adults with an opportunity to meet high school graduation and entrance requirements to post-secondary institutions. Taking a class during the summer can provide current students with flexibility in their class schedule during the following school year.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

High school students who are under the age of 18 are required to have any prerequisite course and it is up to students to ensure they have all prerequisites before summer classes begin. Adult students, (i.e. age 18 and out of school for a year or students age 19 and older) cannot take Grade 10 or 11 courses unless it is a Science 20 or Math 20 course that is required as the final credit to complete the Adult 12 program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All students attending Summer School classes pay tuition and all course offerings are subject to sufficient enrollment. Information about course offerings and registration for Summer School is available at saskatoonpublicschools.ca beginning in mid-April. Registration and tuition payment can be done in-person at the Saskatoon Public Schools Board of Education office.
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Collegiate Open Houses

Join us at any of our 2020 collegiate open houses. Discover the many learning opportunities we offer and choose your school.

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BE PART OF THE ACTION

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PAY ATTENTION TO ATTENDANCE:
KEEP YOUR CHILD ON TRACK IN HIGH SCHOOL

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

MAKE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE A PRIORITY
• Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
• Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
• Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
• Don’t let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

HELP YOUR TEEN STAY ENGAGED
• Find out if your child feels engaged by his or her classes. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
• Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
• Stay on top of your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
• Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL
• Know the school’s attendance policy.
• Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour. These could be tied to something going on at school.
• Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
• Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.

DID YOU KNOW?
• Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
• Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
• By 6th grade, absenteeism is a strong indicator that a student may drop out of high school.
• By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
• Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student’s academic success.
• Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
• Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from university and keep a job.

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