

SHERWOOD HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Regular English Program

Grades 7, 8 and 9

The main program within our school is the regular English Program. The majority of our students are enrolled in this program. The students take Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education.

French Immersion Program

Grades 7, 8 and 9

The aim of the French Immersion Program is functional bilingualism, excellent English skills and the ability to comfortably speak, read, and write in French. To meet the requirements of the French Immersion Program, the program must cover 5 core courses; French Language Arts, English Language Arts, Science, Social and Math. The program also nurtures social, cultural and emotional development in students by offering students 2 options each semester, while they are gaining proficiency in both English and French. Sherwood Heights French Immersion Program is a continuation of the grade 6 Immersion Program at Ecole Campbelltown Elementary. For grade 10, the French Immersion Program continues for our students at Ardrossan High School.

Logos Christian Program

Grades 7, 8 and 9

The Logos Christian Program offers instruction within a Christian environment grounded in Christian principles. To this end, a teacher in this program will be expected to bring a Christian viewpoint to issues and topics in core curriculum areas. The students take the same courses as the regular English Program. This is a continuation of the programs at Westboro and Brentwood Elementary, however, entry is open to new students.

Those registering in the **Logos Program** are required to fill out a Logos Commitment Form which promotes Christian principles. These forms are available at the school office or on our website www.sherwoodheights.org.

Transition Program

Grade 7, 8 and 9

The Junior High Transition program is a system special education program for students in grades 7 to 9 with average to above average ability who have a diagnosed learning disability demonstrated by significant delays in one or more academic areas. The program offers a small class setting and individualized instruction in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies with a focus on direct instruction, strategy instructions, and development of self-advocacy skills. Students attend regular classes for other subjects including options. Students must be recommended by the feeder elementary schools and approved through our Central Office, Instructional Services Department.

Academic Excellence (Honours)

Grades 8 and 9

The Academic Excellence (Honours) Program at Sherwood Heights provides motivated students with opportunities to pursue academic studies that challenge and enrich their learning experiences. The program follows the Junior High Program of Studies, and students write regular Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests.

Students applying for Academic Excellence must have a minimum 80% average in 3 out of the 4 core subjects based on cumulative work (with minimum 70% or better in the 4th core). Space in the program is limited to 30 students, and final selection will be based on student cumulative marks. Enrollment in the Academic Excellence Program requires students to routinely model positive behaviors, work habits, and to demonstrate reliable attendance. Depending on program demand, the actual mark cutoff for acceptance may be higher than 80% in a given year.

Conditional acceptance will be determined in May. Students must maintain their honours standing on their final report card in June in order to remain in the program. All applicants will be informed as to whether or not they have been accepted into the program.

The program:

- provides students with stimulating and motivating learning environments.
- horizontally extends the regular curricular objectives with a focus on higher level reasoning, critical thinking skills, inquiry based learning, links to other disciplines, and optional subject matter.

For individuals wishing to enroll in this program an Academic Excellence application form must be submitted with the course registration. Forms are available at the school office or on our website at www.sherwoodheights.org.

Knowledge and Employability

Grade 8 & 9

The K & E program follows a curriculum outlined by Alberta Education. It starts in grade 8 and can continue to grade 9. The program offers a curriculum focusing on basic and real life academic skills in the four core subject areas. One focus of K & E is helping students make successful transitions to the work force. Students that will benefit from this program are those who learn by specific, practical, hands-on experiences and who work better with step by step instructions.

SCHOOL FEE SUMMARY

Noon hour supervision (yearly)	\$25 (mandatory)
Student Council Fee	\$10 (mandatory)
Yearbook	\$35 (optional)

PLUS

Option Course fees

Fee Sheets will be sent home with the student in September and are due by October 16, 2017. All fees subject to change.