



Grade 7 Complementary Course Request Form 2011-2012 School Year

We are requesting that students and parents complete this form and return it to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

There are limited spaces in all classes. We will do our best to include a “top” choice for each student in his/her schedule, but this is not possible in every situation.

All of the complementary classes listed below are excellent learning experiences and are designed with the needs of grade 7 students in mind.

Read the descriptions of the option classes carefully and thoughtfully. There will be no changes in complementary classes once schedules have been given to students in September.

French as a Second Language instruction is mandatory for all students.

Fine Arts Option

The Fine Arts Options are a full year option.

Instrumental Music

The instrumental music program provides students the opportunity to perform in a concert band. Instruments available are **Brass instruments** (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba) and **Woodwind instruments** (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone). Student/parent and teacher input will help each individual student pick an appropriate instrument to perform with the concert band for the year. Students will be required to rent instruments from the school and buy reeds and supplies as needed. Alternatively, students may use their own approved band instrument.

- Percussion instruments will be available later in the year on an audition basis.
- The music program at Elizabeth Finch School is sequential; knowledge and skills are built on from year to year. Because of this it is recommended that students begin in grade 7. Exceptions can be made for Grade 8/9 students.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in activities such as band camp, workshops and festivals. These occur throughout the year and some fundraising activities will be scheduled to help with extra costs associated with fieldtrips.

(Fee is \$75.00 Instrument rental -extra costs for workshops, festivals, and band camp)

Art

Art education is concerned with the organization of visual material, in how we see, interpret and make sense of visual experiences. Art students will explore art materials, art processes and ideas about what makes good art. They will study art across times and cultures and learn to use the basic vocabulary of art. They will develop artistic techniques that allow them to value art and become expressive in order to generate their own ideas and to make their ideas visible. We will work with a variety of tools, materials, and media including pencil, ink, pencil crayons, chalk, pastel, paint, plaster, and clay, fabric, and printmaking. (Fee is \$20.00)

Drama

WANTED: Class Clowns and Drama Queens

If you think you could be the next A-List Actor or Soap Opera Queen, DRAMA is for you. In the Drama program students explore life by assuming different roles and acquiring dramatic skills. Through the study of movement, speech and improvisation, as well as classical theatre and its technical aspects, we'll polish our ability to communicate effectively and listen with empathy. We'll mime and clown, storytell and host radio plays, enact murder mysteries, deliver monologues and play with puppet theatre. Never be upstaged again - bring your enthusiasm and let's get acting! *(No fee)*

CTS Options

The CTS Options are half year options.

Food Studies

Students will be learning about Food Safety, the basic equipment, skills and techniques involved in cooking, and learning about Canada's Food Guide. Most importantly, you will be learning to cook a number of dishes, including breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert choices. *(Fee is \$20.00)*

Student Leadership

Students will develop an awareness and understanding of the principles and practices of leadership. As well, students will be required to commit to adopting a leadership role within the school community. This will include team leader responsibilities in areas such as student interest groups, liaising with staff on school matters and governance, event/activity planning and implementation, recycling, humanitarian involvement, promotions, mentoring, school spirit, intramurals, running our school store, and more. *(No fee)*

WoodWorking

In this class, students will be introduced to activities involving a variety of materials and the use of power tools. They will be challenged to create projects that are functional and useful. Students will also be given opportunities to create their own designs for their projects. Their plans will help to build precision in their construction as well as act as a visual guide in completing their projects. *(Fee is \$25.00)*

Outdoor and Environmental Education

This course is divided into two main sections – a theoretical section and a practical section. The theoretical section is usually conducted indoors and fulfills the requirements of the Program of Studies theory components. The schedule below will list the topics that will be covered in these sections. The practical component is activity based. This is where students will be participating in activities off campus at various venues throughout the Edmonton area. These activities are designed to provide an introductory experience to a variety of outdoor activities. In all cases, instruction will be provided by certified instructors.

Activities could include:

Orienteering and Navigation	GPS Navigation
Archery	Canoeing
Snowshoeing	Outdoor Skills (building shelter & fire)
Mountain Biking	

(Fee is \$75.00 -includes field trips)

Fine Arts Options

Please number the following in order of preference.

_____ Instrumental Music

_____ Art

_____ Drama

CTS Options

Please number the following in order of preference.

_____ Foods

_____ Student Leadership

_____ Outdoor and Environmental Education

_____ Woodworking

Student First Name _____

Student Last Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____