



# BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY

## GRADE 8 ENRICHED CLASSES APPLICATION

To Parents and Students:

Thank you for your interest in Burnaby Mountain's enriched grade 8 courses. The following package is intended to provide you with information and an application for all of Burnaby Mountain's enriched 8 courses for the coming school year.

### The Application Package Involves Two Steps:

**STEP 1** is to be filled out by the applicant and his/her family **prior to** their **GRADE 7 VISIT**. Once completed, this should be submitted to your grade 7 classroom teacher.

**STEP 2** will be **completed and submitted confidentially** by your grade 7 classroom teacher directly to the care of Mr Barry Callister through **MAIL** or during the **GRADE 7 VISIT** at Burnaby Mountain.

### Important Notes to Applicants:

- When filling out the Burnaby Mountain Secondary School course selection form, please select the enriched 8 courses you are interested in taking. Should you not be successful in the application process, you will automatically be placed in the regular grade 8 programs.
- Students wishing to pursue any of our enriched grade 8 level or accelerated 8/9 programs must ensure that both parts of this form are complete to be considered for admission
- **Acceptance letters from Burnaby Mountain will be sent home. Acceptance into enriched courses can also be verified using MyEd after May 15th. This can be reached through links from the Burnaby Mountain school website.**

All of the following assessments for enriched courses are held at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School.

NOTE: There are no written assessments for Enriched Social Studies classes

Dates of Written Assessment	Held at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School*		
English 8 Enriched	<b>Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	3:30 – 4:30	Multi-purpose Room
Science 8 Enriched / Math 8 Enriched / Math 8-9	<b>Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	3:30 – 4:30	Multi-purpose Room
Alternate assessment date for excused absences or illness	<b>Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	3:30 – 4:30	Multi-purpose Room

\*Please arrive 15 minutes early.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate department head below.

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### Information for students, parents, and grade 7 teachers about the Enriched Entrance Exams

- Socials Studies 8 Enriched does not have a written assessment.
- The English 8 Enriched entrance assessment will involve a written response.
- Math 8/9 is an accelerated program. Students study Math 8 and 9 together in one year.
- In Math 8 Enriched students study the Math 8 learning outcomes in more depth. The same entrance assessments is used for both of the math courses offered.
- **Grade 7 teachers:** please make a note of the enriched entrance assessment dates and remind your students a few days prior to the exam regarding the date, time, and location. We thank you for excusing your students from class and allowing them to come to Burnaby Mountain to write their entrance assessments.
- Parents, please ensure that your child arrives at Burnaby Mountain at the required date and time for each assessment. Your child will NOT be supervised after the assessment so please plan how they will get home after each.
- The math and science entrance assessments are combined and are composed of multiple-choice and written-response questions; the duration of each is approximately 40 minutes. Students must bring a pencil, eraser, and a ruler as these items will not be supplied. The assessment questions are designed to be quite challenging, which is necessary for us to be able to differentiate between students based upon their performance.
- Students cannot study any specific content for the science exam but they will be required to demonstrate their ability to think logically, critically, problem solve, interpret graphs and communicate their ideas clearly and concisely.
- The math assessment requires knowledge of the Math 7 learning outcomes but not the Math 8 learning outcomes.
- Calculators are NOT permitted for either assessment (math or science).
- There are no sample assessments available. We will not be providing any specific assessment information prior to the assessment.

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### STEP 1 (Applicant/Parent Form)

**STEP 1: To be completed by APPLICANTS prior to GRADE 7 VISITS. Once completed, this should be submitted to your GRADE 7 CLASSROOM TEACHER for STEP 2.**

Check the Grade 8 Enriched Courses you are applying to take:

Students wishing to pursue any of our Enriched Grade 8 level or Accelerated 8/9 programs must ensure that both parts of this form are completed to be considered for admission.

\*Please refer to the attached information sheet for a description of the two math courses.

**Socials 8 Enriched**

**English 8 Enriched**

**Science 8 Enriched**

**Math 8 Enriched \***

**Math 8/9\***


#### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ School's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICANT DECLARATIONS:

*Students and parents/guardians must complete the following declarations:*

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**Student Name – PRINT PLEASE**) am **applying** for the enriched course(s) selected above.

I am aware that enriched courses will require time, commitment, individual research and self-directed study.

I understand that students applying for these course(s) are not automatically accepted and will be selected based on this application form in addition to an entrance assessment for the English, Math, and Science 8 enriched courses.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**Parent Name – PRINT PLEASE**) give consent for my son/daughter to **apply** for these courses and understand what is involved in both the application process and the requirements of the course. I have also noted the entrance assessment dates and will make arrangements for my child to get to Burnaby Mountain without teacher supervision.

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

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### STEP 2 (Grade 7 Teacher Form)

**STEP 2: To be completed CONFIDENTIALLY by your GRADE 7 CLASSROOM TEACHER and submitted to Barry Callister by MAIL or during your GRADE 7 VISIT at Burnaby Mountain PRIOR to APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Course marks to date	% (Approx)
Social Studies	
Science	
English	
Math	

*Please circle the appropriate response on the three point scale.*

The student in question . . .	Fair	Good	Excellent
Participates actively in class work	1	2	3
Is articulate in classroom discussions	1	2	3
Expresses ideas clearly in writing	1	2	3
Shows leadership in group work	1	2	3
Works effectively by themselves	1	2	3
Asks perceptive and penetrating questions	1	2	3
Is willing to share ideas	1	2	3
Takes responsibility for learning, including completion of all assigned tasks	1	2	3
Behaves in a considerate, responsive, respectful and mature manner	1	2	3
Applies data to new situations	1	2	3
Grasps new concepts quickly and thoroughly	1	2	3
Has the ability to use evidence to support opinions	1	2	3
Has the ability to think analytically	1	2	3
Has the ability to follow complex directions	1	2	3
Demonstrates above average math ability	1	2	3
Has mathematical problem solving skills	1	2	3

*Based on the applicants overall ability and work habits do you feel they would be successful in a course that requires them to work independently, be organized, and take initiative?*

- Yes, without a doubt     
  Possibly, with limited reservations     
  Probably not

*Additional comments regarding reservations concerning student's application:*

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