

### Sciences humaines 9

The Grade 9 sciences humaines curriculum will focus on nationalism, imperialism, Britain in the 1900s, the French Revolution, European settlement in Canada, the Seven Years War, the American Revolution, the Loyalists and the Constitutional Act. Historical geography of Canada and skills such as map reading will be integrated into the outdoor component.

### School Year Calendar

Students enrolled in PASE will start the school year one week earlier than the normal school calendar in August, and will get an extra week off during the Christmas vacation. This type of school calendar allows Wood Street Centre programs to take advantage of the good weather. This program will be taught at Wood Street Centre located downtown at 411 Wood Street. Call the school for more information at 667-8413.

### Student Expectations

Students selecting this program should be committed to participating in the various outdoor and science field trips. Regular attendance is therefore essential. You must be committed to speaking French 100% of the time while in class and on trips.



### Student Application for PASE 9

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender M or F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons for applying for PASE:

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### Application

To apply, you need to send your completed application to Wood Street Centre, 411 Wood Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2E9. You are encouraged to write an accompanying letter. Admission to the program includes an in-person or phone interview. We will also be contacting teachers at your home school for their recommendations.

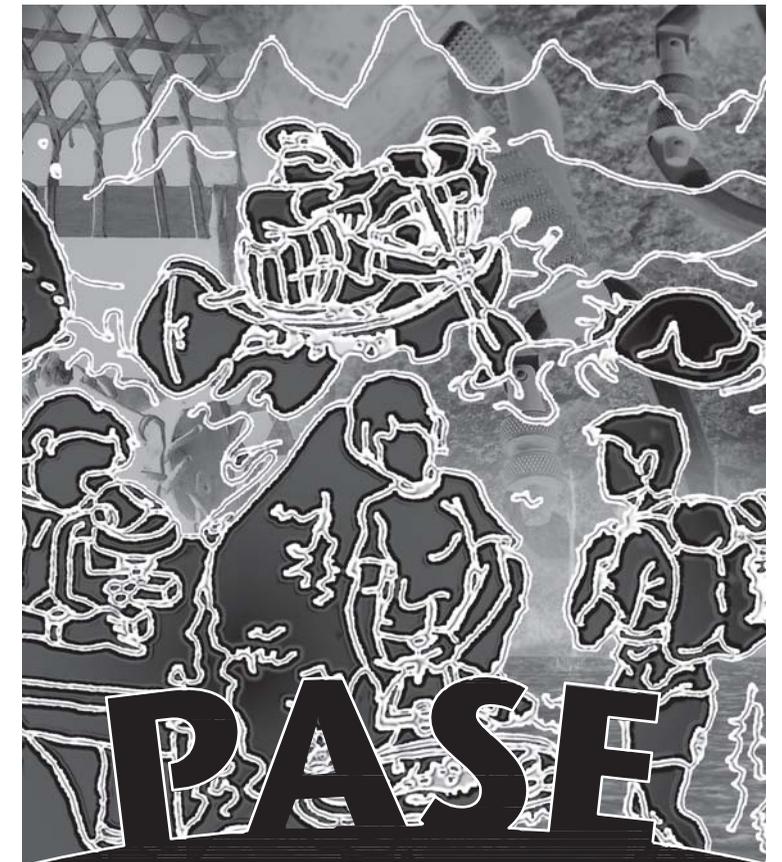
**I have read the information provided and support my daughter's/son's application for enrolment into PASE 9.**

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Parent signature

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Student signature

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Date

For more information about this program, please call Alain Dallaire at Wood Street Centre: 667-8413, or talk to your school counsellor.



## Plein Air et Sciences Expérientielles

**Understanding our Environment  
through activity and study**

*"Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach us more than we can ever learn from books."*

John Lubbock

**Yukon**  
Education

# PASE 9 — Plein air et sciences expérientielles

## General Program Description

Plein air et sciences expérientielles (PASE) offers a “new” approach for Grade 9 students. This integrated program provides students with opportunities in a variety of exciting outdoor pursuits and enriches the regular sciences 9 and social studies 9 curriculum through field study experiences.

The physical education course will be complimented with a number of interesting activities.

The practical Fine Arts and leadership components will round out this full semester integrated program.

## Goals and Objectives

To encourage and develop:

- an interest for outdoor activities, sciences and specific projects
- a knowledge and appreciation of the Yukon's natural environment (wildlife, vegetation, rock formation) and different ecological zones
- a heightened awareness and dedication to health and fitness
- friendship and positive peer relationships
- leadership, communication and observation skills
- a responsible attitude about learning, about yourself, and about your role in society
- strong French speaking skills as an extension of the French immersion program



## French Immersion Component

This program will be taught in French and will require French communication with the teacher and between students all the time. The extended trips offer students long term immersion opportunities which increases exposure to the language.

## Major Expeditions

There are five major expeditions planned for the semester. Two of these trips will be done at the beginning of the school year. Most of the other activities and field trips will be one to two days long. To take advantage of the favourable weather in August, this program will start one week prior to the normal school year. Students will get one extra week off during Christmas vacation. Dates for trips will be made available early in August.

## Program Costs

Students are to pay a minimum fee of **\$250** at the beginning of the semester. This money will be used to cover the cost of equipment, gas, and services.

Students are not expected to buy a lot of outdoor equipment. However, the program will provide equipment for those who do not have their own. All students are expected to provide their own food (expect approximately the same cost as eating at home). All specialized equipment will be provided (winter sleeping bag, ski equipment, backpacking stove and pot set, sled, expedition backpack, kayaks, canoes and bike if needed).



## Program Content

The subjects offered within PASE 9 cover the same content as regular Grade 9 courses, but will be taught in a manner that integrates class work with projects and the experiences students encounter outside of school. Students will have to write the same final departmental exam as the regular program.

### *PASE Semester*

- Science 9
- Outdoor Pursuits 9
- Physical Education 9
- Sciences humaines 9

### *FH Semester*

- English 9
- Français 9
- Math 9
- Elective 9

### *Sciences naturelles 9*

The sciences 9 curriculum will cover four main themes. Biology will look at the human body systems and the factors affecting them. Chemistry will include elements, compound and reactions. Force, energy, work, power and machines will make up the Physics component. The Astronomy section will cover the solar system and the universe.

### *Plein air et sciences environnementales 9*

This course will provide students with a wide range of exciting, challenging and rewarding experiences. The course will focus on the knowledge and skills related to a variety of outdoor wilderness activities. Topics covered in the course will include: hiking, avalanche awareness, winter camping, kayaking (river and sea), climbing, wilderness ethics, field study project (moose, showshoe hare, forestry, water quality studies, etc.)

Four major expeditions, each lasting four to five days, may include: Chilkoot trail, sea kayaking trip, biking trip, overnight survival trip, and a winter camping trip.

### *Éducation Physique 9*

This course will cover traditional activities such as team, dual and individual sports. Aquatics, showshoeing and skiing will be integrated with outdoor field trips. Emphasis will be placed on participation in lifelong activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and fitness for fun.