

Kwalikum Secondary School

**Everything you need to know
about going into Grade 9!**



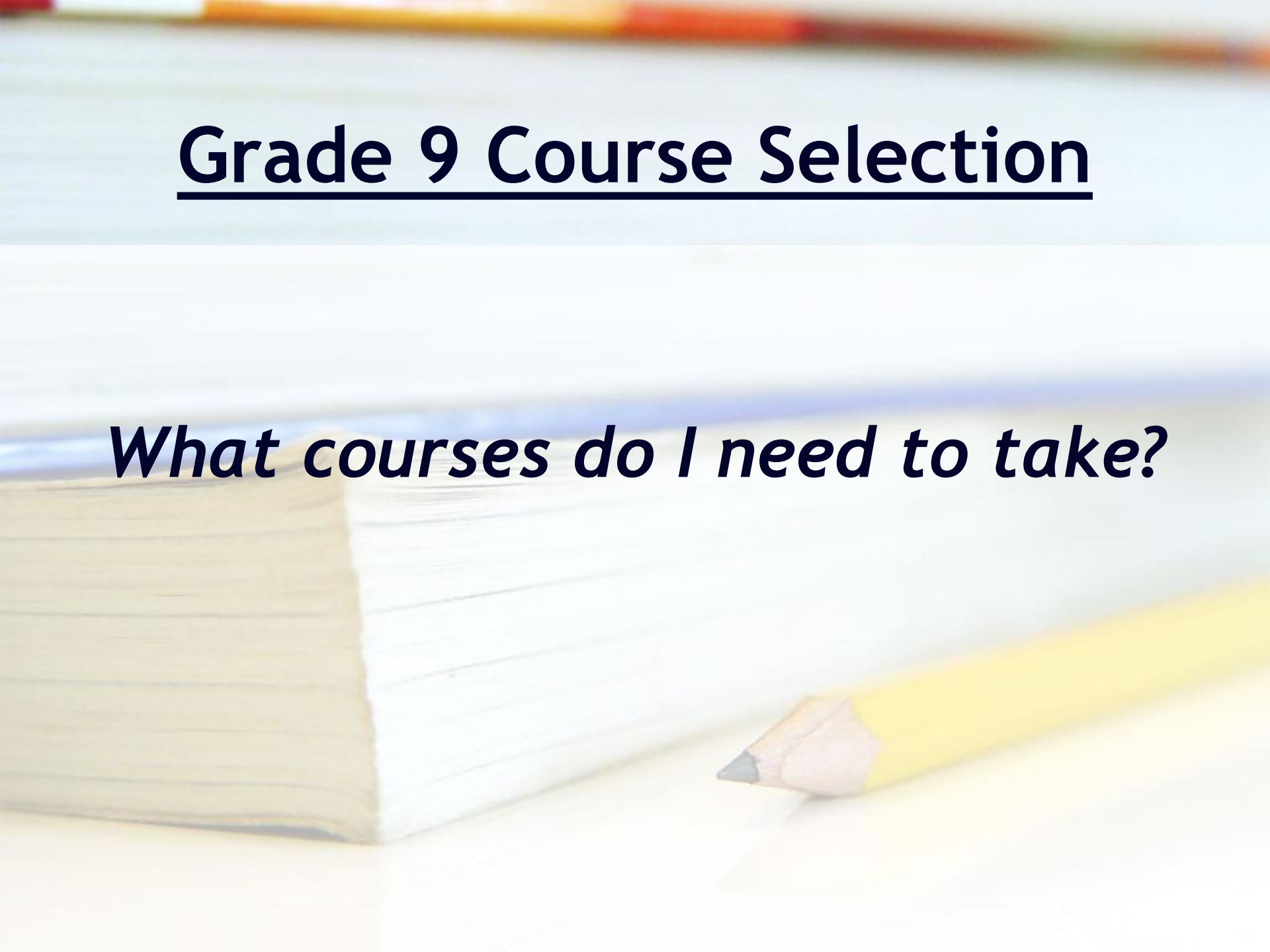
Semester Cohort System

- 2 semesters each year (Sept - Jan; Feb - June)
- New Electives each semester with your core subjects in the linear cohort system



Grade 9 Course Selection

What courses do I need to take?



Required Courses

- Language Arts 9
- Math 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- Physical Health Education 9
- Career Life Education

Is my timetable different if I'm in Band?

- **Band 9 and Careers 9 are paired together in one block**
- **These 2 courses take up one block all year (example: Block C Day 1)**
- **For example, you will have Band/Careers on Day 1 and PE on Day 2 for the entire year**

Second Languages

- French
- French is offered up thru Grade 12 at KSS.
- Other languages such as Japanese and ASL are offered for Grade 11 credit; you cannot sign up for these courses until you are in grade 10

What about Arts Education and Applied Design, Skills and Technologies requirements?

- **You are required to take one Arts Education 9 or Applied Design, Skills and Technologies 9 course during Grade 9.**
- **In Grades 10, 11 & 12, you are required to complete one Arts Education OR one Applied Design, Skills and Technologies course during those three years.**

What electives can I choose from?

- Drama
- French
- Computer Technology
- Guitar
- Art Studio
- Foods
- Fibre Arts
- Metalwork
- Woodwork
- Mechanics

Some of our electives will be paired together each semester, to give you the chance to experience a wider variety of courses throughout the school year. This approach will allow you to try out different interests, whether it's arts, technology, music, or something else you're passionate about. Some of these pairings might even count as graduation credits.

What are Alternates?

- These are courses you pick in case we cannot fit you into your first choice electives
 - We do our very best to get you your first choices.
- “If I don’t pick alternates, they’ll have to give me my first choice courses.” (Wrong!)
 - We would prefer that you pick your alternates, but if you don’t, alternate electives will be chosen for you and will be based on what classes have room.

Course Selection Process

- **March 3-7**
 - » In class Course Registration Begins
- **Week before spring break: Course Selection must be submitted to Counselling Centre**

What else do I need to know?

- The key to success in Gr. 9 is:
 - completing your assignments on time
 - using class time productively
 - regular attendance
- Homework can and will be minimal, IF you use the class time provided
- Talk with your Gr. 8 homeroom teacher and your parents about your course selections
- Don't forget to return your Course Selection Form by the deadline

QUESTIONS

Did we forget anything?

Check our school website

What more do you want to know?

Now's your time to ask...

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THANK YOU!

- **Choose your classes wisely!**
- **Graduation Class of 2029!**

