

Grade 9 and YOU ... at GCVI



A presentation for grade 8 students and their Parents

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Land Acknowledgement

The Upper Grand District School Board is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the Michi Saagig of the Credit and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. This land also includes a specified tract of land granted to the Six Nations of the Grand River. These Nations hold legal and specific rights in their respective territories. This area has been and continues to be home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

Welcome to GCVI grade 9s!

Principal: Mr. James Cako
Vice Principals: Mr. Ben McCabe;
Ms. Colleen Anstett



welcome

Student Senate Co-Chairs

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IB Preparatory Program

Cohorted in English (ENL1WB), Math (MTH1WB) and Science (SNC1WB)

- follow the same curriculum as 1W de-steamed courses
- some aspects tailored to preparing students for the IB Diploma.

IB Coordinator Angela Snell
(asnell@ugcloud.ca)

Global Citizenship (HZB3MB)

- Prepares students for Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Activity Service
- Drop by room 256 during your tour to learn more!
- Applications due by 3:00 p.m. Dec. 1

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/ib-gcvi/application/>

The School Day



Students will take 4 courses per semester.

Semester 1: September – end of January

Semester 2: February – end of June

GCVI Guidance Head: Heather Buck
(heather.buck@ugdsb.on.ca)

Period 1 8:55 am – 10:15 am

Period 2 10:22 am – 11:37 am

LUNCH 11:37 am – 12:33 pm

Period 3 12:38 pm – 1:53 pm

Period 4 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Summer school courses, eLearning, Community Service, OSSLT.



1. **Summer School reach ahead credits (optional)**
 - a. In person, July. Commonly offered are:
 - i. Careers and Civics
 - ii. Grade 10 History
2. **eLearning Courses**
 - a. Taking a course prior to entering grade 9
 - i. July (courses available in spring)
 - b. Taking eLearning courses during the school year.
 - c. 2 eLearning courses required by graduation. (Opt Out Form is available)
3. **Other things to consider as you prepare for grade 9**
 - a. Community Service Hours
 - b. Literacy Test Requirement
 - c. Credits required for graduation (19 compulsory; 11 electives = 30 credits to graduate)
 - i. One Arts course
 - ii. One Physical Education course
 - iii. One junior (9/10) Technology course

Grade 9 Courses – Compulsory

- **English** (ENL1W)
- **Math** (MTH1W)
- **Science** (SNC1W)
- **French** (FSF1D)
- **Geography**(CGC1D)



De-streamed in grade 9

If you think Essential (Locally-Developed) (1L) courses are more suitable for your child, contact your grade 8 teacher or GCVI Guidance/Resource.

eLearning Courses for grade 9 students

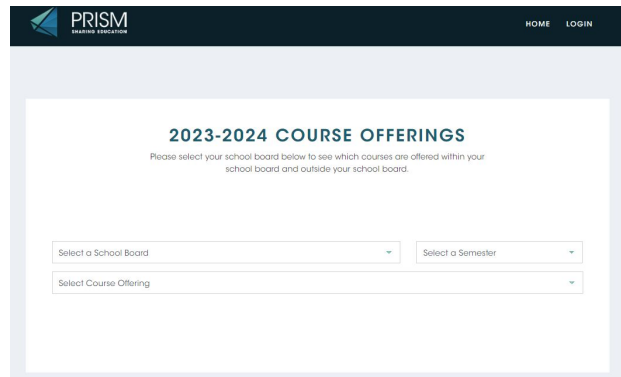
Grade 9 courses offered by UGDSB (in course selection)

- AVI10Z
- BTT10Z
- GLS10Z
- MTH1WZ
- TIJ10Z

Use the Ontario eLearning Consortium (PRISM) to find other eLearning courses on offer.

Students come to GCVI Guidance to register (once enrolled at GCVI)

<https://www.elearningstudents.ca/course-offerings-2023-2024>



The screenshot shows the PRISM eLearning Consortium website. The header includes the PRISM logo and navigation links for HOME and LOGIN. The main content area is titled "2023-2024 COURSE OFFERINGS" and includes a sub-header: "Please select your school board below to see which courses are offered within your school board and outside your school board." Below this, there are three dropdown menus: "Select a School Board", "Select a Semester", and "Select Course Offering".

Grade 9 Courses – Optional (Choose 3)

- Phys. Ed (must take 1 before graduation)
- Arts (must take 1 before graduation)
 - Instrumental Music
(Beginner or Experienced)
 - Vocal Music
 - Art
 - Drama
- Tech
 - Integrated Tech
(Mixed or females only)
must take a junior (9/10) tech before graduation
- Family Studies
- Business
 - Intro. to Business
 - Information and Communication
Technology in Business



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – AMI10, AMI10N(beginner)



*GCVI Sr. Symphonic Band performing at the
Nationals Arts Centre in Ottawa 2019*

- Studies in Instrumental Music at both the advanced and beginner level.
- Explore and develop skills on traditional concert band instruments; woodwind, brass, and percussion .
- Practice performances techniques, repertoire, tone development, and music notation.
- Also explore composition, arranging, improvisation, and digital composition.

VOCAL MUSIC – AMV10



*GCVI Chamber Choir with rock band **Foreigner** on their 40th Anniversary Tour in 2019*

- Singers of all levels of experience welcome!
- Techniques for happy, healthy and sustainable singing are learned throughout grade 9.
- Group singing featuring many different types of repertoire.
- Opportunities to sing on stage with some of North America's most notable musicians.

GUITAR – AMG20



Student learning will include participating in creative activities and listening perceptively. Students will also be required to develop a thorough understanding of the language of music, including the elements, terminology, and history. This course is designed for the beginning guitar student who will learn how to tune the guitar, read chord charts and melodic notation.

Introduction to:

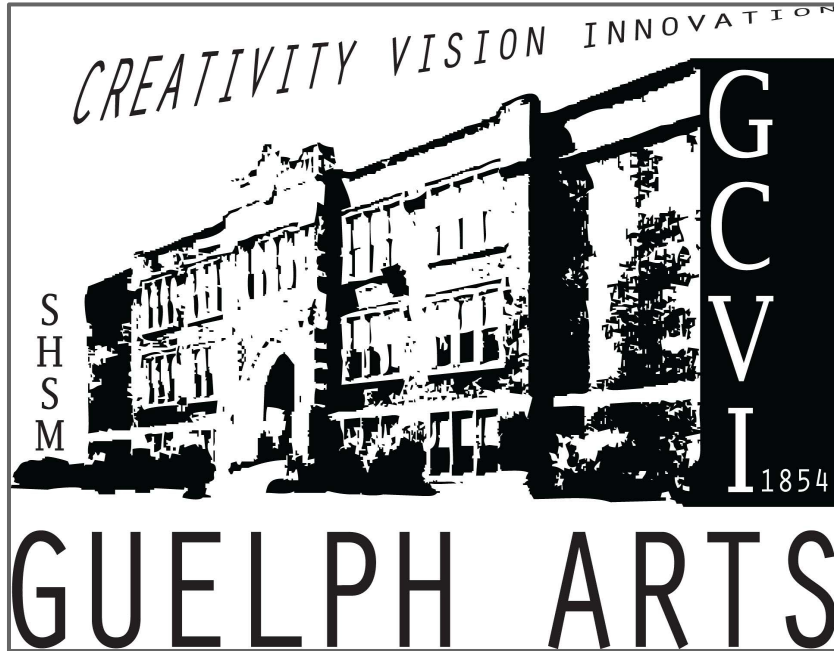
- Folk
- Rock
- Pop
- Blues
- jazz

DRAMA – ADA10



- Develop skills through games & activities
- Gain confidence & presentation skills
- Perform with friends in a safe space
- Write, create, direct & design your ideas
- Collaborate with other creative students
- Practice critical thinking & problem solving
- Develop your innovation & creativity

VISUAL ARTS – AVI10



- This course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study.
- Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles.
- Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context.

ARTS – NACIO



**Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit
Cultures:**

Painting

Sculpture

Storytelling

Dance and Music

Media Arts – Grade 10 option (ASM20)



This course enables students to create media art works by exploring new media, emerging technologies such as digital animation, and a variety of traditional art forms such as film, photography, video, and visual arts. Students will acquire communications skills that are transferable beyond the media arts classroom and develop an understanding of responsible practices related to the creative process.

GRADE 9 INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

TIJIO OR TIJIOX (FEMALES ONLY)



- Explore and develop technological knowledge and skills introduced in the elementary science and technology program.
- Opportunity to design and create products.
- Working with a variety of tools, equipment, and software commonly used in industry.

Various Shops available at GCVI

Hospitality and Tourism- Cafeteria

Green Industries

Computer Tech Room

Communications Tech Room

Manufacturing

Woodworking

Auto

Tech Design

Hairstyling & Aesthetics (Cosmo)

GREEN INDUSTRIES



GCVI Technological Education Grade 10 options for Grade 9's

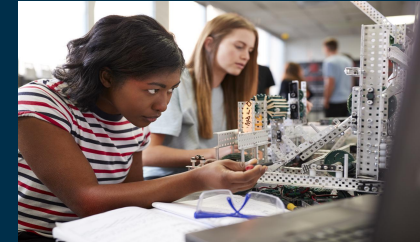
TRANSPORTATION



TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN



COMPUTER ENGINEERING



HOSPITALITY AND
TOURISM



COMMUNICATION TECH



CONSTRUCTION



MANUFACTURING



COSMETOLOGY



COMPUTER SCIENCE – Grade 10 Option (ICD 20)

Computer Science is one of the fastest growing fields of study, and the skills learned in Computer Science can serve you in many pathways, including medicine, engineering, geography, tech and more!

If you enjoy challenges, solving problems, and combining logic with out-of-the box thinking, try taking a Computer Science course!

At GCVI, we offer a Grade 10 Open course which introduces students to programming concepts using the Python programming language, and Grade 11 and 12 University courses which continue programming in Java. Anyone can take the Grade 10 course and no programming experience is required!



EXPLORING FAMILY STUDIES – HIF 10



Connects to everyday life and prepares you for real world relationships and experience.

- Explore ways to get along better with your family and friends
- Discuss adolescent issues of today
- How to eat and prepare healthy food
- How to improve your communication and decision making skills
- How to spend your money wisely
- How to deal with peer pressure
- Build healthy relationships
- Basic sewing and decorating skills

Food and Nutrition – Grade 10 Option (HFN20)

- Investigate factors that influence food choices, including beliefs, attitudes, current trends, traditional eating patterns, food-marketing strategies, and individual needs.
- Explore the environmental impact of a variety of food choices at the local and global levels.
- Develop food-preparation skills by cooking each week.



HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING – PPL 10

Healthy Eating

Substance Use



World games, weight training, pickleball, crossnet, spikeball, rock climbing, ringette, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, CPR/AED training and so much more!

- Experience lots of different traditional and non-traditional games/activities
- Safe and inclusive environment
- Accommodate for ALL to have equal opportunity (regardless of athletic ability, body size and interests)
- There is an expectation to be prepared on a daily basis with a change of clothes appropriate for activity

Health 2x/week
Activity 3x/week

Sexual Health

Personal Safety



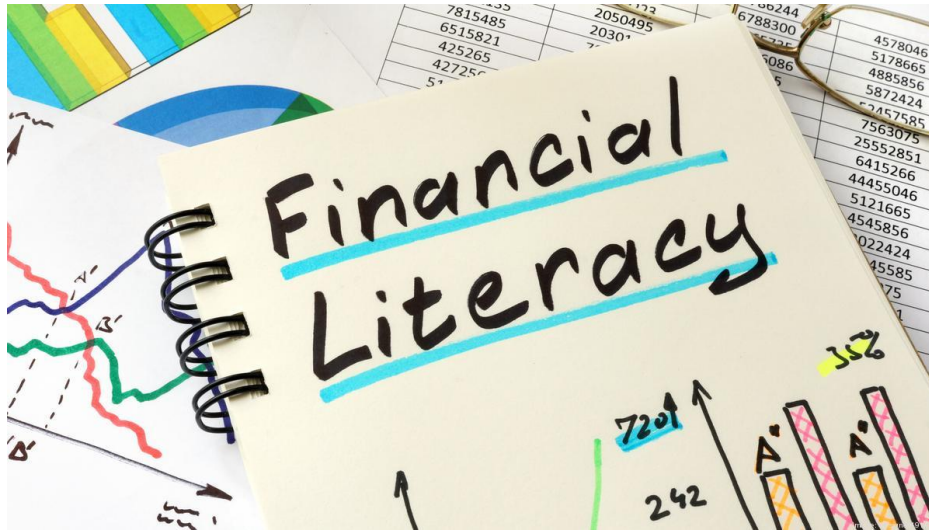
INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL FITNESS – PAF20



Movement skills, fitness training methods and principles, varied methods of improving and maintaining personal fitness and physical competence, safety and injury prevention, nutrition

- Introductory level course that will help prepare students to take future fitness courses and participate in personal fitness programs outside of school with confidence
- **Participation in highly challenging physical activities that promote lifelong healthy active living and personal physical fitness.**
- Exploring fitness based activities that can be explored later in life, such as outside gyms, yoga or Crossfit
- **Fitness workouts three/four days a week (fitness center and circuits in the gym) & health awareness and education one-two days a week (classroom)**
- **There is an expectation to be prepared on a daily basis with a change of clothes appropriate for activity/workouts**

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS – BBI10



You'll learn about two main areas of study:

1. Personal Finance

- Identify theft prevention, budgeting, credit, investing and savings.
- Participate in an online Stock Market Game.

2. Business Fundamentals and Entrepreneurship

- Business ownership, Business development, Marketing and Accounting.
- Students create a business plan for a new Guelph based small business.

Introduction To Business Communications: BTT10



Learn important skills that will benefit you in this digital age

1. Digital Literacy

- Microsoft Windows, Internet Terminology, Media Smarts

2. Computer Hardware

- Internal/External Components

3. Productivity Software

- Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel

4. Design Software

- Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, Google Sites

Language Courses Options

GERMAN - LWGBD

This course provides opportunity for students to begin to develop and apply skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in German.

german	english
Hallo	Hello
Gute Nacht	Goodnight
Entschuldigung	Sorry
Gut	Good
Schlecht	Bad
Ja	Yes
Danke	Thank You
Willkommen	Welcome

SPANISH - LWSBD

This course provides opportunity for students to begin to develop and apply skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish.



Grade 10 course options for Grade 9 students



1. **Art – Media Art**
2. **Computer Studies**
3. **Musical Theatre (2024/25)**
4. **Guitar**
5. **Food and Nutrition**
6. **Personal Fitness**
7. **Languages (German and Spanish)**
8. **Construction Technology**
9. **Technological Design (Architectural Design)**
10. **Computer Technology**
11. **Hospitality and Tourism**
12. **Communications Technology**
13. **Manufacturing**
14. **Transportation Technology**
15. **Green Industries**
16. **Hairstyling and Aesthetics (Cosmetology)**
17. **Computer Science**

Important Course Selection Steps:

1. Course Selection – with grade 8 teacher
- MyBlueprint will open in January for Course Selection
 - Have conversations with Teachers and Parents
 - Research courses through MyBlueprint/course calendar on website
 - Select your optional courses for grade 9

Click submit for your selections on or before January 31, 2024

Out of area/non-UGDSB students need a registration package. Pick one up in Guidance!



Getting involved with Clubs and Sports



December 14, 15, 16

6:30 doors open
7:00 production starts



Supports for GCVI students



- School Visits
- Transition Meetings
- Link Crew, Orientation Day (Thursday, August 29- probably!)
 - regular meetings in year
- Guidance, Resource and Student Success
 - mental health
 - Social Worker and CYC
 - future planning, goal setting
 - pathways
 - personal counseling
 -
- Caring staff and student body

YOU WILL FIND YOUR PLACE AT GCVI

School Tours

- Option 1 – Group tours

Students holding coloured paper over their head are available for small (10-12 person tours around the school (Blue, yellow, green, red))

- Option 2 – Self-Guided Tours

Please explore the school on your own to experience the amazing spaces at GCVI. If you see an open room, please feel free to go in and check it out.



Thank you!

Enjoy your Tour

Staff will be available for questions in the following areas:

Student Services – Rm. 103 (Resource)
Guidance – Guidance Office
Administration – Main Office
Drama – Auditorium
Music – Rm. 130
Art – Rm. 16
English – Rm. 208
Technology – Rm. 131, 132, 133
Science – Rm. 18
Math – Rm. 109
Geography – Rm. 108
Family Studies – Rm. 216
Global Citizenship – Rm. 256
Physical Education – Gym and Weight Rm. 39
Languages – Rms. 251 and 253
Business – 153

