

LAKE CITY

**Lake City Secondary
Columneetza Campus**

**Student Programming
Handbook 2018-2019**

GRADE 8

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Welcome to Grade 8

Welcome to the Grade 8 Learning Community. Our program not only provides each student with an excellent learning experience, but is also designed to assist in making a successful transition to the secondary school system. The Learning Community is designed to provide a safe, supportive, and caring environment where students can explore their interests and express their individuality. Grade 8 is a unique year as it reinforces past knowledge and also offers the chance to explore future interests.

We look forward to meeting our new Grade 8 students and we hope that you will enjoy your transition to secondary school. Our staff will assist you in your learning experiences, and, in turn, we expect that you will make every effort to ensure your success.

We encourage students and parents to communicate with the school. If you have questions or concerns, please call one of the numbers below.

Administration:

Mr. Gregg Gaylord, Principal
Mrs. Hattie Darney, Vice Principal
Mr. Curt Levens, Vice Principal

Counsellors:

Mrs. Tara Burtenshaw/Mr. Dave Julius

Alternate program:

Mr. Randy Morgan/Mrs. Jessica Hill

First Nation Support:

Ms. Freda Alphonse, Mr. George Fraser, Ms. Virginia Robbins, Mr. Rick Lulua, Mrs. Leanna Leon

Please check out our website and Facebook page☺

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GRADE 8 STUDENTS TAKE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

English 8	Science 8
Social Studies 8	Physical & Health Education 8/ Hockey 8
Mathematics 8	French 8, Shuswap 8, Chilcotin 8, Carrier 8
Explorations 8	

ENGLISH 8

The objective is continued improvement of reading and writing skills. Language skills include studies in basic grammar and language conventions (subject/verb agreement, pronoun usage, sentence structure, etc.). These skills lead into writing skills which include paragraphs, reports, essays, and other writing exercises. The reading component will develop comprehension and vocabulary skills. The course also includes a poetry unit.

SOCIAL STUDIES 8

In this course, students will engage in an examination of world civilizations from 500A.D. to 1600A.D. Topics studied will include medieval and renaissance societies, daily life, art, religion, early economic systems, and world geography.

MATHEMATICS 8

This curriculum includes the five major organizers of problem solving, numbers, patterns & relations, shape & space, and statistics & probability. Integration within these organizers is emphasized. Instruction tools such as a graphics calculator and computer will be used to help conceptualize these ideas. Connecting physical, graphic, pictorial, symbolic, and mental representations of mathematical ideas is also emphasized.

SCIENCE 8

Science 8 covers such topics as: the living body, investigating matter, discovering energy, exploring space, examining the earth, and understanding ecology. These topics are studied using a variety of formats including step-by-step experiments, reading activities, informal discussions and student designed investigations.

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 8

This course is designed to let students experience as many activities as possible. It will be divided into an outdoor sport unit and an indoor sport unit. Areas of study include: fitness & health awareness, gymnastics, track & field, plus selected indoor & outdoor team games (volleyball, soccer, basketball, floor hockey, softball, rugby, & more).

FRENCH 8

Students continue to improve their written and spoken French language skills. Spoken skills include increasing vocabulary and fluency with oral practice and small group interactions. Written skills focus on proper verb conjugation and sentence structure which will lead into short paragraphs.

FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES 8 (Chilcotin, Carrier, Shuswap)

The objective of these courses are to provide students an opportunity to learn about traditional language and culture. Focus is on the oral language through vocabulary and proper pronunciation and projects which demonstrate various aspects of traditional culture.

HOCKEY SKILLS ACADEMY 8

This program, officially licensed by Hockey Canada, is offered to grade 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 students, male and female. It is designed to link athletics to academics, and to enhance a hockey student's confidence, individual playing skills, and self-esteem. The primary focus of the hockey curriculum is to develop individual offensive & defensive skills, situational play, body coordination, motor skills, and cognitive skills. Students will also develop their skills in skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, and checking. This course is based on the curriculum supplied by Hockey Canada specifically for a Skills Academy. The Academy teaching staff is trained and sanctioned by the Hockey Canada National Coaching Certification Program and they undergo an annual program development through the C.H.S.A. Students receive credit for the equivalent regular PE course.

Course Fee:

Standard program - \$150.00: \$60 pays for transportation costs; \$90 covers the uniform, licensing and registration, insurance, and teaching equipment (pucks, cones, etc.).

Competitive program - \$150.00 plus additional \$250 Total Ice coach/facility fee.

For more information please contact Terry Duff at 250-392-6284 or terry.duff@sd27.bc.ca

Class size is limited to 30. If interested, apply early! Application forms are available at Columneetza office.

EXPLORATIONS 8

Students will be given an opportunity to sample these courses to help them in their selection of electives in grade 9. Exploration electives **could** include: Sewing, Foods, Wood, Drama, Art, Career, Personal Planning, Journalism, Leadership, Metal and Media.

BAND PROGRAM

Band 8 is a great opportunity to continue building your musicianship and play all different styles of music in a fun setting! It is highly recommended that you have completed Band 7 or have an understanding of music notation when signing up for Band 8, but it is still possible to join if you have had no music experience.

Band 8 continues to be year-long. Band students get to rotate through all of the same elective courses as the other non-Band grade 8 students, but they go every 2nd day. Your child will go to Band one day and their elective course the next, alternating. This is a great system – our band kids do not miss out on any elective courses. Band 8 students also have the opportunity to sign up for Junior Tour Band, which is a course that happens after school on Wednesdays and once a month sectionals at lunch. Junior Tour Band normally travels to a Band Festival in the spring, which is a lot of fun!

LEARNING SUPPORT

Additional support will be provided for students who require adaptations or modifications to the curriculum. This will be provided through support blocks, in class support or pull out intervention.

FIRST NATIONS SUPPORT

Social and academic support will be provided to First Nations students through our First Nations Support office, and First Nation tutorial blocks. Language support will also be provided through the ELL program.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Students will take Francais Langue 8, Sciences Humaines 8 and one elective in the French language, as well as English 8, Math 8, PE 8, Health & Career Educ. 8 and grade 8 Electives.