

# Reach Ahead at HWDSB

**Summer Reach Ahead programs provide an opportunity for students to take compulsory Civics and Careers or specific Technological Education (credit) courses in the summer before starting Grade Nine.**

Civics and Careers courses are offered online, in self-guided modules, using *The HUB*. Teachers will be available during their “office hours” one hour each day on MS Teams. These half credit courses are equivalent to 55 hours of in-class time each. Civics runs from July 2 to July 14, 2025, and Careers runs from July 15 to July 25, 2025.

Technological Education courses are offered in-person at specific school locations only. Students will attend from 8am to 2pm daily. These courses run from July 2 to July 25, 2025.

**Exploring Construction Technology** - This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills in construction technology, which encompasses plumbing, electrical and network wiring, masonry, heating/cooling, carpentry, and woodworking. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

**Exploring Hairstyling & Aesthetics** - This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills related to hairstyling and aesthetics, including hair, nail, and skin care applications. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

**Exploring Hospitality & Tourism** - This course provides students with opportunities to explore different areas of hospitality and tourism, as reflected in the various sectors of the tourism industry, with an emphasis on food service. Students will study culinary techniques of food handling and preparation, health and safety standards, the use of tools and equipment, the origins of foods, and event planning, and will learn about tourism attractions across Ontario. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues and will explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the tourism industry.

**Locations:** Please check here for in-person locations: [Summer Reach Ahead | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board](#)

Registration for Reach Ahead is now open in [myBlueprint](#) through [Continuing Education](#). If you need assistance or support, please contact Miss. Toth, Student Success, at [jtoth@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:jtoth@hwdsb.on.ca).