

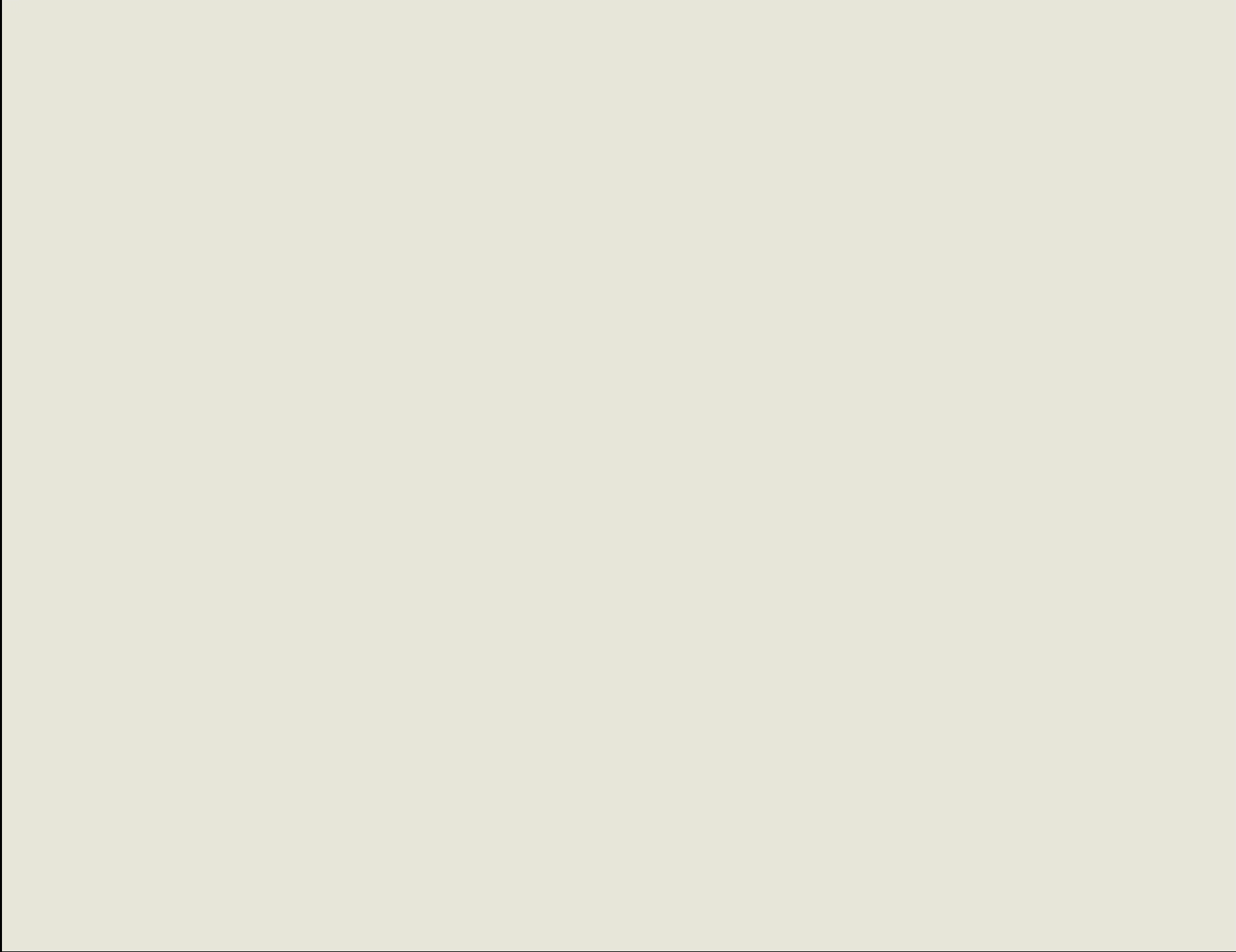
Grade 7 & 8 Welcome Night



#YouBelongHere

Glendale's Class of 2030 and 2031

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Land Acknowledgement

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.



Agenda For Tonight

- 1. Meet some people
 - Translators Available in: Arabic, Ukranian, Pashto, Urdu, Spanish, Turkish, Somali (and more on next page)!
- 2. Learn about high school, programs and extra-curriculars
- 3. Get answers to important questions
- 4. Take an ACTUAL tour—use your passport for locations and complete your BINGO page
- 5. Win some prizes—drop off your passport before you leave!

****don't forget to get some snacks!****

Our Interpreters and Student Volunteers Tonight:

- **Arabic:** Muhammed
- **Pashto:** Khalida
- **Spanish:** Leni
- **Turkish:** Muhammed
- **Somali:** Nasir
- **Farsi:** Lailuma
- **Persian:** Zuhra
- **Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi:** Khalid
- **Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian:** Andrea
- **Ukrainian:** speaker
- **Cambodian:** speaker

: العربية Muhammed

: پښتو Khalida

Español: Leni

Türkçe: Muhammed

Somaliyeed: Nasir

: فارسی Zuhra

: اردو پنجابی ہندی: Khalid

: Српски hrvatski bosanski: Andrea



Further Introductions

- Mrs. Sgambato—Principal
- Ms. Chan and Mrs. Seiler—Vice-Principals
- Ms. Burnell/Ms. Fee—Student Success Teacher
- Ms. Miminias—Head of Student Services
- Mr. Ireland—Assistant Head of Student Services
- Ms. Long—Head of ESL and Guidance Counsellor for ELLs
- Mrs. Cuicani—Head of Learning Resource
- Mrs. Feere—Assistant Head of Learning Resource
- Mr. Borsc—Coordinator for Audition-Based Program of the Arts
- Mrs. Starcevic—Teacher Librarian

Glendale Demographics...where do we come from?



Lake Avenue
Elementary



Viola Desmond
Elementary



Sir Wilfrid Laurier
Elementary

- And soooooooooooooooooo many more! (public, separate, private, French, outside Hamilton)



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Graduation Requirements

- 4 year plan (or 5 year for some)
- 40 community involvement hours (start July 1 after grade 8 grad)
- OSSLT or OSSLC
- 30 credits (new requirements!)
 - 17 compulsory
 - 13 electives
 - 2 elearning (may choose to opt out)
- **Note:** Starting in September 2026, you must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of your compulsory Grade 10 mathematics course. You will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement and earn your high school diploma.
- [Earning your high school diploma | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/education/graduation-requirements)

Compulsory credits

You need the following 17 compulsory credits to get your OSSD:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- **1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)**
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- **1 credit from the STEM-related course group**



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STEM-related course group

Of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from the following group:

- business studies
- computer studies
- cooperative education
- mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- technological education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

Optional credits

- You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses offered at Glendale



ESL and ELD courses

- ENGLISH/MULTIPLE LANGUAGE LEARNERS (E/MLLs)
- Preparation for English classes (LD, W, P, D and E, C, U)
- ESL—English as a Second Language
 - 5 course levels
 - ESLAO*, ESLBO*, ESLCO*, ESLDO, ESLEO
- ELD—English Literacy Development
 - 5 course levels
 - ELDAO*, ELDBO*, ELDCO, ELDDO, ELDEO

*indicates partner course offered for additional language support

Special Programs



- HWDSB Strings
- Program of the Arts
 - Audition Based Program—Dance, Drama (Performance/ Production), Music (Instrumental, Popular Music, Strings, Vocal), Media Art, Visual Arts
 - ABPA info night **Thursday, November 27** @GLENDALE @6 p.m.
- Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)
 - Arts & Culture
 - Business
 - Non-Profit
 - Transportation
 - Start in Grade 11, finish in Grade 12 when you graduate
 - Focused courses in a specific area, coop, reach aheads, field trips, certifications and industry-recognized training
 - Red Seal on OSSD



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Grade 9 program*

- English
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Geography**
- **French**
- Technology (must be taken in grade 9 or 10)
- Physical Education
- Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual)
- Elective (Business, Family Studies, or another Arts)

*Courses in **bold** are compulsory in grade 9

*Course options are individualized for each student and may not reflect the typical course program and pathway listed in grade 9

Typical Grade 9 Timetable

Period and Time	Semester One	Semester Two
Period 1 —8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (75 minutes)	ENL1W1 (English)	MTH1W1 (Math)
Period 2 —9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. (75 minutes)	FSF1D1 (French)	CGC1W1 (Geography)
Period 3 —11:10 p.m. - 12:25 p.m. (75 minutes)	ADA2O1 (Drama)	SNC1W1 (Science)
Period 4/JR. LUNCH —12:25 a.m. - 1:40 p.m. (75 mins)	LUNCH	LUNCH
Period 5 —1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (75 minutes)	PPL1O1 (Physical Education)	TAS1O1 (Technological Studies)
*Period 6 — (75 minutes) (*outside of school day, optional music credit goes throughout the year; depending on availability)	AMR1O1* (Vocal Ensemble)	AMR1O1* (Vocal Ensemble)



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Course Types and Pathways

Course Types (9-10)	Course Types (11-12)	Pathways
Applied (P)	College (C)	College
Academic (D)	College/University (M)	Apprenticeship
Locally Developed (L)	University (U)	University
Open (O)	Workplace (E)	Work
Destreamed (W)	Open (O)	Community

ALL PATHWAYS ARE GREAT PATHWAYS!



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Next Steps



- School Visits (November-December—draw prizes will be awarded)
- Glendale Specific Option Information Night—Grade 8 Option Sheets
 - **Thursday, January 15, 2026**
 - 6-7 p.m. (Grade 8)
 - 7-8 p.m. (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Option Sheets to Homeroom Teacher (beginning of January) who will give to students/parents (paper copy)
- Option Sheets returned to Homeroom Teacher (end of January)
- School Visits for MyBlueprint Option Entry with assistance from elementary teachers and ESSTs (February) (from paper to online)

Almost Tour Time!!!

(actual results may not appear as examples below)



Athletic Field



Science Labs



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Recently Renovated...

Dance Studio



Fitness Room



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Recently Renovated...

Library Learning Commons



Auditorium



Questions...you asked, we answered..



- Is the work hard?
- Will I have a lot of homework?
- Will I fit in and make friends?
- Are there clubs/teams/activities I can join/participate in?
- Are the teachers nice?
- What does the day look like?
- Will I be safe?
- Where can I go for help?

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Who can help? (Glendale students help each other all the time!)



- Classroom Teacher and Educational Assistant
- Guidance Counsellor
- Student Success Teacher
- Learning Resource Teacher
- Teacher Librarian
- Graduation Coach for Black Students
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Nurse and Public Health Nurse
- Settlement Worker In Schools
- Vice-Principals and Principals

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For more information...

- **Glendale School Website:** <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/glendale/>
 - Look under **Student Services** tab and then **Grade 8**
- **Twitter/X/Instagram:** @Glendale_HWDSB
- **MyBlueprint** access for all students from HWDSB home page
- **Glendale Guidance** course—all students have access to this starting in Gr. 9

DO YOU *love* DANCE, DRAMA, MUSIC, MEDIA OR
VISUAL ARTS? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE *your*
passion TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

HWDSB Programs of the Arts



- Information Night for Audition-Based Program of the Arts @ Glendale
 - **Thursday, November 27, 2025 6 pm to 8 pm**
- Learn about the application and audition process for a *September 2026 Entry*

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SUBJECT	Location
TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES department and our TRANSPORTATION SHSM	1058 and 1055
DRAMA and ARTS & CULTURE SHSM	1061
DANCE	1056
VISUAL ARTS and MEDIA ARTS	1041 and 1042
VOCAL, STRINGS, CONTEMPORARY and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC and ABPA program	1039 and 1065
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Main Gym
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	2024
MODERN LANGUAGES/FRENCH	2023
BUSINESS and BUSINESS SHSM	2031
CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES and NON-PROFIT SHSM	2043
FAMILY STUDIES	2048
ENGLISH	2057
SCIENCE	2062
MATHEMATICS	2002
LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS	LIBRARY
LEARNING RESOURCE	1015B (in library)
STUDENT SERVICES	Front foyer
CLUBS/SPORTS/GROUPS	Cafeteria and Stage Crew in Auditorium

Passport of FUN!



1. Pick up your passport
2. Write down your first and last name and the school you attend
3. Visit the locations listed to learn more about subjects, departments and grade 9 programming; get stickers or stamps on your BINGO card
4. Drop off your passport in the front foyer at the end of the night for a chance to win some awesome prizes!
5. Prizes will be delivered to your school at a later date

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Multilingual Tours

Arabic & Turkish Tour	Muhammed	Meet outside the auditorium close to the front doors
Pashto Tour	Khalida	Meet outside the auditorium by the main office
Spanish Tour	Leni	Meet outside the auditorium by the cafeteria
Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi Tour	Khalid	Meet inside the auditorium on the left
Somali Tour	Nasir	Meet inside the auditorium at the front
Farsi Tour	Lailuma	Meet inside the auditorium on the right



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Thank You!

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