

Welcome to Grade 8



at

**Lakes District Secondary
2026-2027**

CORE SUBJECTS

Grade 8 student timetables remain constant throughout the semester except for their electives, which they will rotate through every six weeks.

HUMANITIES 8

This is a year-long course that covers the content and competencies of both English Language Arts and Social Studies. Within this course, students will develop skills in reading, writing, and communication through creative and critical thinking. Students will also develop a sense of personal and social responsibility.

English covers how the exploration of text and story deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others, and the world.

Social Studies 8 explores content spanning the 7th century to 1750, such as:

Students will be able to engage in the inquiry process; assess significance of place, people, and events; look at continuity and change throughout history. Also, they will learn to explain different perspectives and make ethical judgements on past and present events, actions, and decisions.

SCIENCE 8

Science 8 develops four main areas of understanding:

- Life processes at the level of the cell
- Properties and behaviour of light
- The structure and behaviour of matter
- Plate tectonics and processes within the Earth

Many of these concepts will be explored and tested in lab activities.

FRENCH 8 (FR-8)

This semester course focuses on the development of basic communication skills. Students learn strategies to make them more comfortable learning a second language. They will participate in a variety of activities stressing the development of oral skills and comprehension. Students will also learn to write simple sentences on topics studied in class, as well as information about Francophone countries and culture.

MATH 8

Math 8 is a year-long course that covers the content and competencies of both Science 8 and Math 8, consolidating the learning from elementary school.

The Math portion includes units on:

- Exponents
- Percent
- Geometry
- Rational numbers
- Graphing
- Statistics
- Ratios
- Measurement
- Solving equations

It is expected that students will use calculators throughout this course.

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 8

Students will learn:

- Physical Literacy, Healthy and Active Living, Social and Community Health, Mental Well-being.
- Fundamental movement skills in a variety of activities and environment.
- Demonstrate safety, fair play, and leadership.
- Develop strategies for promoting healthy eating choices.
- Create strategies for promoting health and well-being.
- Create strategies to manage life challenges.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ENDEAVOURS PROGRAM

This multi-grade, integrated program supports students who require highly individualized educational plans. It is staffed by one teacher and several Learning Support Workers. Support may be given in the life skills classroom, or in regular, adapted, or modified academic or elective classes. Students placed in this program may be working towards their Evergreen or Dogwood graduation.

INTERVENTION

Students must have sufficient literacy and numeracy skills to graduate with a Dogwood Diploma. For students who require supplemental instruction, they may be registered in an intervention block. Please contact the school to inquire.

STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION

Tutoring is available every day at lunch in the Learning Centre (room 146) for all students.

Every Friday morning, we have a block from 8:47-9:30 for students to complete missing assignments with extra support from teachers and assistants.

CALENDAR

The school calendar is maintained electronically on our website: ldss.sd91.bc.ca

FACEBOOK

Please join **Lakes District Secondary School** to see photos and follow events.

CONCESSION

Concession is paid for through the Meal Manage App. Families can put money in their child's account through the App or with cash or a cheque at the Office.

PAC

The Parent Advisory Committee welcomes new members, feel free to contact the office for the current PAC contact information. They also have a Facebook page they can be contacted through.

STUDENT SERVICES

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Services offered by Mr. Dell are:

- Referral for counselling in matters of a personal and private nature.
- guidance with regards to the selection of appropriate courses.
- discussions with students (and parent meetings) regarding academic progress, attendance, and behavior.
- distance learning course information and registration.

We encourage students to stop in anytime! We can help refer students to outside counselling agencies for support. There is a doctor and nurse that are at the school on a monthly basis, as well as a weekly addiction counselor. Parents are welcome to stop in or call anytime if you have concerns about your child.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN

Learners with an IEP:

If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) you are encouraged to contact our Inclusive Education Department. These services support students with:

- A learning disability
- Medical conditions
- Behavioural challenges
- Cognitive challenges

The goal is to support learners to access curriculum and to engage in school programs and activities. Contact Stacie Gray at sgray@sd91.bc.ca or Nonie Little nlittle@sd91.bc.ca.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVOCATES

Indigenous Education Advocates are proactive members of the school staff who support the educational program and services of Indigenous students and assist teachers and parents/guardians to increase and promote student success by advocating for students and the school. They act as a positive Indigenous role model for students and promote pride in Indigenous culture. They function as a member of the school-based team and participate in team meetings regarding progress and placement of students, where appropriate, as well as working and consulting with teachers and parents, to discuss the social, emotional, and academic progress of all Indigenous students on a regular basis.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The athletic teams and clubs available at Lakes District Secondary are listed below. Should you have questions concerning a particular team or club, talk to Mr. Little. We are always looking for parents to help, and we would definitely welcome other activities not listed that you would like to sponsor/coach.

- Wrestling
- Basketball
- Golf
- Mountain Biking
- Skiing/Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Volleyball



GRADE 8 SUPPLY LIST

You should have at least two binders, paper, and pens for the first day and then once you know your schedule you can bring additional supplies and a PE strip if required.

- 500 pages of lined three-hole punched paper
- dividers
- 50 sheets of plain three-hole punched white paper
- several pencils and pens
- small ruler
- glue
- pencil crayons
- pencil case
- math set
- inexpensive calculator (must have -/+ and square root)
- 1 – 2 binders
- gym strip and indoor shoes (depending which semester PE is in)
- headphones
- small notebook for French to be purchased at the school for \$1

LOCKS

- Students **must** use a school issued lock.
- Combinations and locker numbers are recorded in the office
- Locks are sold for \$8.00 each and students keep the lock for 5 years