



Sir Allan MacNab Course Options Presentation

2021/2022



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DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

•30 Credits

- 18 compulsory
- 12 elective

•40 Community Involvement Hours

- you can start earning these the summer before grade 9

•Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement

- OSSLT / OSSLC



WHAT DOES HIGH SCHOOL LOOK LIKE?

- Two semesters – September to January and February to June (four courses each semester)
- Final assessments/exams/culminating activities at the end of each semester
- 4 classes/courses per day – 75 minutes long
- Lunch period (50 minutes -- MacNab has one lunch period)

A TYPICAL GRADE 9 SCHEDULE

Period	Semester 1 Sept – Jan	Period	Semester 2 Feb - June
Period 1 8:25 – 9:40	French	Period 1 8:25 – 9:40	Drama
Period 2 9:50 – 11:05	Science	Period 2 9:50 – 11:05	Mathematics
11:05– 11:55	Lunch	11:05– 11:55	Lunch
Period 3 11:55 – 1:10	Exploring Technologies	Period 3 11:55 – 1:10	English
Period 4 1:15 - 2:30	Geography	Period 4 1:15 - 2:30	Physical Education

THE GRADE 9 PROGRAM

Compulsory Courses

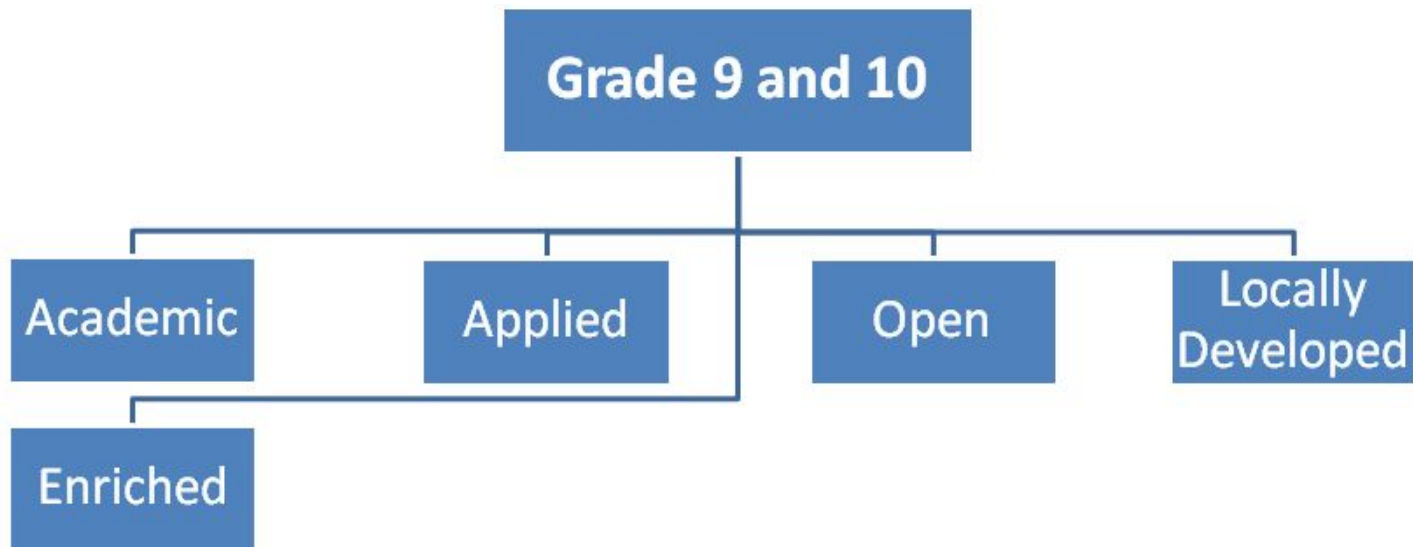
- English
- Math
- Science
- Geography
- French
- Physical Education
- Arts

Elective Courses

- Business
- Family Studies
- Technology -- 3 NEW options
- Arts (Drama, Visual Arts, Music & Computers, Dance, Arts & Crafts, Instrumental Music)
- Phys Ed. (Basketball, Regular Phys-Ed, Aquatics, Leisure Sports)

COURSE PATHWAYS - GRADES 9 & 10

*NOTE: GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS IS DESTREAMED AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021 (THERE WILL STILL BE A LOCALLY DEVELOPED OPTION)





OPEN (O)

- Students will learn concepts and skills designed to prepare students for further study in the subject area
- Expectations are designed for and appropriate for all students
- Generally, the elective courses (e.g. art, business studies, drama, music, etc.) are offered as Open Courses

LOCALLY DEVELOPED (L)

- Students will learn the most essential concepts of a subject
- These courses are an important foundation for grade 11 and 12 workplace or open courses or for transition into applied courses
- Students in Locally Developed courses might:
 - Learn by doing
 - Benefit from additional reinforcement of concepts

APPLIED (P)

- Students will learn the essential concepts of a subject and emphasis will be on the practical applications of these concepts
- Lead to college prep or workplace courses
- Grade 9 students in Applied Courses might:
 - learn by doing
 - enjoy discussion
 - see connections to real life
 - develop new ideas from reading
 - share ideas and apply them to their own lives

ACADEMIC (D)

- Students learn the essential concepts of a subject and explore related materials. Emphasis on theory and abstract thinking
- Lead to University Prep, College Prep or Workplace courses
- Grade 9 students in Academic Courses might:
 - enjoy understanding the “whys”
 - learn from a variety of sources
 - think creatively and like to problem solve
 - develop ideas from research



DESTREAMED

- Beginning in September 2021, the Ministry of Education has implemented a destreamed math program for grade nine. MTH1W1 will replace the former streamed grade nine math courses (MFM1P, MPM1D and MPM1DE). This destreamed course is for any student who would have chosen math at the applied, academic or enriched levels.

ENRICHED (DE)

- Courses follow the same curriculum expectations as the academic course type
- Allow students to explore and investigate extensions to the curriculum content
- Lead to Advanced Placement Courses
- These courses may be well suited for students who have a passion and/or strength in the subject area and/or who are identified with the “gifted” exceptionality



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)

What It Is

- Is an internationally recognized program of study
- It allows students to earn a university credit while in grade 12 (upon successful completion of exam)

Facts About AP

- AP exams are recognized by universities throughout Canada, United States, Europe and Asia
- Enriched grade 9/10 courses is the AP pathway



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAYS

- Grade 9 to 12 AP and Enrichment programs of study at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School include:

Academic English
Academic Math
Academic Science

- Flexibility – Students can opt for one or more of these courses

E-LEARNING COURSE OFFERINGS

- English Academic and Applied (ENG1D1, ENG1P1)
- Geography Applied and Academic (CGC1P1, CGC1D1)
- Math (MTH1W1)
- Science Academic and Applied (SNC1D1, SNC1P1)
- French Academic and Applied (FSF1D1, FSF1P1)
- Information & Communication Tech in Business (BTT101)
- Exploring Family Studies (HIF101)
- Photography (AWQ101)

HWDSB
eLearning



*E-learning is best suited for self-motivated students who can be responsible for their coursework with minimal supervision. E-learning is available with teacher recommendation only.

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LEARNING RESOURCE

- Learning resource teachers support students who have been identified as exceptional by a Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Identification Placement and Review Committee
- Available to assist many other students who need extra help
- Parents should feel free to communicate with the Learning Resource teachers about any questions relating to their child's IEP and/or their learning needs



GAP PROGRAMMING

- Grade 9 BUMP mathematics (paired with a MAT1L1 course)
- Grade 9 EMPOWER reading (paired with a ENG1L1 course)

BUMP and EMPOWER programming is offered to support students who are working significantly below their grade level in English and math. Students are recommended by their grade 8 teachers. Students in these programs may have some restrictions with elective course options.

OPTION SHEET PROCESS

- Option Sheets and a Course Description Guide will be posted on our school website (hwdsb.on.ca/macnab)
- Connect with your teachers to discuss work habits, strengths and weaknesses to help inform appropriate pathways
- **Option Sheets are due February 12**
- Option Sheets must be submitted electronically -- we will be in touch with further instructions soon
- MacNab staff will be inputting your options into Xello on your behalf based on the choices you select on your option sheet (note: this is a change in practice from previous years)



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Information will be sent from the Board to elementary schools in the spring.

Past programs have included:

STEP - August (approx. 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.)

- Program for current Grade 8s to take a skill building course in numeracy and literacy. Also support for learning skills
- Help to familiarize students with the high school schedule, building, teachers, etc.

Reach Ahead - July (approx. 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.)

- In past years, current Grade 8 students have been able to take a Grade 9 credit course at one of the summer school sites in civics/careers, learning strategies

KEY DATES & EVENTS

Options Information Night

- **January 21st, 2021 (6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.)**
- **On MS Teams (hwdsb.info/macnaboptionsheet)**

Option Sheets Due - **February 12th, 2021**

Timetable for Grade 9 - **June 2021**

Grade 9 Welcome Day - **September 2021**

READING A COURSE CODE

ENG1D1

Subject Code



Grade

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



Pathway

- D=Academic
- P=Applied
- L=Locally Developed
- O=Open



Credit Value

Option Sheet

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Questions?