

Riverbend School offers Grade 7 students a comprehensive and tailored schedule, where our students' studies are personalized to support both their academic successes, and to also offer them a complement of specific courses of interest. The elective courses available in our upcoming school year, and the respective details of each course, are each itemized below[■].

In addition to the Core subject areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math, joined by the mandatory Physical Education component, we also offer students not only a great **choice of three Second Languages** to choose from, but an additional **total of four Elective Courses**- that's a language *and* four options, all within the planned Grade 7 school year.

The courses described within are being planned as either an identified *Full-Year Course* or as a *Partial Year Course*, pending availability and scheduling.

■ All offered courses remain subject to enrollment capacity; and to Riverbend School and EPSB Superintendent Approval

SECOND LANGUAGES

Riverbend offers a choice of three Second Language classes[♦] from which all students[^] **select one** language to study. The chosen language will be your committed second language throughout all your Riverbend years, as changing languages is not permitted.

Studying an additional second language (two second languages simultaneously) may be explored only in consultation with the school's Administration.

[♦] Some families may wish to consider that if for your later years, the high school *Old Scona Academy* (OSA) may become a school objective, that OSA currently requires all applicants to have French as a second language.

[^] Students within Riverbend's ELL Program are not required to initially select a compulsory second language.

- **FRENCH 7 as a Second Language** *Full-Year Course*

Through guided examples, students identify and apply language-learning strategies to improve their reading comprehension, written production, listening comprehension and oral production. Various cultural components are explored throughout the school year. Continuing students are required to remain in the same language as already studied at Riverbend.

Prerequisite: None. Cost: None.

- **MANDARIN 7 as a Second Language** *Full-Year Course*

Our studied beginner-level Mandarin language units will focus on fundamental aspects of conversation and writing, such as the use of verbs. Continuing students are required to remain in the same language as already studied at Riverbend.

Prerequisite: None. Cost: None.

- **SPANISH 7 as a Second Language** *Full-Year Course*

Through guided examples, students identify and apply beginner-level language learning strategies to acquire the fundamentals of reading comprehension, written production, listening comprehension and oral production. Various cultural components are explored throughout the school year. Continuing students are required to remain in the same language as already studied at Riverbend.

Prerequisite: None. Cost: None.

FINE ARTS

We take pride in offering comprehensive Fine Arts studies at Riverbend, with award-winning and celebrated programs. Grade 7 students are **required to make a selection of one (1) Fine Arts course** to study for the year. In students' following senior years, available Fine Arts choices and electives greatly increase:

- **ART & DESIGN 7** *Full-Year Course*

Our Art course focuses upon three major components: Drawings- all the ways people record, communicate and evaluate visual information; Compositions- all the ways images are put together to create meaning; and

Encounters with Art- where all forms of art, past and present, are examined. Our varied and exciting art program provides many opportunities to learn the skills involved in creating explorative, amazing art works in both expected and in unique mediums.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* approx. \$40.00

- **THEATRE & PERFORMANCE 7** *Full-Year Course*

The show is about to begin. The seats are filled with family & friends, while the lights dim and the intro music fades. The curtain then opens and the stage lights shine. Are you the star of the show- or perhaps in a secondary or supportive role? Or possibly you are backstage, handling the show's many props, costumes and scene-set items. Or you are up in the audio booth, running all the sound effects and music. Maybe at the light controller, setting the mood for each scene with dimmers and lighting textures. If you aspire to any of these important roles, then welcome to Theatre & Performance! Similar to the basics of a drama option, this course additionally emphasizes show productions for the school and its community. Join us for Theatre & Performance, where the stage becomes your classroom.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* approx. \$35.00

- **MUSIC / BAND 7** *Full-Year Course*

The instrumental Music option gives students the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument in our Concert Band, and even the Jazz Band! Students will develop technical skills, learning basic music theory and learning to play pieces in a variety of musical styles. Students will be required to have an approved band instrument for this course. If a student does not own an approved band instrument, they will have the opportunity to easily rent one at the school.

Prerequisite: Music 6 (or equivalent at Director's approval) *Cost:* Optional if-needed Instrument Rental, approx. \$100.00

ELECTIVE PARTIAL-YEAR OPTIONS

Riverbend makes available to Grade 7 students a unique, look-see "test-drive" of partial courses as listed below. In students' senior Riverbend years, an even greater selection of over a dozen elective courses becomes available:

- **COMPUTER STUDIES 7** *Partial Year Course*

While technology is consistently integrated throughout all Riverbend's subjects and classes, the computer studies program at Riverbend is designed to give students a solid foundation in a wide range of computing skills. In grade 7, students solidify their computing skills developed in earlier grades, and expand into areas of systematic keyboarding skill training, software applications, internet safety, introductory LEGO Robotics and Scratch programming language.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* None.

- **CONSTRUCTION 7** *Partial Year Course*

The Construction program provides males and females with the opportunity to build several practical and unique projects utilizing wood and other materials. Students will have experience with both hand and power tools. An emphasis is placed on proper and safe work habits as well as on an ability to plan effectively and to work independently and responsibly.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* approx. \$15.00

- **ENVIRONMENTAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION 7** *Partial Year Course*

Environmental Outdoor Education (EOE) is an outdoor, activity-based course which appeals to all students, particularly those who want to develop an appreciation for the outdoors through various activities. Students will be active in the outdoors in a variety of activities which may include: Orienteering, Map Reading, Compass Use, Climbing, Snowshoeing, Skiing/Snowboarding, Cross Country Skiing, SCUBA Diving, Kayaking, Long-Boarding, Seasonal and Situational Survival Scenarios, Cooperative Games, and other alternative games.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* approx. \$70.00

- **FOOD STUDIES 7** *Partial Year Course*

Whether you are brand new to the kitchen or an experienced junior chef, this course is for you! The Food Studies option allows students of all ability levels to learn the fundamentals of cooking and baking such as recipe reading, measurement, and preparation techniques. The course also teaches lifelong skills like teamwork and time management in a fun and fast-paced environment. Due to the volume of students in Food Studies, accommodations for allergies or dietary restrictions can not be made.

Prerequisite: None. *Cost:* approx. \$15.00