



BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY

GRADE 8 HONOURS APPLICATION

To Parents and Students:

Thank you for your interest in Burnaby Mountain's Honours 8 Courses. The following package is intended to provide you with information and an application for all of Burnaby Mountain's Honours 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. Once completed, this should be submitted to your grade 7 classroom teacher.

STEP 2 will be completed **confidentially** by your grade 7 classroom teacher and submitted at 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 Honors 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 Grade 8 level Honours or Accelerated 8/9 programs must ensure that both parts of this form are complete to be considered for admission
- **Acceptance into honours courses can be verified using MyEd after May 15th. This can be reached through links from the Burnaby Mountain school website.**

All of the following honors exams are held at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School.

NOTE: There are no exams for Social Studies Honours classes

Dates of Entrance Exams	Held at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School*		
English 8H	Monday, April 3rd	3:30 – 4:30	Multi-purpose Room
Science 8H/ Math 8H/Math 8-9	Tuesday, April 4th	3:30 – 4:30	Multi-purpose Room
Alternate exam date for excused absences or illness	Tuesday, April 11th	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 Honours Entrance Exams

- Socials Studies 8 Honours does not have an entrance exam.
- The English 8 Honours Exam will involve a written response.
- Math8/9 is an accelerated program. Students study Math 8 and 9 together in one year.
- Math 8 Honours is an enriched program. Students study the Math 8 learning outcomes in more depth. The same entrance exam is used for both of the math courses offered.
- Grade 7 teachers: please make a note of the Honours Entrance Exam 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 exams.
- Parents, please ensure that your child arrives at Burnaby Mountain at the required date and time for each exam. Your child will NOT be supervised after the exams so please plan how they will get home after each exam.
- The math and science entrance exams are combined and are composed of multiple-choice and written-response questions; the duration of each exam is approximately one hour. Students must bring a pencil, eraser, and a ruler as these items will not be supplied. The exam questions are designed to be quite challenging, which is necessary for us to be able to rank the 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 exam requires knowledge of the Math 7 learning outcomes but not the Math 8 learning outcomes.
- Calculators are NOT permitted for either exam (math or science).
- There are no sample exams available. We will not be providing any specific exam information prior to the exam.

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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 Honours Courses you are applying to take:

Students wishing to pursue any of our Grade 8 level Honours 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 Honours

English 8 Honours

Science 8 Honours

Math 8 Honours*

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 above selected Honours course(s).

I am aware that these honours 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 examination for the English 8H, Math 8H, Math 8/9, and Science 8H 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 exam dates and will make arrangements for my child to get to Burnaby Mountain without teacher supervision.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

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 during your GRADE 7 VISIT at Burnaby Mountain.

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.

	Fair	Good	Excellent
The student in question . . .			
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:
