

# Dover Bay Secondary School

**Home of the Dolphins**



**Grade 8 Course Catalogue  
2022-2023**

# WELCOME TO DOVER BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL!

Here is a little introduction to Dover Bay...

**Principal:**            **Mr. G. Steel**

**Vice Principals:**   **Mr. S. Christianson**  
                              **Ms. K. Hart**

The Dover Bay Secondary School Community is looking forward to your arrival in September. Together we are building a community of learners engaging in new ways of learning. Our grade 8 program integrates academic subjects, provides opportunities for creativity and builds in experiences that are relevant, challenging, inspiring, and personalized.

As you move through your high school years you will have opportunities to build social responsibility by connecting to the community and to the world beyond. You will gain skills, talents, and passions that will prepare you for your life after high school.

Dover Bay offers students a wide range of learning opportunities in a supportive and secure environment. Our school is committed to learner-focused instruction, strives to give students the support they need to achieve academically and to develop their unique talents. Our mission is to help students become confident learners able to meet the challenges of the future.



# Here is some information about attending Dover Bay

## Where do I go on the first day of school?

On the first day of school in September all grade 8 students report to the **front entrance** where you will be grouped into your homeroom. From there you will go with your homeroom teacher to your homeroom classroom where you will be given your schedule of classes, your locker and information about lockers, locks, school fees, etc. You will also follow your timetable and go to each of your classes to meet your teachers.

## Homeroom Class

Your homeroom teacher will be one of your grade 8 **POD** teachers. There will be homeroom at the start of each day for the first week of the school year. Periodically throughout the year, homeroom teachers will provide a variety of special activities for their grade 8 classes.

## Where do I keep my things?

In September you will be assigned a locker. Students are encouraged to use a Dudley combination lock that can be purchased in April during your tour or in September from your homeroom teacher. A second lock is recommended for the physical education change room during your Healthy Learning class. Please lock up your things, leave valuables at home and keep your combination a secret.

## What courses will I take next year?

- Humanities 8 (English and Social Studies)
- STEM 8 (Science and Math)
- Healthy Learning 8 (Physical Education and Healthy Lifestyle Education)
- French 8
- Careers 8



### You will also have a choice of:

- Elective choices of Fine Arts and Skills & Trades
- Performing Arts Academy 8 & other electives
- Band 8 & other electives

See Page 6 for Grade 8 course descriptions.

## What do I have to wear for Healthy Learning?

Appropriate gym clothing is required for class. You may wear any type of shorts (except cut-offs), T-shirt (a change of shirt is recommended), socks and running shoes. Sweat/tracksuits may also be worn. You should be prepared to go outside so we recommend you bring extra clothing when necessary.



## What kind of school supplies do I need?

In grade 8 you will be using technology for a lot of your learning and for many of your assignments. Each classroom has a few Chromebooks for students to share. If you have one at home please bring it along. You will also use basic supplies like pens, pencils, and lined note paper. Most students use 3 ring binders that have a zipper closure for notes and assignments. Your subject teachers will let you know if you need any additional supplies.

## So, what else is offered at Dover Bay?

Lots and lots of activities! Get involved, have fun, and make new friends.

Here are some examples:

Band	Volleyball
Student Council	Cross Country
Theatre	Wrestling
Library Club	Track & Field
Travel Opportunities	Golf
Eco Club	Field Hockey
Scorekeepers	Basketball
Model United Nations	Soccer
Board Games Club	Knitting Club
Homework Club	Rainbow Alliance

## Student's Council

The Student Council at Dover Bay is very active and organizes lots of fun activities like: gym riot, noon hour activities like Battle of the Bands, and special activities on Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Join in! Become involved in student government. Help plan the social events, fundraising, and community charity activities. Be an active voice through students' council. Service points are credited to students who demonstrate leadership and service to our school community.



## What happens after Grade 8?

In grade 9 all students take the following core subjects: Humanities, Math, Science, and Healthy Learning. Electives make up the rest of your program and there is a great variety to choose from: Drama, Technology, Foods, Computers, Music, Art and Mechanics, are just a few. Counsellors meet with students in early spring to discuss course choices.

In order to graduate you must earn 80 credits of coursework in grades 10, 11 and 12. Although you

continue to take courses like English, Social Studies, Science and Math, you will be given a lot of choices in determining your senior courses. It is never too early to be thinking about what you want to do when you finish school as this will help you decide what courses to take as you move toward graduation. You and your parents will learn more about graduation requirements over the next few years.

## Who can help me at Dover?



Homeroom Teacher – your homeroom teacher will help you through the first few days – with all the paperwork, timetables, locker stuff etc. – and through the rest of the year

Classroom Teachers – It is very important to communicate with your teachers and to ask for help when you need it. Most teachers are happy to arrange after school hours for extra help if you need it.

Aboriginal Education Teacher – supports Aboriginal students in a variety of ways at Dover Bay.

Counsellors – Your counsellor is available to discuss your progress in your courses, plans for the future and any personal concerns or problems you may have. Students are encouraged to self-advocate and make an appointment to see their counsellor regarding these concerns. Counsellors are assigned to students by their last name.

Last names starting with:	Counsellor Name:
A, B, C, D, E, F	Mr. Wei
G, H, I, J, K, L	Ms. Sunde
M, N, O, P	Mr. Van Grootel
Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	Mr. Wright

Principal – Mr. Steel responsible for the overall operation of the school, including the supervision of all staff members working at Dover, student learning and instruction in the classrooms and student safety and behaviour.

Vice Principals – Dover Bay has two Vice Principals. The primary job of the Vice Principals is the management of student programs and student behaviour. The Vice Principals work closely with students, teachers and parents to have students successfully complete the high school experience in a positive way.

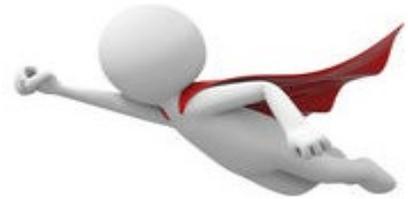
Educational Assistants – Help students in some classes, in the ‘HUB’, and in the Learning Intervention room.

Peer Tutors – are grade 11 and 12 students who might be in your class helping your teacher and the students within the class.

Aboriginal Education Assistant – supports Aboriginal students in a variety of ways at Dover Bay.

The HUB/Learning Interventions – Support teachers provide course adaptations/modifications for student learning in the regular classroom.

Student Support Teachers – work with classroom teachers and coordinate Individualized Education Plans and Student Learning Plans alongside students and parents.



## Grade 8 Course Descriptions



### Humanities 8

Humanities 8 is a linear (year long) course that combines elements of both English and Social Studies 8 curricula. Students will learn about the 4 pillars of Humanities: culture/society, economy/technology, politics/law, and environment. Through a balanced literacy approach that includes different instructional methods, including inquiry, students will focus on the core competencies: Reading and Viewing, Oral Language (Speaking and Listening), and Writing and Representing.

### STEM 8

The Math portion of this combined course consists of five major strands: number operations, probability and data analysis, algebra, geometry and measurement. Students are expected to use a calculator to assist them with their calculations for most topics in this course. The Science portion course is an introduction to the skills and knowledge of the Scientific Method. Students will learn the tools, procedures, and basic skills of scientific investigation. Students work in pairs in laboratory situations and learn to write a formal lab report. As well, projects and reports of different formats are assigned, and students have the opportunity to do some simple basic research. Areas of study include: Cells and Systems, Optics, Fluids and Dynamics, and Water Systems on Earth.



### Healthy Learning 8

Healthy Learning places an emphasis on physical movement and skill development, along with education and discussion on healthy living – active lifestyle and healthy eating habits, healthy relationships, safety and injury prevention and substance abuse/misuse.

### French 8

This is an introductory course which develops communication skills and cultural awareness. Learn basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Experience the fascinating language and culture of French speaking countries and regions through a variety of real-life themes, cultural activities and projects.

### Careers 8

In careers 8 you will begin the five-year journey to discover your goals and develop skills that will assist you to make informed decisions as you plan your future education and career paths.

## SKILLS AND TRADES AND FINE ARTS OFFERINGS

**Foods** – This course introduces students to basic food preparation. Topics covered include nutrition, safety and sanitation.

**Textiles (Sewing)** – This is an exploratory course for Grade 8 students to experience the field of textiles. They will learn to complete complex tasks that require multiple skills, tools, and technologies. Students will be introduced to designing and creating simple projects; hand and machine sewing techniques; safety procedures; and appropriate uses of basic sewing tools. They will use their new skills to complete several projects (felt monster, coffee cup cozy, boxer shorts, apron) while also considering ways to minimize waste and their impact on the environment.

**Drama** – Drama 8 is an energetic introduction to the magic of theatre. We will learn the basics of working together as we learn to produce tableaux for performance and touch on Readers' Theatre. Participation in this course can lead into regular Drama 9 or serve as an introduction to Performance Academy 9.

**Art** – This fast-paced art course focuses on a few projects. Drawing skills are taught using exercises and a portrait project. Shading to show form is introduced. Colour theory is touched on during a painting project and a clay project rounds out this course.

**Dance** – This beginner dance course introduces a variety of genres, including hip hop, jazz, tap and contemporary. Come and enjoy movement through dance. No dance experience necessary!

**Information Technology (Computer Lab)** – prepares students to use Dover Bay's computer network and includes Internet safety. Students will practice touch typing technique, develop internet research skills and have an opportunity to develop desktop publishing skills.



**Woodwork** – Woodwork 8 is an introduction to the design process, as well as the essential skills and habits required to use woodworking tools and machinery safely and correctly, including procedures for processing lumber and common joinery and finishing techniques. Students will learn the procedures necessary to create a push stick, a 3D puzzle, a household item, and at least one personal project.

**Metalwork** – This course introduces students to the world of welding and metal fabrication.

**Outdoor Education** – This course is designed for students to develop an understanding and appreciation of various outdoor physical activities. Students will participate in different outdoor activities that influence the health and well-being of individuals and the environment. Example activities could be: local seashore hikes, orienteering, and geocaching.

**Robotics** – This is an introductory course to the uses of electronics and robotics and is part of the new STEM curriculum. Students will explore components of an electric circuit, basic robot behavior's, robotics coding and programming. This hands-on course allows students to learn with robotics equipment including VEX robots, Mindstorms Lego Robot, Arduino programming and many more.

## INTRODUCTION TO PERFORMING ARTS AND BAND

Dover Bay Secondary's Fine Arts Department offers a Performing Arts Academy designed for aspiring actors who wish to participate in an enriched educational experience of performing arts education.

The program offers students a focus on performing, the opportunity to further develop their acting skills and knowledge in theatre and film toward a high level of excellence. In addition, students will develop competitive auditioning skills and a professional portfolio to prepare them for career and education opportunities in the performing arts.

### Junior Performing Arts Academy 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> Term        - work toward a showcase of short scenes involving movement and vocal work.  
                     - practise auditioning techniques including monologues
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Term        - work toward performance

### How is the Performing Arts Acting Class Different from Drama 8?

Drama 8 is an introductory course for students with limited drama background. The Performing Arts class is for grade 8 and 9 students, and it offers students the opportunity to further develop their acting skills as well as gain knowledge in theatre and film. In addition, students will develop competitive auditioning skills. Students will work towards a showcase of short scenes involving movement and vocal work. A separate online application is required as well as an audition.

To apply: Search "Secondary Academies" on the School District 68 Website or go to <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/secondary-academies/>



### Band 8

Students will learn to read music and play an instrument as part of a band. Beginning Band 8 involves the development of producing good sounds, learning proper technique on their chosen instrument and continuing to progress in their music reading skills. It also involves basic music theory. Students will be involved in several performances throughout the year and have the option to go on the annual Grade 8 Band Trip to Victoria. Students will play a variety of music including movie and television themes, video game music, traditional and jazz.

### Are there a lot of school rules to follow at Dover Bay?

Our school does not have a lot of rules, but respect for one another within our school community is the foundation of our expectations.

- Attend all classes – be prepared to work and be on time.
- Work diligently and put forth your best effort.
- There is no eating in the gym, computer labs, or library.
- Place litter in containers provided.
- Obey the provisions for safety for yourself and others both in classrooms and other areas inside and outside of the school.
- Respect others and the property of others.
- Always use courteous and appropriate language.
- Be orderly on buses and in the bus loading area.