

Glendale Secondary Option Selection Information Night for Grade 8 Students



Honouring Our Shared Land



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 New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

On the Agenda...

- Learn more about high school diploma and certificate requirements
- Hear more about the Individual Pathways Planner and its importance
- Identify how to read a course code, the differences between course types and the various pathways available
- View the option sheet and the courses available in grade 9
- Learn about the various elective courses available to grade 9 students
- Learn how to select courses for grade 9 and input them into MyBlueprint
- Receive information about next steps
- Q & A period



Ontario Ministry of Education Diploma Requirements--OSSD

- 4 or 5 year plan
- 40 community involvement hours
- OSSLT or OSSLC
- 30 credits
 - 17 compulsory (breakdown on next slide)
 - 13 electives (your choice!)
 - 2 must be eLearning (more about this on later slide)



OSSD breakdown of credits

Compulsory credits

Students must earn the following 17 compulsory credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 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
- 1 credit in technological education (at least 1 credit in Grade 9 or 10)
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics
- 1 credit in STEM related courses (math, science, business, coop, tech, computer studies)



Elective credits

- 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.

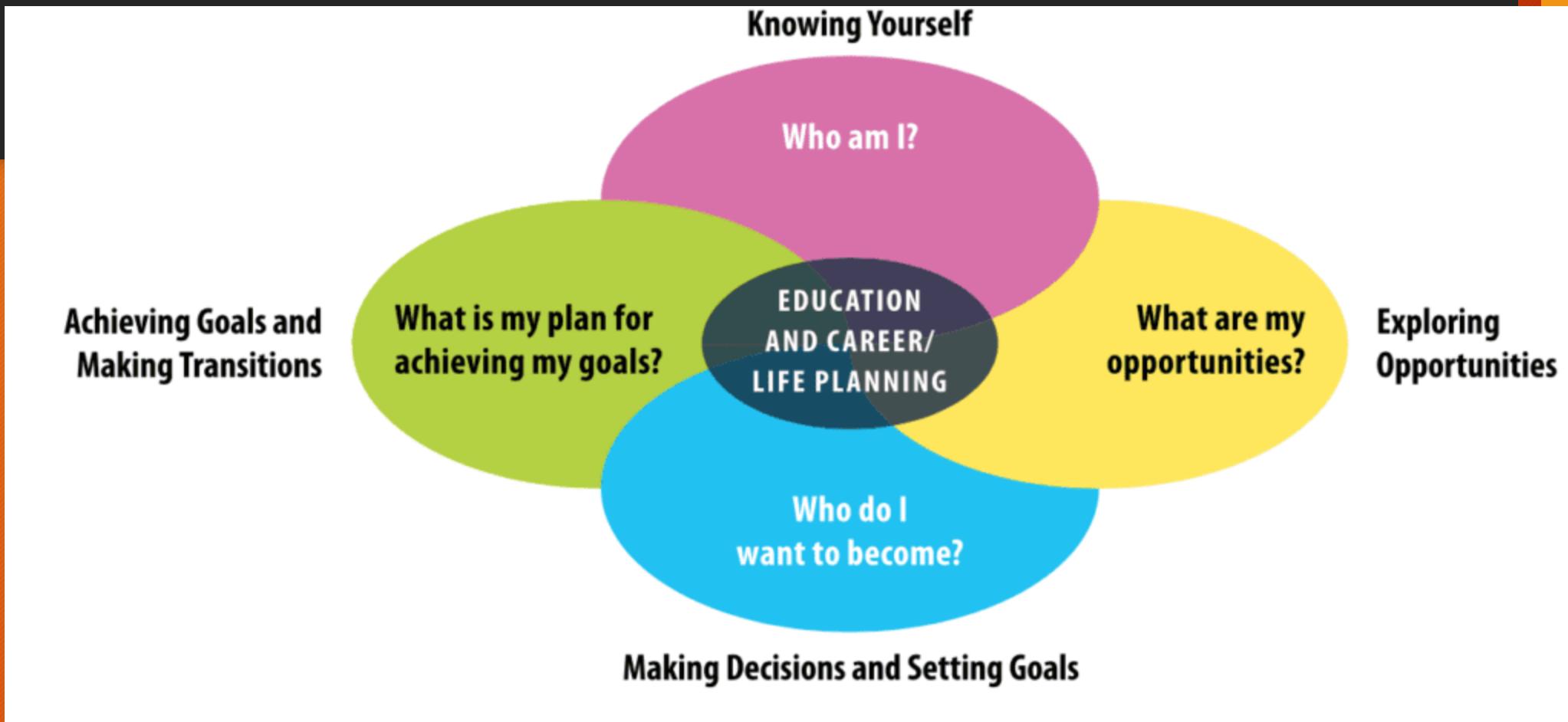


Ontario Ministry of Education Certificate Requirements--OSSC

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate will be granted upon request to students who leave school before earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, provided that they have earned a minimum of 14 credits, as follows:

- 2 English
- 1 Canadian geography or Canadian history
- 1 mathematics
- 1 science
- 1 health and physical education
- 1 arts or technological studies
- 7 optional credits selected from any available courses in the school





Excerpt from *Creating Pathways for Success, 2013*; for more information, please visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/cps/creatingpathwayssuccess.pdf>



The Grade 9 Program

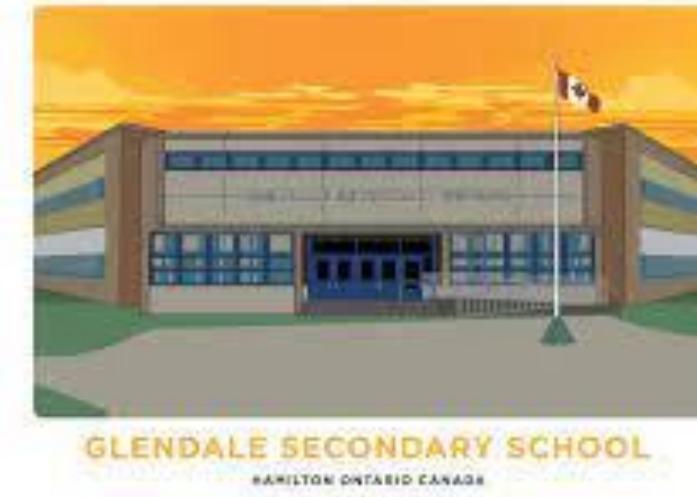
Usually consists of 8 courses:

- English
- Mathematics
- Geography
- French
- Science
- Physical Education (regular, fitness, basketball, soccer)
- 1 Arts Credit (drama, dance, instrumental or contemporary music, strings or visual art)
- 1 Elective (business/computers, family studies, tech/wood shop, arts (see above), computer technology/coding focus, etc.)

*Timetables may be individualized to enhance the opportunity for students to experience success in first semester or year

*Learning Resource periods may also be utilized to help with student success

*For a 9th credit, students can participate in band/choir repertoire which runs outside of the regular school day



Typical Grade 9 Schedule

Time	Semester 1	Semester 2
8:30- 9:45	ENL1W1 (English)	MTH1W1 (Math)
9:50-11:05	CGC1W1 (Geography)	BEM1O1 (Business)
11:10-12:25	AVI1O1 (Visual Arts)	PPL1O1 (Gym)
12:25-1:40	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:45-3:00	SNC1W1 (Science)	FSF1D1 (French)



English Language Learner Programming

- Separate option sheet
- Five levels of ESL (English as a Second Language)
- Five levels of ELD (English Literacy Development)
- ESL programming available in Visual and Media Arts, Business, Careers/Civics, Geography, History, Science, Math, Family Studies (usually grade 9 and 10 classes)
- Ms. Long and ESL department help with course selections in elementary schools with grade 8 ESL teachers
- Join Ms. Long on Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m. for detailed ELL information along with translators and SWIS support staff



Reading Course Codes

Every course in an Ontario Secondary School has a six-character course code with each character identifying the course discipline, grade, course type or pathway, and a school-specific program.

Consider this example: **CGC1W1**

The first character identifies the course discipline, which in this example is **Canadian and World Studies.**

- A = Arts
- B = Business
- C = Canadian and World Studies

- E = English or English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD)
- F = French
- G = Guidance and Career Education
- H = Humanities and Social Sciences
- I = Interdisciplinary Studies or Computer Studies
- L = Classical Studies and International Languages
- M = Mathematics
- N = First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
- P = Physical and Health Education
- S = Science
- T = Technology

Reading Course Codes (cont.)

The fourth character identifies the grade level, which in this example is Grade 9–CGC1W1.

- 1 = Grade 9
- 2 = Grade 10
- 3 = Grade 11
- 4 = Grade 12
- *Note: ESL/ELD courses use the letters A, B, C, D, and E to differentiate courses but are not linked to specific grade levels*

Reading Course Codes (cont.)

The fifth character identifies the course type or pathway, which is Destreamed in this example--CGC1W1.

- W = Destreamed
- D = Academic
- P = Applied
- L = Locally Developed
- O = Open
- Grade 11 and 12 courses:
 - C = College
 - M = College/University
 - U = University
 - E = Workplace
 - O = Open

Course Codes—Glendale Specific

- Courses ending in ‘A’ = ABPA (Audition Based Program of the Arts)
- Courses ending in ‘L’ or ‘S’ = ESL (English as a Second Language)
- Courses ending in ‘eL’ = eLearning
- For example:
 - ADA201 = drama
 - ADA201A = drama for ABPA major
 - CGC1W1 = geography
 - CGC1W1S = geography for ELL students (English Language Learners)
 - ENL1W1 = English
 - ENL1W1eL = English eLearning



Course Types—what do they mean?

- Locally Developed or Essential = 2 to 3 years below grade level; reduced expectations; could be on an IEP with modified curriculum in grade 8; plan on going straight to the work force or community; curriculum developed by teachers
- Applied = could be below grade level reading; more hands-on learning; plan on going to college or into an apprenticeship
- Academic = at or above grade level reading; more independent, theoretical learning; options open for going to university
- Open = all levels of learning; accessible to all students and their grade level of reading
- Destreamed = available in grade 9 programming to ensure students have the potential to access multiple pathways beyond grade 9



Locally Developed or Essential Courses

Offered in English, Mathematics, Science, History

- Students will learn the most essential concepts of a subject
- Students may learn by doing and/or benefit from additional reinforcements
- After Grade 9 locally developed or essential courses:
 - Grade 10 locally developed courses,
 - Grade 11 and 12 workplace courses, or
 - Grade 9 destreamed course



GAP Filling Courses

- Reading Program (Wilson) (CGC1W1 tied with English 1W or 1L)
 - for students with difficulty reading; builds on phonics and word recognition
 - provided for students with recommendations from grade 8 LRT and team
- General Learning Strategies–Transitions Math Focus (GLS101)
 - helps to prepare students for grade 9 curriculum with a math focus
 - helps to fill any gaps in math along the way along with helping with the transition into high school



Course Types and Pathways

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

ALL PATHWAYS ARE GREAT PATHWAYS!



Grade 9 Courses and Option Sheets

- Available on Glendale Secondary School website here:
[Glendale Grade 8 Information](#)
- ONLY for students from Associate Schools (Viola Desmond, Lake Avenue, Sir Wilfrid Laurier AND remote schools where Glendale is catchment school)
- Courses to be entered online through MyBlueprint (more info follows)
- ABPA students (after audition process and confirmed acceptance in February) will have a separate option sheet and process—more information delivered in email to the successful applicants
- ELL students will have a separate option sheet to be selected with assistance from ESL teachers



GLENDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET 2026-2027



Student's First and Last Name: _____
 OEN: _____ Home Phone #: _____
 Elementary School and Teacher: _____
 IEP Exceptionality (if applicable): _____

COMPULSORY COURSES		COURSE CODE	ELECTIVE COURSES		COURSE CODE
CHOOSE ONE	ENGLISH	ENL1W1		DRAMA	ADA201
	ENGLISH—ELEARNING	ENL1W1eL		DANCE	ATC201
	ENGLISH—LD	ENG1L1		INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	AMI201
CHOOSE ONE	MATH	MTH1W1		INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC—STRINGS	AMS201
	MATH—ELEARNING	MTH1W1eL		CONTEMPORARY MUSIC	AMC201
	MATH—LD	MAT1L1		VISUAL ARTS	AVI1O1
CHOOSE ONE	SCIENCE	SNC1W1		VISUAL ARTS—PHOTOGRAPHY—ELEARNING	AWQ1O1eL
	SCIENCE—ELEARNING	SNC1W1eL		BUILDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET	BEM1O1
	SCIENCE—LD	SNC1L1		BUILDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET—ELEARNING	BEM1O1eL
CHOOSE ONE	FRENCH	FSF1D1		GENERAL LEARNING STRATEGIES—MATH TRANSITIONS	GLS1O1
	FRENCH—ELEARNING	FSF1D1eL		GENERAL LEARNING STRATEGIES—ELEARNING	GLS1O1eL
	FRENCH—OPEN	FSF1O1		EXPLORING FAMILY STUDIES	HIF1O1
CHOOSE ONE	GEOGRAPHY	CGC1W1		EXPLORING FAMILY STUDIES—ELEARNING	HIF1O1eL
	GEOGRAPHY—ELEARNING	CGC1W1eL		HEALTH AND PHYS ED—FITNESS—ALL GENDER	PAF1O1
				HEALTH AND PHYS ED—FITNESS—FEMALE ONLY	PAF1O1F
INSTRUCTIONS:				HEALTH AND PHYS ED—MINDFULNESS—ELEARNING	PAR1O1eL
1. Complete student information section.				HEALTH AND PHYS ED—ALL SPORTS—ALL GENDER	PPL1O1
2. Select one course from each category of compulsory courses.				HEALTH AND PHYS ED—ALL SPORTS—FEMALE ONLY	PPL1O1F
3. Select three elective courses which may include one tech, arts and physical education course (will be taken in grade 9 or 10).					
4. Elearning courses are available and are indicated with eL at the end of the course codes.					
5. Add alternate electives in case your first choices are not scheduled.					
6. Select band/choir as an extra credit course—these run all year outside of the school day and should be taken with AMI201, AMS201 or AMC201.					
CHOOSE ONE TECH COURSE (GRADE 9 OR 10)					COURSE CODE
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY					TEJ1O1
TECHNOLOGY AND THE SKILLED TRADES					TAS1O1
EXTRA CREDIT COURSES—OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL DAY					COURSE CODE
BAND/ ORCHESTRA					AMO1O1
CHOIR/ REPERTOIRE					AMR1O1
CONTEMPORARY STAGE BAND					AMH1O1
ALTERNATES—ELECTIVES BEYOND THOSE ABOVE					COURSE CODE
1.					
2.					
3.					



eLearning Options @HWDSB

- Compulsory courses offered are English, math, science, geography, French
- Elective courses offered in photography, business, computer applications and family studies
- You must have a working computer/iPad and an Internet connection
- eLearning students require the following skills and work habits:
 - independent working
 - organization
 - self-direction
 - time management
 - problem-solving
 - effective communication
 - responsibility
 - honesty



eLearning Course Graduation Requirement

Key Details--The following is a synopsis of key components of PPM 167:

- All students who entered secondary school beginning in September 2020 must earn a minimum of two online learning credits as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma;
- Students may be exempted from this requirement at the request of their parents/guardians through an opt-out process (students 18 or older can opt themselves out);
- Students working towards other certificates (for example, the certificate of accomplishment or an Ontario Secondary School Certificate) are not required to complete the online learning requirement;
- The requirement can be met through the successful completion of 2 full online credits;
- Online learning credits towards the graduation requirement may be earned **at any time** during the student's secondary school program or through a “reach ahead” prior to September of their grade nine year;
- Credits earned in the following manner are ineligible: in-person learning, blended learning, flipped classrooms, and remote learning.

OPT OUT PROCESS: Families have the ability to opt out of the online learning requirement by completing a form in Parent Portal.

Elective Courses

- Dance
- Drama
- Music
 - Contemporary Music
 - Instrumental Music
 - Strings
- Visual Arts
- Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset—Business
- Family Studies
- Physical Education
 - All Sports
 - Personal Fitness
- Computer Technologies—Coding & Robotics
- Technology and the Skilled Trades—Woodshop



Drama--ADA2O1



Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset (Business)--BEM1O1



Contemporary Music—AMC201



Music AMI201 vs. Guitar AMG201



Phys Ed—PPL101 vs. Fitness—PAF101



Strings—AMS201



Tech—TAS101 vs. Transportation--TTJ201



Visual Arts—AVI1O1



Family Studies--HIF1O1



Special Programs @ Glendale

- HWDSB Strings (open to all students)
- HWDSB Program of the Arts (application is closed)
 - Audition-Based Program--visual arts, media arts, music, strings, vocal, drama, production, dance, contemporary music
 - successful candidates from auditions
- Specialist High Skills Majors (next slide)
- Coop (full day or half day) & System Coop programs



SHSM Programs @ Glendale

Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

- 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

- ❖ Arts & Culture
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Non-Profit
- ❖ Transportation



MyBlueprint—online platform

- Course selections and pathway planning
- Career exploration and skills developer
- Icon found on the home page of student login on HWDSB Sharepoint platform





Quick Links



Outlook



The Hub



Teams for Education



PowerSchool Teachers



Apply to Education/Easy Connect



Employee Webportal



Safe Schools or Employee Incident Report



PowerSchool Occasional Teachers



eBASE



TOPdesk (IT Help Desk)



Policies



Powerschool Administrators



Passwords



Register for Password Self Service



Manage Student Passwords



Sparkrock



WordPress



HWDSB Commons



HWDSB.tv



Homewood EFAP



System Learning Commons



Foundation



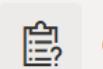
School Messenger



School Cash Suite



HWDSB public website



Central Data FAQ



OSBiE



myBlueprint



Reporting Dashboards

My recent documents

See all

Name

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sites > ... > ...- Glendale Shared Bursary List 2024-25
personal > ... > Glendale Class of 2025--Important Information
personal > ... > GRADUATION Potential Grads 2024-25
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My frequent sites

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MyBlueprint Instructions

- From the home page, click on “High School”
- This will bring up your “Official High School Plan”
- Use the Glendale Grade 9 Option Sheet as a guide to select courses
- Click on “English” in Grade 9 column
- Find the course from your option sheet and click on it—then “Add Course”
- Continue adding courses until all boxes are complete
- Add two alternates for electives in case your first choice is unavailable
- Look for the video on the Glendale Secondary School website



This screenshot shows a student dashboard interface. The left sidebar is dark blue with white icons and text, listing categories: Home, Who Am I, High School (circled in yellow with an arrow pointing to it), Continuing Education, Post-Secondary, Work, Money, Guides, and Favourites. The main content area is light blue and titled 'Home'. It features a navigation bar with 'Dashboard' (highlighted in blue), Tasks, Class Activities, Goals, and Portfolios. Below this is a section titled 'Complete your IPP Tasks' with the sub-instruction: 'Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.' It includes buttons for 'View All Tasks' and 'Show Prizes • View Scholarships'. A white callout box on the right is titled 'High School • Plan' and 'Plan Courses for Grade 9', showing a progress bar and a note about 100 points. The top right corner shows 'Student Account' with 'Gr. 8' selected, and icons for notifications, messages, and a user profile for 'Kiki Miminis KM'.

Student Account

Gr. 8

Kiki Miminis KM

Home

Who Am I

High School

Continuing Education

Post-Secondary

Work

Money

Guides

Favourites

Dashboard

Tasks

Class Activities

Goals

Portfolios

Complete your IPP Tasks

Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.

View All Tasks

Show Prizes • View Scholarships

High School • Plan

Plan Courses for Grade 9

100 points

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1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Review Course Selections

0/30

REQUIRED CREDITS

0

Planned

0

Earned

0

Total

[View Progress](#)

Grade 9
Next Year

Grade 10
Plan Ahead

Grade 11
Plan Ahead

Grade 12
Plan Ahead



+ English

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+ Science

+ Science

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+ Languages

+ History

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+ Course

+ Geography

+ Careers

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+ Course

+ Civics

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Alternates

+ Course

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SHSM Planner

Your school offers 4 Specialist
High Skills Majors



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Pathway Eligibility



Add more course(s) to unlock



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High School

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3 Results Found

[English](#)[Grade 9 English](#)[Grade 9 • ENG1L1](#)[Grade 9 English](#)[Grade 9 • ENL1W1](#)[eLearning](#)

Grade 9 English

Grade 9 English

Grade 9 ENL1W1 1 Credit Open

This course enables students to continue to develop and consolidate the foundational knowledge and skills that they need for reading, writing, and oral and visual communication. Throughout the course, students will continue to enhance their media literacy and critical literacy skills, and to develop and apply transferable skills, including digital literacy. Students will also make connections to their lived experiences and to society and increase their understanding of the importance of language and literacy across the curriculum.

Course Status

[Planned](#)[In-Progress](#)[Completed](#)[Add Course](#)

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For more information...

- **Glendale School Website:** <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/glendale/>
 - Look under **Services for Students** tab
 - **Grade 8 Information**
- **Instagram** @Glendale_HWDSB
- **HWDSB student login for MyBlueprint**--access for all students
 - All students have access to this--on the Sharepoint Homepage for HWDSB



Next Steps...

- Log into MyBlueprint from the HWDSB Sharepoint student home page
- Use the Glendale Grade 9 Option Sheet to support your choices
- Start selecting courses in MyBlueprint (associate school schedule—next slide)
- **By clicking SUBMIT you are ensuring that your parents/guardians are aware of your selections—THEY WILL ALSO VERIFY THROUGH PARENT PORTAL IN THE SPRING**
- Paper copy of option sheet will be completed in school as a backup
- If you need help, connect with your elementary school teacher and Student Success teacher
- Any RED FLAGS will need a guidance counsellor to override—you will not be able to submit in this case



- **Viola Desmond**—Monday, January 19 & Monday, February 9
- **Sir Wilfrid Laurier**—Tuesday, January 20 & Tuesday, February 10
- **Lake Avenue**—Thursday, January 22 & Wednesday, February 11

DUE DATE is Friday, February 20



Thank You!

