



Tom Baines School
Complementary Course
Grade 9 Selection Form
2026 - 2027



Student Last Name:	Student First Name:
Student CBE Number:	Current Homeroom (if at Tom Baines) OR Current School (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) Brass/Percussion		Cosplay (Fashion Studies)		Foods		Leadership
	Band (Full Year) Woodwind		Design Studies		Foundations of Financial Literacy		Outdoor Education
	Art		Drama & Podcasting Tech Theatre		French		
	Construction		Film Media and Video Production (CommTech)				

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 (Brass or Woodwind): As a 3rd year band class, students will work together as a group to further enhance their instrumental skills, reading, and writing music, with performances multiple times throughout the year. Students may rent an instrument from the school or provide their own. Grade 9 band students will have the opportunity to go on a band trip to another province. Students need to have taken Band in Grade 8 to this course. Students need to take Grade 9 Band if they wish to take Band in High School.

Brass/Percussion Class: Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba, String Bass, Percussion

Woodwind Class: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone

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 pencil, pen and ink, paint, ceramics, sterling silver ring making and more. Through your immersion in art creation, you will learn about discipline-based concepts such as colour theory, design elements, 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. Grade 9 students also get to propose and create a final capstone art project of their choosing as the final project of the term.

Construction: Construction 9 is a hands-on course where students learn to safely use hand tools and woodworking machinery to design and build furniture. Students work with a variety of materials, fasteners, and joinery techniques to create strong, functional, and well-crafted pieces. Through guided instruction, they plan, lay out, cut, assemble, and refine their work while building independence and confidence in the shop. The course emphasizes safety, precision, and craftsmanship in a supportive environment where students produce durable, high-quality projects they can take pride in.

Cosplay: Students will explore a variety of characters (Anime, Comic Books, Movies, TV, Video Games or Animation), choose a character and recreate part of the character's outfit and accessories. Student will make one cardboard/foam prop and one fabric outfit or accessory. Students will increase their knowledge of basic sewing, garment and cardboard/foam construction as well as discover elements of costume design.

Design Studies: Design Studies 9 is a hands-on course focused on digital fabrication and collaborative design for students interested in computers, engineering, and creative problem solving. Students will apply the design process while working together on projects using CAD software, coding fundamentals, 3D printing, laser cutting, and small electronics. Through practical challenges, they will design, prototype, and build functional and creative products while developing skills in digital modelling, fabrication techniques, teamwork, and basic circuitry. This course emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and real-world application, making it ideal for students who enjoy designing, building, and bringing ideas to life with others.

Drama and Podcasting Tech Theatre: Come and play! Working closely with your classmates we will create with lights and sound, video projection, shadows and black light. We will explore and create podcasts and other exciting productions. 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. This class includes field trips to Calgary Military Museums and Rosebud. No experience necessary. See you in the spotlights!

Film Media and Video Production: Let's make movies and elevate your skills with digital media to empower you to stand out in high school and beyond. Are you Interested in Film and Video Media production? Interested in exploring digital film production and editing? Are you passionate about movies? You will learn about pre-production, production, post-production and screening your work in a professional movie theatre. Numerous CTF Career opportunities will be explored. The grand finale for this course will have you sitting in one of Calgary's movie theatres with popcorn in hand, watching your own films, field trips to shoot on location and The Plaza movie theatre in Kensington. No experience required. See you in the movies!

Foods: Carries on the learning we started in Grade 7 & 8. The course has more complex recipes, focus on ethnic cuisine and finishes with the meal planning final project. Students will be provided with the opportunity to learn meal planning skills including event planning, menu, table service and setting, ambiance and time management. Recipes will be explored, and students are encouraged to explore, alter and create their own recipes.

Foundations of Financial Literacy: This course introduces students to the essential skills and knowledge needed to make informed financial decisions. Through interactive lessons, real-world scenarios, and hands-on projects, students will explore topics such as earning, saving, budgeting, banking, responsible spending, credit, and the basics of investing. The course also emphasizes the importance of setting financial goals, understanding needs versus wants, and developing healthy money habits early in life.

French: French 9 is the final middle school French course offered at Tom Baines and is designed for students who want to continue developing their French skills before high school. Through projects, conversations, presentations, videos, music, and cultural activities, students will continue building confidence communicating in French. French 9 is offered every second day in a double block for one semester. Students who successfully complete French 9 will have the equivalent background of French 10 in high school, allowing them to move directly into French 11 and begin earning high school credits. Even if you did not take French in Grade 7 or 8, there is still an opportunity to begin learning French before high school. Continue your French journey and expand your future opportunities!

Leadership: Students will explore what it means to be an effective leader while identifying and cultivating these qualities in themselves. Students will be involved in hands-on opportunities such as planning dances and the Grade 9 Farewell; buddies with grade 6 and 7 students and field trips in the community. Sign up for this course if you want to be involved in real-life leadership opportunities and help make a difference in your school and surrounding community.

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 clothing to wear, understanding what wildlife is in our area, the ecosystems, and planning in case of an emergency. This course will also give students an increased knowledge and awareness of environmental issues. Calgary is situated on the doorstep of the Rockies and has an abundance of countless natural oases. Students will be able to enjoy the many outdoor opportunities available to us all.