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## Grade 8 Option Descriptions 2024-2025 Term #2

### Block A:

➤ **Public Art, Spaces & Architecture - \$15.00**

Have you ever been curious about what goes into building & designing sports arenas, museums, monuments, bridges, or towers? In this option, students will learn about world famous architecture & public art pieces and spaces. We will dive into the considerations architects & designers make when balancing function with beauty. Students will have the opportunity to recreate renown structures with materials of their choice. Additionally, we will reflect on the City of Airdrie's downtown district & complete a redesign project where students can showcase what they've learned to put Airdrie on the map!

➤ **Podcasting & Sound Design - \$10.00**

In this option, students will learn how to create, write, record, and edit their own sound recordings. Students will listen to, learn about, and then create audio stories, podcasts, songs, and more! We will utilize the in-school recording studio to develop professional sounding recordings! Course fee will cover equipment replacements and soundproofing materials.

➤ **Cosmetology - \$25.00**

In our cosmetology class, students will explore the basics of skincare, hair care, makeup, and nail care. This hands-on course will let you practice different beauty techniques while learning about personal grooming, style, and self-expression. We'll also touch on beauty practices in different cultures and how they connect to identity. The cost for supplies will be \$25, and all materials will be provided in class. Get ready to dive into the world of beauty and creativity!

➤ **Chess – \$5.00**

Whether you don't know a Pawn from a Bishop, or you've mastered the basics and are looking for a challenge, this course is open to everyone. Students will learn the basics of one of the most popular strategy games in the world. We will review the games history, examine openings, tactics, and puzzles to improve our endgame. We have chess sets available, but students are welcome to bring their own.

➤ **Construction - \$25.00**

In Construction, students will learn how to plan & design their own woodworking projects. They will also learn how to use various tools like hammers, screwdrivers, sanders, & power tools safely in a shop environment. Students will be taught how to operate different types of machinery including saws, sanders, a planer, a drill press, & a router table, while following all safety guidelines. This class will give students the opportunity to develop their creativity & problem-solving skills while working with wood & tools.

➤ **Indigenous Beading & Art - \$5.00**

In this hands-on options course, students will explore the rich tradition of Indigenous beading and art. Guided by expert instruction, participants will learn the intricate techniques of beadwork while crafting their own personalized lanyard or earrings. Through this creative journey, students will connect with Indigenous cultural heritage, gain skills in beadwork, and produce a beautiful, wearable piece of art. No previous experience is necessary—just bring your creativity and a desire to learn!

➤ **Band - \$50.00 - NOTE: Band is a year-long course**

Ever wanted to play cool instruments, make music with friends, and be part of an awesome band? In this option, you'll learn to rock out on a band instrument, read music, and jam together as a team! For just \$50.00, you'll get sheet music, supplies, and even special sessions with pro musicians who'll help you play like a star. Don't miss out on the fun—come make some music with us!



## **Block B:**

### ➤ **Art 101 - \$15.00**

If you are interested in art & want to try all different types of projects, then this class is for you! Throughout the term, students will participate in creating projects that yield amazing results! Drawing, painting and sculpting will be included. Bring your positive attitude and creative mind to this fun and engaging class.

### ➤ **Foods - \$45.00**

We will make everything from breakfast items, soups, casseroles, pasta sauces and full meals. Everything is made from scratch! We are all about building flavours, using fresh ingredients & eating amazingly good food. Students will learn lab safety & cleaning procedures for obvious reasons. They will learn how to use a chef's knife to cut, chop, slice, and dice yummy food and not their fingers.

### ➤ **Film Studies – NO COST**

This class takes Grade 7 Film Studies to the next level, with all new movies & information! We will learn advanced content, & the films are more intense. Students will get to work with their friends to demonstrate what they notice and think about these movies. This is a great option for anyone interested in anything to do with art, storytelling, and film/video making (i.e. drawing, photography, writing, comic-books, etc.)

### ➤ **Sports Medicine – NO COST (CPR will be paid as a separate fee at a later time)**

In this course, students will study the muscles of the human body and their functions, along with an in-depth examination of the bones in the foot and hand. They will learn about injury management for common issues like sprains and strains, and tests to determine these injuries. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to become certified in CPR/AED Level C training, equipping them with essential life-saving skills. Students who participate in the CPR/AED training will complete a blended course with an online portion and an in-person training session.

### ➤ **Outdoor Education - \$120.00 (Fees are paid upfront for supplies used throughout Outdoor Ed and field trips. Regardless of whether you go on field trips the fee will remain the same. The reason for this is we must book field trips ahead of time & if you do not go on the field trip, we will have to pay for your spot.)**

Outdoor Education 8 is a chance for students to learn about skills used in nature to keep students safe, while promoting a healthy active lifestyle. This class will consist of:

- Knots & Cook Stoves
- Planning a Camping Trip Project
- Canoe and Kayak Skills
- Hypothermia
- Field Trips: Cross Country Skiing and Skating

### ➤ **Technical Theatre - \$15.00**

Step behind the scenes of *Heist Quest* in our Technical Theatre option! Dive into the world of theatre production by bringing this adventurous story to life through hands-on experience in set design, prop creation, sound engineering, and lighting effects. Learn the skills needed to shape each scene's atmosphere and suspense and discover what it takes to make a production shine from backstage. Join us as we build, light up, and set the stage for an unforgettable heist!

