

## Course Selection Information for Grades 1-9

- Courses offer students access to daily instruction from Alberta certificated teachers.
- Courses provide students with access to teacher created lessons and assessments.
- Course resources include materials, textbooks and technology. Where applicable, consumable resources are ordered on the parents behalf and are not required to be returned at the end of the school year.
- All course resources on loan from CFL@HOME are to be returned by the end of the year.
- Courses include 24/7 online access to student marks through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

<b>Online Courses</b> <b>(Grades 4-9)</b>	<b>Print-Based Courses</b> <b>(Grades 1-8)</b>
<b>Role of Parent:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents provide ongoing supervision and assist the child, where necessary, in meeting the educational outcomes</li> </ul>	<b>Role of Parent:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents provide ongoing supervision and assist the child, where necessary, in meeting the educational outcomes</li> <li>• This course delivery mode is best suited for parents who desire a wider choice in resources to meet educational outcomes as well as a greater involvement in their student's education</li> </ul>
<b>Instruction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher selects the resources for each course</li> <li>• Students access <b>daily</b> instruction through Blackboard Collaborate (live instruction and/or recorded lessons)</li> </ul>	<b>Instruction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents have the option of using resources identified by the teacher, or working with the teacher to select resources to meet the learning outcomes of the Alberta Programs of Study</li> <li>• Students access <b>weekly</b> instruction through Blackboard Collaborate (live instruction and/or recorded lessons)</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher sets the schedule for learning. Students are expected to follow along at the pace set by the teacher</li> <li>• This type of course is very successful for students who respond well in a structured learning environment</li> </ul>	<b>Schedule:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the beginning of the course, parents are given access to the schedule of learning set by the teacher</li> <li>• Parents have flexibility with the completion order of the course topics within the schedule set out by the teacher</li> </ul>
<b>Assessments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is flexibility within the week for completing assigned work, but weekly deadlines for submissions ensure students stay on schedule</li> <li>• Teacher assessments are conducted regularly to meet student learning outcomes.</li> <li>• The submission of scheduled assessments allows for teacher feedback ensuring learning proceeds at a pace that will result in program completion by June</li> </ul>	<b>Assessments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The order of submissions may be different than the order outlined in the Assessment Schedule set by the teacher</li> <li>• Assessments are not based upon a specific curricular resource.</li> <li>• Assessments are submitted regularly to meet student learning outcomes and to ensure learning proceeds at a pace that will result in program completion by June</li> </ul>
<b>Course Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFL@HOME loans out all required textbooks and novels to students</li> <li>• Highly interactive web-based lessons include embedded videos, web links and PDF versions of lessons</li> </ul>	<b>Course Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFL@HOME loans out non-consumable textbooks and novels to students as listed on the grade specific Course Selection Worksheet</li> <li>• For parents choosing not to follow the teacher-identified resources, you are able to request resources that the CFL@HOME orders on your behalf. These resources do not need to be returned at the end of the year</li> <li>• PDF lessons contain links to student activities and videos</li> </ul>

## 2019-20 Course Descriptions for Online and Print-Based Options

**Art (Grades 1-9):** Some of these projects will include: a collage, pencil/crayon sketches, painting and water colour, holiday projects, making decorative gift soap, reflections (taking half a photograph and sketching the other half), creating your own concrete stepping stones, T-shirt painting, etc. There will also be opportunity for the students to choose a project of their own.

**Music (Grades 1-9):** Music is designed around the Music learning outcomes listed in the Alberta Programs of Study. Students may choose to play/practice their own instruments or follow posted lessons for the ukulele or recorder online. Students will also be provided monthly, grade level music theory lessons with the option to submit their own theory resources such as RCM or MYC.

**Catholic Religion (Grades 1-9):** The main focus of the Religious Studies program is to allow each student opportunities to examine and develop the attitudes and virtues that are necessary to make the profession of faith have a lasting and meaningful impact on their lives. The terms and theologies of Catholicism will become clearer as students learn about the Catholic religion. Students will learn together that what God says is good and generate ways we can live according to God's will.

**French (Grades 4-9):** This course provides an introduction and an appreciation for the French language and culture. It allows students to learn to use the target language competently and confidently in a variety of situations. This French program supports instruction in the four areas of communication, listening, speaking and writing. **This is an online only option.**

**Spanish (Grades 4-9):** This course provides an introduction and an appreciation for the Spanish language and culture. It allows students to learn to use the target language competently and confidently in a variety of situations. This Spanish program supports instruction in the four areas of communication, listening, speaking and writing. **This is an online only option.**

**Jr High Special Projects (Grades 7-9):** The Junior High Special Projects Course allows students to design their own course that may not be offered by The Centre for Learning@HOME. The project to be covered is arranged between student and teacher and might include such areas as animal care, volunteerism, mechanics, carpentry, etc. The student looks at a particular area of interest to them and then designs a course around this. The course is evaluated using a student portfolio and journal that is submitted to the teacher. This course allows the student to tap in to an area of personal interest and tie it to their school program. **Special Projects is offered as a year long course.**

**Wildlife (Grades 7-9):** This course introduces a student to "What is Wildlife" and focuses on ecosystems and wildlife conservation and preservation. The course further studies the diversity of wildlife, the structure, behavior and habitat of an Alberta wildlife species. It also compares Alberta's wildlife with that in other parts of the world. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 7, 8 or 9.**

**Jr High Computers (Grades 7-9):** This course is based on such things as: operating systems, Windows based applications and features, email and Internet basics, spreadsheet and data management, as well as basic software applications. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 7, 8 or 9. This course should be taken as a pre-requisite to Multimedia.**

**Multimedia (Grades 7-9):** Students should have completed Computers prior to enrolling in Multimedia. The following topics are covered in Multimedia: Defining Multimedia, Using Graphics to Send a Message, Animation, Audio and Video as a Tool for Communicating, Presentation Software, Utilizing Text to Communicate Effectively, Independent Project. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 7, 8 or 9.**

**Study Skills (Grades 7-9):** This course is designed to assist students who may require extra assistance in exam preparation, organization, and academic strategies. This is an excellent course to help students prepare for the demands of junior high and high school and allows students to use daily skills to enhance their academic performance. There has been a direct correlation between students involved with this option and getting better grades in Junior High courses. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 7, 8 or 9.**

**Jr High Foods (Grades 7-9):** This course introduces students to food basics such as making wise food choices, proper handling of foods and the importance of safe and efficient work habits. Within this, students will have the opportunity to learn with a hands-on approach to baking, preparing snacks and appetizers, buying and preparing fast and convenience foods. It will also explore customs relating to Canadian Heritage foods and ethnic foods. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 7, 8 or 9.**

**Jr High Careers (Grades 8 & 9):** The Careers course is designed to introduce students to the world of work and the efforts and skills required not only to get a job, but also to keep that job. A particular emphasis will be placed on job satisfaction, identifying personal attributes, and work as an extension of gifts and talents. **This course is only offered once to students in either Grade 8 or 9.**

**Intro to Coding (Grade 9):** This course consists of seven units exploring computing essentials: Introduction, Binary and Logic, Scratch Adventure, Artificial Intelligence, Sorting and Encryption. **This course is project based.**

**Intro to App Design (Prerequisite required - Introduction to Coding) (Grade 9):** This course consists of two units exploring how to use Java to solve coding problems and building an App for an Android device. **This course is project based.**

**PAT Prep (Provincial Achievement Test Preparation, Grade 9):** This course supports students with extra review of key concepts and study skills needed for grade 10 and final exams.