

Orchard Park Secondary School



Welcome

Grade 8 Option Information Night

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Mr. Vukosa, Head, Student Services

Ms Lorinczi – Assistant Head of Student Services

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High School Format

- **2 Semesters: September to January and February to June**
- **4 courses each semester (first 4 in Semester 1 and remaining 4 in semester 2)**
- **Examinations and/or culminating activities at the end of each semester**
- **4 classes per day**
- **Each class is 75 minutes long**



OSSD Requirements

- 30 credits
 - 18 Compulsory
 - 12 Elective
- ✓ 40 hours Community Involvement
- ✓ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)





Compulsory Course Requirements

Students must earn the following 15 compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 English (1 at each grade level)
- 3 Mathematics (1 at senior level)
- 2 Science
- 1 French
- 1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Arts (Visual, Media, Music, Drama)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- .5 Civics (Grade 10)
- .5 Career Studies (Grade 10)



Compulsory Course Requirements

Plus one credit from each of the following 3 groups:

- 1 additional credit in **English** or **French** as a second language, or a **Native language**, or a **classical** or **international language** or **social sciences & humanities**, or **Canadian and world studies** or **guidance & career education** or **cooperative education**.
- 1 additional credit in **health and physical education** or the **arts** or **business studies** or **French** as a second language or **cooperative education**.
- 1 additional credit in **science** (grade 11 or 12) or **technological education**, or **French** as a second language, or **computer studies**, or **cooperative education**.

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Community Involvement

When Can I Complete Community Involvement Hours?

- Starting on July 1st the summer before grade 9.
- Outside scheduled class time; e.g., during lunch breaks/during spares.
- In the evenings, on weekends, during the summer months.
- Completed community hours can be submitted to the Student Services office in your school as you complete them.



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Administered in the spring of the Grade 10 year
- Based on expectations for language and communication up to and including Grade 9
- Accommodations, and deferrals may be appropriate for some students



Course Types: Grades 9 & 10

In GRADE 9 and 10, courses are offered in 5 categories or levels:

- 1. APPLIED (“P”)**
- 2. ACADEMIC (“D”)**
- 3. LOCALLY DEVELOPED (“L”)**
- 4. ENRICHED ACADEMIC (“DE”)**
- 5. OPEN (“O”)**



Understanding Course Codes

Grade level

- 1 = Grade 9
- 2 = Grade 10
- 3 = Grade 11
- 4 = Grade 12

Level

- D** = Academic **P** = Applied
- O** = Open **L** = Locally Developed
- C** = College **U** = University

Department &
Course Description
ENG = English

The 6th character indicates the credit value of the course

- 1 = 1 credit
- 3 = 0.5 credit
- 4 = 0.5 credit
- 6 = 1 coop credit
- 8 = 2 coop credits

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Course Description

DA = Dramatic Arts

Indicates
Area of
Study

A = Arts

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Compulsory Credits in Grade 9

Students choose 6 compulsory courses in grade 9

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- Health and Physical Education
- French

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Choose two Optional credits

- ▶ Exploring Family Studies
- ▶ Dramatic Arts
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Visual Arts
- ▶ Exploring Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology in Business
- ▶ Exploring Technologies
- ▶ Exploring Computer Technology (Robotics)

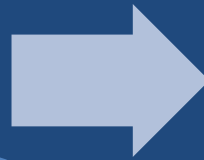
**Most students take their compulsory Arts course in grade 9
DRAMA (ADA101), MUSIC (AMI101) or ART (AVI101)**



Next Steps

January 2018

- Counsellors visit feeder schools
- Grade 8 teachers provide recommendation of levels



February 2018

- Students complete on-line course option selections
- Parents/Guardians encouraged to participate in process with teacher support.



Option Process

- **Course Selections are completed in February**
- **Teachers will take the option sheets and check off their "recommendations".**
- **Student will take the option sheet and course descriptor booklet home and they will fill out the option sheet with their parents.**
- **The Parents will sign the option sheet and send it back to the school.**

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Option Process

- Between February 12th-22nd students will enter courses into Career Cruising - we will visit the schools with iPads to assist with this.
- A signed verification sheet needs to be printed and signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the elementary school
- Deadline for Options: February 23rd, 2018



Option Process

- Parents are strongly encouraged to follow teacher recommendations



Option Process & Boundaries

- **Students that live in the Orchard Park catchment and are attending an HWDSB school will fill out an option sheet at their current school and enter their options online in Career Cruising.**



Option Process & Boundaries

- All students that live in the Orchard Park catchment and are NOT currently attending an HWDSB school will need to contact:

Mrs. Leuzzi, Student Services Administrator
at 905-662-3838 ext. 311 to book an
appointment to meet with a school Vice
Principal

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Additional Information

- If you are unsure of your catchment status, please visit the HWDSB website and use the Find a School tool to determine which school you will attend for September 2018. The link to this website is:
- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>