



**Carson Graham Secondary School**  
**Telephone (604) 903-3555 [www.carsongraham.ca](http://www.carsongraham.ca)**  
**2025/2026 Grade 8 Course Requests**



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 7 Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if you are currently enrolled in the following: LAC  ELL  French Immersion

**Required Courses: Year 3 refers to Grade 8 courses.**

1. Language and Literature Year 3

2. Individuals and Societies Year 3

3. Science Year 3

4. Mathematics Year 3

5. Physical & Health Education Year 3

6. Fine Arts Year 3 Rotation: Rotation includes all three courses below:

- \*Arts Education - Music
- \*Arts Education - Drama
- \*Arts Education - Visual Arts

Replace with Concert Band? Yes  No

7. Design Year 3 Rotation: Rotation includes all three courses below:

- \*Computational Thinking
- \*Textiles
- \*Woodwork

Replace with Concert Band? Yes  No

8. Select One of:

- Language Acquisition Year 3 - French
- Language Acquisition Year 3 - Spanish
- Language Acquisition Year 3 - Squamish

**Music Elective Options. These Courses MAY occur outside the timetable before or after school and at lunch.**

- Arts Education Year 3 - Concert Band** (Concert Band will replace the Design **OR** the Arts Elective Rotation - Please indicate in the appropriate section 6 or 7. Minimum of 2 years experience is needed. Please circle which instrument you will play: flute, oboe, clarinet, bass, trumpet, tuba, French horn, sax, trombone, percussion, tenor sax, or alto sax.
- Arts Education Year 3 - Beginner Band**
- Arts Education Years 3 Jazz Band** (Must be taken with either Concert Band or Concert Choir)
- Arts Educations Years 3 - Concert Choir**
- Arts Educations Years 3 - Vocal Jazz** ( Must be taken with either Concert Band or Concert Choir)

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

1. Students requiring ELL Support will be recommended by their Gr. 7 teacher.
2. LAC will take the place of either an elective rotation or a language class. Recommendations come through the Grade 7 teacher, so please discuss with the teacher. Only the teacher can request an LAC class on your child's behalf, so do NOT request an LAC class if your teacher does not support the request.
3. As part of the transition from elementary to secondary, meetings occur where educators discuss your child's progress, abilities and possible support needs in Gr 8. The information discussed will be shared between elementary and secondary staff. If you have any questions about the process, please contact your child's Gr 7 teacher.

Please direct any questions to the Grade 8 counsellor: Karen Marshall [kmarshall@sd44.ca](mailto:kmarshall@sd44.ca) or 604 903-3555

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) (Signature)

Students must return the completed form to their Grade 7 teachers before Friday, **January 31, 2025.**

Supplementary Instructions for the flip side of this form:

**Step 1:** If your child is currently attending Grade 7 in North Van, please include their current school and teacher's name. If you are new to North Van, please include where your child last attended school.

**Step 2:** If your child has an official B.C. Ministry of Identification Learning Disability (Q) AND would like an academic support class in Grade 8, please check-off the (Learning Assistance Class) LAC box. Unless we are otherwise notified, we will give your child an LAC block and drop their language class.

**Step 3:** If your child is new to learning English (or new to Canada from a non-English speaking country), please check-off the (English Language learner) ELL box. If you know their ELL level (1-5), please write it on the form.

**Step 4:** If your child is currently in French Immersion, please check-off the French Immersion box.

**Step 5:** Please select ONE of the following languages in section 8 on the form: French, Spanish, or Squamish.

**Step 6:** The music course below are OPTIONAL. However, if you would like your child to be in the choir and/or band, please refer to the right hand column of the planning sheet. Students may take more than one music course!

Arts Education Year 3 - Concert Band is open to students who have approximately two years of experience playing a woodwind instrument, a brass instrument or a percussion instrument. Because Concert Band is a year-long course offered during the regular school day, students wanting to be in Concert Band must substitute all the fine arts year 3 rotation electives listed in section 6 on the form OR all the design year 3 rotation electives listed in section

Arts Education Year 3 Beginner Band is open to any student wanting to learn a band instrument: No experience is required. The available band instruments are the flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and percussion. This course is often taught *outside* of regular school hours (between 9:10 am – 3:00 pm) after school and one day a week at lunch or before school.

Arts Education Years 3 Concert Choir is open to all students. Similar to Beginner Band, this class is taught outside of regular school hours.

Arts Education Years 3 Jazz Band is offered only to students who are *also* taking Concert Band or Concert Choir. Again, this course is offered outside regular school hours.

Arts Education Years 3 Vocal Jazz is offered only to students who are also taking Concert Band or Concert Choir. This course is offered outside regular school hours.

**Step 7:** IF you want to take Concert Band, please also indicate which instrument your child has approximately 2 years of experience playing.

Please feel free to contact me by phone (604 903-3555) or by email should you have any questions. Once you have completed and signed the form, please email it to me OR drop it off to Carson Graham's main office, to my attention. Thank you! Karen Marshall