



DESCRIPTIONS OF OPTIONAL COURSES

2022-2023

Visual Arts AVI10 - Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials through working with a range of materials, processes, techniques and styles. They will also study particular art periods and cultures.

Drama ADA10 - The grade 9 Drama class at Colonel By is an inclusive introduction to the world of theatre and theatre creation. The emphasis of the course is for students to learn and become familiar with the collaborative nature of performance theatre. Students will learn the fundamentals of theatre production and design while creating and performing both original and pre-existing theatrical pieces. Grade 9 drama begins with a focus on the elements of production and design and the roles of people responsible for creating theatrical productions. Students will be introduced to various forms of theatrical performance from tableaux, improvisation and monologues to scene studies, children's theatre, and clown and musical theatre.

Music AMU10 - 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. Brass/woodwind/percussion only. Piano and guitar are not considered band instruments.

Repertoire Band AMR10 - Students must also be enrolled in AMU10. (0.5 credit value; after school)

Exploring Technologies TIJ10 - 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 or industries, working with a variety of tools, equipment, and software. 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. ***Web design, graphic design, animation, design tech including design projects such as mouse trap cars, straw towers/bridges, and CAD (no robotics).**

Exploring Communication Technology TGJ10 - This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills in communications technology, which encompasses video and movie production, radio and audio production, print and graphic communications, photography and animation. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues and will begin to explore secondary and post-secondary pathways leading to careers in the field. ***New media and design including animation, web design, graphic design, digital video editing, filmmaking, and special effects.**

Spanish (beginner) LWSBD - This is a beginner level Spanish course. Students will also explore aspects of the culture of countries where Spanish is spoken.

Learning Strategies GLS10 – Students will learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills to improve academic performance.

Simplified Chinese/Mandarin LKBBD – This is a beginner level Chinese course, which will run after school hours twice/week.