



GRADE 9 | 2026- 2027
GPA 90 - Course Descriptions for English Stream Students

1) Business Education: The GPA 90 (General Practical Arts) is a multi-disciplinary course involving Career Education, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Design Thinking, Design Studies, Tourism, and Drafting. Subject offerings are designed by each individual GPA Teacher with a focus on the resources available. **(Cost \$0)**

2) Digital Media/Graphic Arts: Digital Media Arts 90 introduces students to visual storytelling through photography, digital editing, animation, and video creation. Students will learn how to plan, create, and refine media projects while developing creative and technical skills. **(Cost \$10)**

3) Hairstyling & Esthetics:

In this course, students learn introductory hairstyling and esthetics skills while developing confidence in using professional tools and techniques. Emphasis is placed on creativity, hygiene, safety, and building practical skills for personal and career exploration. **(Cost \$35)**

4) Home Economics: Students are introduced to the essential life skills of kitchen basics, food preparation techniques and healthy eating strategies in a hands-on environment. The course also covers an introduction to sewing including equipment basics and garment construction. **(Cost \$15)**

5) Industrial Arts: Students are introduced to basic hands-on skills by constructing several woodworking projects. Emphasis is on safe use of all tools. Through this class, students are exposed to many facets of the trades. **(Cost \$35)**

6) Wildlife management: This Wildlife Management and Survival Skills course introduce students to outdoor safety and survival techniques, including shelter building with tarps, essential knots, navigation skills, and safe fire-making. Students develop practical, hands-on skills while learning to responsibly interact with and manage natural environments. **(Cost \$25)**

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please note that only the English Stream students can choose GPA classes (see elective choices on the registration form). French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to choose a GPA elective due to the French classes they are required to take.

Please ensure that selections are ranked for your top 3 choices on your selection form.

While it is our hope to offer all the electives listed, courses will be offered based on interest and availability. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred choice.

Lastly, Home Economics, Industrial Arts and Digital Media/Graphics Art will be offered in period 7 which takes place over the regular lunch hour. The students that are in period 7 will have the opportunity to have their lunch during the regular scheduled period 3 (approx. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) This will only impact students' schedules for only half of the semester as the course is offered in 45-day duration and is paired with Business Ed for the remaining 45 days of the semester.