



## SouthPointe School Junior High Course Catalogue

### Timetable – General Description

SouthPointe School is a K-9 school that follows a six-day, six-period timetable. All junior high students will take a combination of core and elective/complementary courses.

Core courses are courses that all students must take as mandated by Alberta Education. They are English Language Arts, Health, Math, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies. They will have Physical Education daily.

### Elective or Complementary Courses

Elective/complementary courses are the courses that students choose based on areas of interest. Students at SouthPointe take 4 elective courses throughout the year. The elective courses are split into 2 semesters, meaning students will take 2 option courses during Semester 1 (September - January) and 2 options courses in Semester 2 (February - June). Currently, all grade 7 and 8 students must take a Construction course and a Baking or Foods course; the two other electives are selected by the student. Grade 9 students will select 4 option courses.

All fees charged for elective courses are for cost-recovery. The course fee covers supplies that are consumed during the course.

Below is the list of elective courses offered to all junior high students SouthPointe School. The list includes a variety of courses representing a diverse range of interest areas. In some cases, due to lack of student interest, courses in the list may not be offered as courses require a minimum number of students to move ahead.

## Grade 8 Elective Course Descriptions

- [Art 8](#)
- [Baking 200](#) (\*Mandatory - must take either Baking 200 or Foods 200)
- [Construction 200](#) (\*Mandatory)
- [Technology 200](#)
- [Foods 200](#) (\*Mandatory - must take either Baking 200 or Foods 200)
- [Leadership 8](#)
- [Outdoor Pursuits 8](#)

### **Art 8**

Course Fee: \$10

This is a basic program that looks at the elements and principles of the foundations of art with a focus on drawing. Students are given opportunities to work in a variety of mediums which include paint, pastels, charcoal, chalk, clay, and other materials as required. Each project is designed to reinforce a single art element and gives the student an opportunity to develop their artistic skills.

### **Baking 200**

Course Fee: \$25

Are you passionate about baking? Discover the many techniques and products which can be made – muffins, cookies, pies, cupcakes, pastry, and yeast breads. The list is endless. Complete with others in competitions like the Great Canadian Bake Off or Kids Baking Championship. This is a more advanced cooking course and will incorporate student choice and interests.

### **Construction 200**

Course Fee: \$35

Students will develop woodworking techniques, with an emphasis on safety and project management. They will learn how to design a project, develop, and follow a plan, use hand and power tools, and acquire basic construction techniques. The students will be able to take advantage of the full Construction Lab to build different projects.

### **Technology 200**

Course Fee: \$5

This course will give students opportunities to explore the world of digital technology. They will gain experience in coding (Scratch), robotics and 3D graphic design. Students will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to these exciting topics.

### **Foods 200**

Course Fee: \$30

Find yourself hungry after school!? In this primarily hands on class, students will explore basic baking and cooking skills. After completing a kitchen safety orientation in the first week, the students will start off their food journey with creating snacks from simple recipes. From there they will venture into working with more complex main and dessert recipes. They then progress to a hands-on group project where they will demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge with classmates.

### **Leadership 8**

Course Fee: \$5

Students will learn skills to develop and enhance their leadership capacity. Students will be required to commit to adopting a leadership role within the school and/or community. This will include team leader responsibilities in areas such as student interest groups, liaising with staff on school matters and governance, event/activity planning and implementation, humanitarian involvement, promotions, mentoring, school spirit, etc.

### **Outdoor Pursuits 8**

Course Fee: \$15

This outdoor education course will focus on developing skills and attitudes necessary for safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences in all seasons. This course will be primarily activity based. Seasonally appropriate activities such as geo-caching, orienteering, outdoor cooking, biking, wildlife appreciation and shelter building. The course will include field trips, indoor and outdoor activities, as well as classroom projects.