



Tom Baines School  
Complementary Course  
Grade 7 Selection Form  
2026 - 2027



<b>Student Last Name:</b>	<b>Student First Name:</b>
<b>Student CBE Number:</b>	<b>Current Homeroom</b> (if at Tom Baines) <b>OR</b> <b>Current School</b> (if you are new to Tom Baines):

**Complementary Course Requests**

**Requested Courses:** Select six courses from the list below by numbering them 1 to 6. With 1 being your first choice.  
**Requests 1 to 4 must match courses registered for in PowerSchool**

	Band (Full Year)		Construction		Exploration in Film (CommTech)		French
	Art		Drama		Foods and Fashion		Outdoor Education
	Computer Science		Electro-Technologies				

This signature indicates that I have made an informed decision about my complementary courses in consultation with my family. I understand that I made these choices, and that there may be implications if I submit this form late.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please be aware that all complementary courses will be offered based on student interest, enrolment and school resources. Many factors are considered in creating thoughtful course compositions. We will not be able to accommodate changes.

## Course Descriptions

**Band:** This course is open to beginner, novice, and experienced players. No previous music experience is required. Students will work together as a group to develop instrumental skills, learn to read and write music, and perform multiple times throughout the year, including a festival performance! This course includes a Band Camp that all students should attend. Students may rent an instrument from the school or provide their own (please check with Mr. Lewis if bringing one from home). Please note that students must take Band in Grade 7 if they wish to take Band in Grade 8, 9 or in High School.

**Instruments:** Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba, Percussion

**Art:** This course is a project-based exploration of art that stresses hands-on experience creating 2D and 3D artworks. Students will gain familiarity with a variety of artistic media such as coloured pencil, pen and ink, watercolour paint, ceramics and more. Through your immersion in art creation, you will learn about discipline-based concepts such as the elements and principles of design, composition and the technical use of a range of art materials. A key focal point of this class will be critically assessing artworks to refine and revise them to foster high quality artistic creations.

**Computer Science:** Students will develop computational thinking, digital literacy, and problem-solving skills within the CTF competencies (Plan, Create, Appraise, and Communicate) through inquiry-based projects. The curriculum explores modern day challenges associated in the Computer Science field by creating a Cybersecurity PowerPoint and a study of Machine Learning and AI. Students then build technical design skills utilizing Adobe Photoshop, Computer Animation frameworks, and designing their own game. The course culminates by introducing a Coding unit—focusing on foundational logic from Block Coding into text-based JavaScript and Python syntax.

**Construction:** Construction 7 is a hands-on course where students learn to safely use hand tools and basic machinery to design and build small wooden toys. Students are introduced to materials, fasteners, and joinery techniques as they explore how things are made and put together. Through guided projects, they will design, construct, and refine their creations while developing practical skills and confidence in the workshop. The course emphasizes safety, creativity, and craftsmanship in a supportive environment where students can build fun and functional projects from start to finish.

**Drama:** Take Drama and come and Play! Together we will play and make plays. Loaded with drama games and activities that push away the desks and chairs and have you laughing and learning in the drama room with Mr. D. This is an active, creative and fun class where you will make friends, get creative and escape into stories of all kinds. Students will dabble in improvisation, movement, speech, theatre study and technical theatre. You will have a great time exploring mime, tableau, speech, stage combat acting, and creating story for the stage.

**Electro-Technologies:** Robotics is a levelled, hands-on program where students learn to design, build, code, and operate robots while developing skills in engineering and mechatronics. Open to all skill levels, this course supports learners at any starting point—whether they are new to coding or have experience in robotics—through a badge-based system that helps students progress at their own pace. Students work together to solve challenges, create solutions, and apply programming and mechanical ideas to real-world problems. The course emphasizes teamwork, creativity, and problem solving, with opportunities to test their robots in fun competitions and challenges for prizes.

**Exploration in Film:** This is your introduction to the movies! Join us for an adventure of “The Filmmakers’ Journey.” You will learn about the history of film, view and create film projects and together we will sample from the “filmmakers’ buffet” with screen writing, filming, acting for film, editing, viewing and responding. We get to create and explore special effects in film with Green Screen projects. It is so much fun. To complete the journey, we will take your films and screen them in a theatre with popcorn in hand. See you in the movies.

**Foods and Fashion:** Food and Fashion combine two courses into one! We will spend half the semester on each course. In Foods, we will learn basic cooking and baking skills while creating some simple recipes. In Fashion, we will learn how to use a sewing machine, and you will create some simple sewing projects. There is no prerequisite for this class. Both courses involve theory and skill acquisition with an emphasis on safety, and a huge focus on hands on learning!

**French:** Interested in learning another language in a fun and relaxed environment? French 7 is a great place to start! This course is designed for students with little or no previous experience in French. Through games, conversations, music, videos, presentations, and project-based activities, students will begin building confidence communicating in one of Canada’s official languages. Students will also explore Francophone culture through food, media, and learning about French-speaking communities around the world. French 7 is offered every second day in a double block for one semester. Students can continue developing their skills in French 8 and 9. Come discover the fun of learning French!

**Outdoor Education:** An introduction to the great outdoors! There is a wide range of planning done to ensure students fully enjoy their time outdoors from what to wear, understanding local wildlife, ecosystems, and emergency planning. This course will also increase knowledge and awareness of environmental issues. Calgary is situated on the doorstep of the Rockies and has an abundance of natural oases. Students will be able to enjoy the many outdoor opportunities available to us all.