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Complementary Courses for the 2024-2025 school year

Options are a big part of any Junior High allowing students to experience a variety of courses outside of the core curriculum. For the past four years, GHP has gone with a Complementary Course model. In lieu of choice, students experience each of the courses we offer, (Cheer and Hockey students opt for Academy in place of some courses.)

We have heard from students that this exposure to a number of different subjects was fun, engaging and eye-opening. Courses that students may not have chosen in the past were some of their favourites.

Complementary courses run in 3 terms from September to December, December to March and from March to June. Students are placed in option groups with students in their grade and take the same complementary courses as everyone else, (with the exception of Academy.)

NOTE: Hockey & Cheer **Academy** students would not receive the same amount of complementary courses as other students, instead opting to take part in Academy.

- For Grade 6 Academy students, this would mean they would only have Cheer or Hockey Academy.
- For Grade 7 & 8 students, they would take part in Academy as well as three additional complementary courses, (one per term.)

Complementary Course Fees

Please note that many of the courses charge a fee to students that covers material costs such as supplies, ingredients, software, etc. The approved maximum fee for 23-24 courses can be found on our website at https://www.ghp.gsacrd.ab.ca/download/440031

Please note that these fees are subject to change to a maximum of 4% per year.

Fees for each course will appear in RYCOR during the term your child is taking each course.

Students in Grade 6 would experience Physical Education and French as a Second Language as part of their weekly curriculum. On top of that, non-Academy students would take the following courses, (one per term):

- Foods & Fashions
- Art
- Band



Students in Grade 7 & 8 would experience two different complementary courses each term for a total of SIX for non-Academy students.

TENTATIVE COMPLEMENTARY COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2024-2025

GRADE 7	
All Students	Non-Academy Students
 Art Communication Technology Health & Wellness 	 Film Studies Financial Management Foods/Fashions

GRADE 8	
All Students	Non-Academy Students
ArtCommunication TechnologySports Medicine	 Driver's Education Computing Science Principles Foods/Fashions

BAND 7 & 8: Band is a full-year option. Students choose band in lieu of three other options. This will depend on the day it is offered.

DRAMA Production/School Play: This will be an extracurricular program for students in grades 6, 7 & 8. Students will be able to audition for roles as well as volunteer to join the backstage crew. The rehearsals will take place after school starting in December and the production will take place in spring.

Fabrications/Construction: Please note that we have been without a certified instructor for this course for the last two years. We understand how popular this course is and we are making efforts to bring this course back.