



JOHN D. BRACCO SCHOOL PROGRAM AND COURSE SELECTION GRADE 8: 2016-2017

Print Student Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Selecting a Program and Courses:

Every effort will be made to enroll students in a program and courses that suit their interest and educational needs. Students are enrolled according to their first choices as much as possible. However, class size and timetable fit are essential factors that will also be considered. Please complete your selections for each section.

1. **PROGRAM** – Students choose the program that best matches their previous levels of achievement and educational needs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learner
<i>District testing required</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Advanced Placement
<i>Based on teacher recommendation
and/or parent request</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity
<i>School must SNAP</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> BLA/Opportunity
<i>School must SNAP</i> | |

2. **SECOND LANGUAGES** – Students in Alberta are required to enroll in a second language course through to Grade 9. Please indicate your choice below by checking one of the boxes.

- French as a Second Language 8** **Spanish Language and Culture 8**

3. **COMPLEMENTARY COURSES** – Rank both lists below in order of preference.

<i>Select Full Year Option</i>	<i>Select Trimester Options</i>
<i>These must ALL be ranked from #1 being your first choice to #5 being your last choice</i>	<i>These must ALL be ranked from #1 being your first choice to #8 being your last choice</i>
<u>Full Year</u>	<u>Trimester</u>
___ Art	___ Aboriginal Studies
___ Foods	___ Art
___ Guitar	___ Digital Design
___ Leadership	___ Drumming
___ Photography	___ Fitness
	___ Foods
	___ Martial Arts
	___ Soccer

Fine Arts

Art 8 (Full Year) and Art (Trimester)

Full Year Fee: \$40

Trimester Fee: \$20

Art students will explore art through a variety of media and techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture. Students will learn to apply skills in a way that develops their ability to create realistic pieces and look at art as a form of personal expression. *(Fee is used for materials and projects)*

Drumming 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$20

Students will learn the basics of percussion. They will participate in drumming circles and learn a variety of rhythms from different cultures. No music experience required. This course is a great introduction to music. *(Fee is used for rental and supplies)*

Guitar 8 (Full Year)

Full Year Fee: \$50

The guitar program provides students with the opportunity to learn guitar, play drums occasionally and sing. Students will develop the skills required to play a repertoire of interesting pieces written in a variety of musical styles. Students will be required to rent a guitar (or use their own) and supplies as needed. *(Fee is used for rental and supplies)*

Career Technology Foundations

Career Technology Foundations (CTF) help students explore interests and passions while developing skills and competencies and making connections to career possibilities and occupational areas. CTF also allows students to make connections between their options and core courses.

Aboriginal Studies 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$20

In this project-based program, students will build an understanding of Aboriginal culture and history through hands-on activities and inquiry. The course will give students an opportunity to learn and experience traditions, literature, art, sports, and other topics related to Aboriginal perspectives in Canada. *(Fee is used for materials and fieldtrip)*

Digital Design 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$20

Students will explore the process of creating three dimensional objects of various sizes, geometrical shapes and functions. Students will learn how to create code for their creations and see it through all testing processes and final printing. Students will also learn how machines like 3D printers are becoming an integral part of manufacturing. *(Fee is used for printing materials and projects)*

Fitness 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$50

Fitness is an activity-based course designed for students who wish to develop training techniques and an understanding of themselves as an athlete. Students will enhance their understanding of sports skill development, physical training, nutrition, body mechanics, sport-related injuries and first aid. *(Fee is used for fieldtrips and use of fitness machines)*

Food Studies 8 (Full Year and Trimester)

Full Year Fee: \$50

Trimester Fee: \$20

Students will learn basic cooking skills and techniques as well as the benefits of healthy food choices. Students will learn to follow recipes, proper use of kitchen equipment, kitchen and food handling safety, teamwork, and efficient work habits. Practical labs will emphasize food preparation skills. *(Fee is used for groceries and consumables)*

Leadership 8 (Full Year)

Full Year Fee: \$30

Leadership students will be active and responsible citizens contributing to the quality of their environment, community and society as a whole by planning, managing and accessing a number of school-wide, local and global community service initiatives. Students will learn about their personal strengths and style of leadership through various student initiated projects. *(Fee is used for materials, leadership shirt and fieldtrip costs)*

Martial Arts 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$30

Students will examine and develop an appreciation of martial arts in both the training room and classroom with a focus on respect and discipline. Students will practice technical aspects of a variety of martial arts forms, which may include striking, grappling and self-defense. The course includes guest presenters and opportunities for students to apply critical-thinking skills to conduct research on martial arts history, culture and basic techniques. *(Fee is used for materials and fieldtrips)*

Photography 8 (Full Year)

Full Year Fee: \$20

Students develop essential skills in camera use with a focus on basic composition and set-up. Students will learn how to operate a camera to capture images and produce pieces for displays, projects and publications, including yearbook. *(Fee is used for printing materials and projects)*

Soccer 8 (Trimester)

Trimester Fee: \$50

Students will focus on individual player development based on each player's current level and potential. They will have an opportunity to develop their technical and tactical soccer skills, and increase their knowledge of the game. Teamwork, accountability and responsibility will be promoted in an enjoyable environment guided by the principles of fair play. *(Fee used for materials and fieldtrips)*