

## OPTION SHEET INSTRUCTIONS 2010

1. Take all option information home to research courses and confirm choices with your parents.
2. Complete the online option sheet in period 5 class (see reverse for instructions). Changes can be made online until March 5th. After that, changes must be made with a counsellor.
3. Have your parent/guardian sign the Option Verification Letter, and photo consent form. Return both pages to your homeroom teacher *no later than*

**Friday, March 19th**

## Course Code Legend

*Pathways:*

**L = Locally Developed**  
**P = Applied**  
**D = Academic**  
**O = Open**  
**E = Workplace (*Everyday Life*)**  
**C = College**  
**M = College/University (*Mixed*)**  
**U = University**

*Grades:*

**1 = grade 9    2 = grade 10**  
**3 = grade 11    4 = grade 12**

### **1. DO YOUR RESEARCH AND CHOOSE WISELY**

If you have questions, please speak to a guidance counsellor before choosing your courses. The principal staffs the school and creates the timetable with the choices that you make on your option sheet. Course availability is determined by the choices you make now, so please research your pathway and choose with care. We want you to be satisfied and fulfilled in your classes next year.

### **2. RESEARCH POST-SECONDARY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Plan backwards to ensure you take the courses needed to apply to post-secondary programs. **Ensure you look at the admission requirements at different schools listed on the following websites:**

College: [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

University: [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

Apprenticeships:  
[www.edu.gov.on.ca/apprenticeships](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/apprenticeships)

### **3. RESEARCH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

For complete course descriptions and detailed credit information, please talk to teachers and read the course descriptions on the board website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) → *Students* (at the top) → *Secondary Course Calendar* (on the left side). Ten hard copies of the board calendar are available for each class to sign out.

### **DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be successfully completed in order to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD):

- ⇒ 30 credits including 18 compulsory credits and 12 optional credits;
- ⇒ 40 hours of community involvement;
- ⇒ Successful completion of the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT) *OR* the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, OLC401

### **COMPULSORY CREDITS**

- 4 English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 mathematics (1 at the Senior Level)
- 2 science
- 1 French
- 1 Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 1 Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 arts credit (any of visual arts, music, drama, dance)
- 1 health and physical education
- 0.5 credit in civics
- 0.5 credit in career studies

Group 1 - one additional credit in English, *OR* French as a second language, *OR* a Native language, *OR* a classical or international language, *OR* social sciences and the humanities, *OR* Canadian and world Studies, *OR* guidance and career Education, *OR* cooperative Education\*

Group 2 - one additional credit in health and physical education *OR* the arts *OR* business studies, *OR* cooperative education\*

Group 3 - one additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12) *OR* technology (Grade 9-12), *OR* cooperative education\*

\* A maximum of two of the three additional compulsory credit requirements for groups 1, 2, and 3 may be met with credits earned through cooperative education.