



Glendale Secondary School  
Technology Course Outline  
Introduction to Computer Science, Grade 11  
University Preparation, ICS3U



TEACHER: Mr. Tait

PREREQUISITE: ICS20 (recommended) HOURS: 110

CREDIT VALUE: 1

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mrs. Ciprietti

TEXTBOOK: None

GUIDELINE: The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 10 to 12, Computer Studies

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces students to computer science. Students will design software independently and as part of a team, using industry-standard programming tools and applying the software development life-cycle model. They will also write and use subprograms within computer programs. Students will develop creative solutions for various types of problems as their understanding of the computing environment grows. They will also explore environmental and ergonomic issues, emerging research in computer science, and global career trends in computer-related fields.

**STRANDS and OVERALL EXPECTATIONS:**

**A. Programming Concepts and Skills**

By the end of this course, students will:

- A1. demonstrate the ability to use different data types, including one-dimensional arrays, in computer programs;
- A2. demonstrate the ability to use control structures and simple algorithms in computer programs;
- A3. demonstrate the ability to use subprograms within computer programs;
- A4. use proper code maintenance techniques and conventions when creating computer programs.

**B. Software Development**

By the end of this course, students will:

- B1. use a variety of problem-solving strategies to solve different types of problems independently and as part of a team;
- B2. design software solutions to meet a variety of challenges;
- B3. design algorithms according to specifications;
- B4. apply a software development life-cycle model to a software development project.

### **C. Computer Environments and Systems**

By the end of this course, students will:

- C1. relate the specifications of computer components to user requirements;
- C2. use appropriate file maintenance practices to organize and safeguard data;
- C3. demonstrate an understanding of the software development process.

### **D. Topics in Computer Science**

By the end of this course, students will:

- D1. describe policies on computer use that promote environmental stewardship and sustainability;
- D2. demonstrate an understanding of emerging areas of computer science research;
- D3. describe postsecondary education and career prospects related to computer studies.

(Curriculum documents, with all overall and specific expectations are available at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/>)

## *The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning*

### **ASSESSMENT**

The process of assessing student learning is continuous and on-going. Teachers use information gathered through assessments to provide feedback for students, to guide instruction and develop individual learning goals for students. This is assessment *for* learning. Students use this feedback to continuously improve their achievement and set individual learning goals. This is assessment *as* learning. Information from assessments informs the teacher's professional judgment, but is not used in determining the student's level of achievement.

### **EVALUATION**

Evaluation is the process of determining a level of student achievement of the Overall Expectations for a course, which is recorded as a mid-term or final grade on a report card.

Students will be given numerous and varied opportunities to demonstrate their achievement of the Overall Expectations across the four categories of achievement (Knowledge & Understanding, Thinking, Communication and Application). Evidence of student achievement of the Overall Expectations is collected over time from three different sources - observations, conversations and student products.

To be successful students **must demonstrate achievement of EACH of the Overall Expectations** for the course. If a student is missing evidence of achievement of one or more of the Overall Expectations then a lower limit will be determined by the teacher.

In determining a report card grade teachers use their professional judgment to interpret the evidence of student achievement which reflects the student's most consistent level of achievement with special considerations given to the more recent evidence.

The final grade is determined by the following breakdown:

**70 %** - evaluations made at the end of units throughout the semester.

**30%** - final demonstrations of learning (culminating activities and/or final examinations)

### **REPORT CARDS**

Student progress is reported at 3 times during the semester.

**Interim Report** - October and March. Reports on student Learning Skills and Work Habits with next steps for improvement.

**Mid-term Report Card** - November and April. Reports on student achievement of the Overall Expectations to date. **Incomplete achievement** is reflected on Mid-term Report Cards, but replaced when learning has been demonstrated.

**Final Report Card** - February and July. Reports on student achievement of all of the Overall Expectations.

### **ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Students are responsible for being academically honest in all aspects of their schoolwork. Academic dishonesty includes a variety of behaviours including cheating, plagiarism, facilitating or aiding academic dishonesty, and the unauthorized access or manipulating of student records, work and computer programs. Such behaviours impede the learning process and threaten the educational environment for all students.

Intentional academic dishonesty will result in disciplinary consequences. Teachers and parents should support students in striving for excellence and producing work with integrity.

### **ATTENDANCE AND LEARNING SKILLS**

There is a direct link between good attendance and success at school. Students are expected to attend classes regularly and on time. Evidence of student achievement is gathered during classes through observations and learning conversations.

Learning Skills play an important role in a student's level of achievement. Students will be assessed on the following learning skills: responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation.

### **CELL PHONES/PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Teachers will determine when personal electronic devices, including cell phones, will be used as instructional tools/supports. At other times these devices (with the exception of electronic translators) are not to be used and must be turned off and be stored away. Consequences for inappropriate use of these devices may include removal of the device from the learning environment.

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### **SCHOOL WIDE SUPPORTS**

- ☺ Student Support Team (formerly know as Learning Resource)
  - In-class help
  - Test and exam support
  - Alternate learning environment
- ☺ English Language Learner Support Team
  - Lunch-time help
  - Test and exam support
- ☺ Math lunch-time help
- ☺ Math Homework Help - on-line support
- ☺ Information via school website @ <http://schools.hwdsb.on.ca/glendale/>
- ☺ School wide access to password protected wireless network
  - Access to on-line resources
- ☺ Literacy Coaching
- ☺ Literacy @ Lunch
- ☺ Learning Commons @ Lunch
- ☺ Paper and electronic calendars
- ☺ Teacher/department Lunch-time/before/after school help