

ÉCOLE OKOTOKS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Complimentary Course Descriptions (2025-2026)

This year students will make Complimentary Course selections online using the Edsembli **Student Portal**. [Edsembli Student Portal](#) Edsembli will be available for students to make their course selections after 6 pm on Wednesday, April 30th and need to be completed by noon on May 16th.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Most students will choose four complimentary courses (two in each semester) plus two alternatives (these will be your back up choices in case there is a conflict, or a course is cancelled).
- Band is a full year course. Band counts as two out of four of the options.
- We will make every effort to place students in the courses requested; however some combinations are not always possible due to timetable and availability.
- It is important that students select alternative courses in case your preferred courses are cancelled.
- If you have any problems, questions, or concerns with Edsembli, please email or call your office administrator.

ART \$25

Welcome to art class! In this class you will get the opportunity to use a variety of mediums such as drawing, acrylic and watercolour painting, charcoal, pastels, clay, collage, paper mâché, printmaking, and so much more! Mix in some art history for inspiration and get ready to create amazing art! Everyone is an artist, come and join us!

CODEBOTICS \$40

Codebotics is where code meets robotics. Students will explore the fascinating world of intelligent machines, from designing and building robots to programming them for various tasks. Whether navigating mazes, organizing objects, or engaging in epic sumo battles, participants will gain hands-on skills that prepare them for future careers.

CONCERT BAND (Full Year) (Fee \$25 per semester, plus instrument rental fee \$15/month = \$200 total) Travel! Perform! Learn to play an instrument! The band is where you want to be if you have a passion for music. Students will be traveling to an optional, overnight band camp in the fall. In the spring, they will compete in the provincial band festival. Throughout the year they will play with students from other local schools, have mentorship opportunities with students from The Comp and will be working with professional musicians to improve their skills. In class, students will advance their study of music in a band setting and will learn to play great music!

*Students who take band will also have opportunities in extracurricular jazz band (no fee).

DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN \$25

Digital Art and Design is where you will learn to use computers and other digital media, such as cameras, to create a variety of fun and artistic projects. In this course, you will design digital illustrations in a number of different programs, learn how to edit and manipulate photos, build simple animations, and

more! If you enjoy both art and using technology, this could be the option for you! Come create art and design graphics for the digital age!

DRAMA \$10

Introduction to Drama is all about getting to know yourself and others through games, activities and acting exercises. You will learn to tell stories through movement and through speaking. This is an active class, so be ready to participate and have some fun.

MUSICAL THEATRE \$50

Musical Theatre is designed for students who are interested in learning various aspects of performance techniques. Students will have the opportunity to learn acting, singing and dancing all at the same time, with the common goal of participating in the EOJHS Musical. Whole cast rehearsals will be Tuesdays after school, and the performance will be in March. Performance skills will be developed through auditioning, building character and preparing for our year end performance. This is a participation-based class that provides students with a variety of experiences that develop self-expression, creativity and communication through music and drama.

FOODS \$50

This introductory course incorporates the basics of food handling and cooking skills. The focus is primarily on understanding recipes and proper use of equipment, as well as safe and efficient work habits. Bring your appetite and join us for some fun in the kitchen!

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE \$20

Want to learn Canada's official second language? This course is designed for students with little to no prior knowledge of the French language. You will learn basic vocabulary and sentence structure, French culture, music and more!

GUITAR \$30

Have you always been curious about learning guitar and have not had the chance, or do you already know how to play, but would like to continue advancing your skills? In this class you will learn all the basic guitar skills needed to get you playing and rockin' out confidently! Some of the topics include learning open chords, flatpicking, fingerpicking, improvising, reading tab and chord charts. Music selection is based on student interest as a group and focuses on popular rock and pop music. All levels welcome!

*Students who take Guitar 8 or 9 in Semester 1, will have the opportunity to continue playing through performances, excursions and spring tour.

LEADERSHIP \$25

In Leadership students learn to be socially responsible and productive individuals within a larger society, and within the school community. Leadership class prepares students for their futures as valuable citizens. Our Leadership students are provided with various opportunities such as, but not limited to: community and school involvement, organizing initiatives, and building a stronger, richer school culture. Throughout the course, our leadership students develop a stronger sense of self, and the skills to truly lead, as they work at developing our school community. The topics covered in class may include planning, conflict management, problem solving and communication including public speaking. This helps to set a clear path toward successful futures!

MAKERSPACE \$30

Are you curious, creative, and full of ideas? Makerspace is your chance to explore real-world skills in a hands-on, project-based class that's all about bringing ideas to life. Whether you're interested in technology, entrepreneurship, or product design and creation, this course offers a range of exciting pathways to match your interests. Each Makerspace class connects to real careers and skills and will vary depending on grade level and teacher.

OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS \$50

Outdoor expeditions provide a sense of accomplishment, a new community, and a chance to connect with nature. It provides us opportunities for discovering creative thinking and supports social emotional growth and development. If you love to be outside exploring and love camping, learn skills and help plan your very own expedition! *Outdoor gear and clothing are required*

SPORTS PERFORMANCE \$20

Students will challenge themselves through physical pursuits. We will work on strength, power, coordination, and endurance. A sport medicine component will be included. Students will need to be prepared with appropriate clothing and footwear including indoor and outdoor running shoes.

TEXTILES AND DESIGN \$50

This introductory course focuses on learning how to use a sewing machine as well as working on hand sewing skills. Students will make flannel shorts and a stuffy, incorporating their own design ideas and creativity as well as explore careers within the industry. A fun, work-at-your-own pace class. No sewing experience required. Projects for each grade level may include:

Grade 7 - flannel shorts, design and sew a handsewn stuffy, fleece toque or others if time!

Grade 8 - pajamas pants, pillow, design a dream bedroom

Grade 9 - fleece hoodie, clothing design, design and make a drawstring backpack

WINDING DOWN \$25

Do you need a calm class to wind down and decrease your stress and anxiety during the school day? This class provides an environment for you to explore the practise yoga and mindfulness, with a mix of fun and unique activities. You will learn various types of yoga, get outside when the weather is nice, and participate in many calm and creative options based on student interest. By the end of each class, you will leave feeling relaxed and positive! Topics have included yoga, yoga Nidra (sleep yoga), paint pouring, rock painting, hot chocolate with colouring, and soapstone carving. Come take a breath and wind yourself down!

WOODWORKING \$50

Woodworking is a course designed to introduce the basics of making with wood. This includes safe tool operation with both hand and power tools, designing and planning wooden projects, learning tricks of the trade to build 2 of your own projects, and lastly having some fun while making some sawdust!

Instructions for Online Complimentary Course Selection

Login here: [Edsembli Student Portal](#)

Your username is your student GMAIL email address.

- For **new students attending EOJHS**, you will have two profiles pop up when you first login.
- Select the profile that has your name with **Ecole Okotoks Junior High School listed**, not the current school you are attending.

Once you are in your profile select the **Class info drop down**, then **course selections**. From here you will have the following screen: This is where you make your complimentary course selections:

Add course selections

Set defaults

☒ Preferred ☐ Alternate

☐ Course can be substituted with an alternate course if necessary ☐ Locked

Add by typing course then hit enter or select from list

Before you choose any courses decide if you are taking band or not. **Band** is a full year course and takes up **2** of your **4** options for the school year. See Instructions below:

TAKING BAND:

1. Select Band as **Preferred**.
2. Select your next favorite course as **Preferred**.
3. Select **1** more course as **Preferred** but click the little box beside that states substitute.

Preferred courses				
Course	Number	Title	Substitute	Locked
OPT07CD	CD07	7 Coding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Select **2** more and make them **Alternate**. These will be used if any courses chosen in above steps are no longer available.

5. Review all your choices and if correct logout and you are done!

There is NO submit button!

NOT TAKING BAND:

1. Select your **1st** favorite course under **Preferred**.
2. Select **3** more courses under **Preferred** but ensure that **1** is listed as a **substitute**. See above screenshot.
3. Select **2** more course as **Alternate** and add. These will be used if any courses chosen as preferred are no longer available. See above screenshot.
4. Review all your choices and if correct select close and you are done!

There is NO submit button!

FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS:

Before choosing complimentary courses, you will need to decide if you want

Option 1: daily PE with one option per semester (proceed to the directions below)

Option 2: PE every other day with 2 options per semester – you will need to add PED07FI prior to selecting any complimentary courses.

FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS – NOT TAKING BAND:

1. Select your favorite choice in the preferred box.
2. Select **1** more course in the preferred box and select substitute box.
3. Select **2** more courses as **Alternative**. These will be used if any courses chosen in above steps are no longer available. See screenshots as reference.

FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS – TAKING BAND:

1. Select Band as **preferred**
2. Select 1 more course as **preferred with the substitute box checked beside it.**
3. Select 2 more courses as **Alternate**. These will be used if any courses chosen in above steps are no longer available.
4. Review your choice and if correct select Close and you are done! There is NO submit button!

**** If you have need help with complimentary course selections, please email Daron Walsh**

Complimentary Course Planning Sheet

Getting started: Use this sheet to help plan your choices before you log on to make your selections.

- Before you choose any courses, you must decide if you will take Band.
- If you are a French Immersion student, please jump to the last two boxes.

TAKING BAND (Full year course)

If you are taking band then you will need to choose **band** as your first **preferred option**, and then choose a **second & third preferred** option, and **two alternates**.

1. Preferred Band Band is a full year course and counts as two options.
2. Preferred _____ This is your most favourite choice not including band.
3. Preferred _____ This is your 2nd favourite choice not including band.

Substitute box checked beside

4. Alternate _____ This is in case you don't get one of the choices above.
5. Alternate _____ This is in case you don't get one of the choices above.

NOT TAKING BAND * Remember one preferred requires the substitute box checked beside it*

1. Preferred _____ This is your most favourite choice.
2. Preferred _____ This is your 2nd favourite choice.
3. Preferred _____ This is your 3rd favourite choice.
4. Preferred _____ This is your 4th favourite choice.
5. Alternate _____ This is in case you don't get one of the choices above.
6. Alternate _____ This is in case you don't get one of the choices above.

- **One preferred course needs the substitute box checked**

FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENT NOT TAKING BAND

French Immersion students get fewer options in their timetable.

1. Preferred _____
2. Preferred _____ *** with substitute box checked***
3. Alternate _____
4. Alternate _____

FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENT TAKING BAND

1. Preferred Band
2. Preferred _____
3. Alternate _____

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