

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES INSTRUCTIONS

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2020-21 IS DUE BY
MARCH 6, 2020

- **Only the courses listed on the Course Offerings sheet are offered at ORCHARD PARK** and are subject to enrolment.
- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS and PREREQUISITES:** Many courses have a prerequisite. You cannot take the course if you do not have the prerequisite. In the Student Course Guide, the prerequisite is shown at the end of each course description. Some courses have suggested preparation. See the Course Offerings list.
- **PATHWAYS** - Which pathway are you considering after graduation: Apprenticeship, College, University or Work? Check the information available on the Student Services website.
- **SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major** – ORCHARD PARK has SHSM in Arts & Culture and Hospitality & Tourism, Business and Health & Wellness, Transportation and Energy.
- Students can use the Career Cruising Planner to outline their courses for their complete high school years. Looking ahead allows the selection of prerequisites that are required for future courses. Students are encouraged to complete their courses in four years or within the maximum 34 credit cap.
- **ENTERING GRADE 10** –students must choose 8 courses and 2 Alternates including these compulsory course: English, Math, Science, History, Civics (.5) & Career Studies (.5)
- **ENTERING GRADE 11** -students should choose 8 courses and 2 Alternate including these compulsory courses: English and Math are required plus a Science or a Technology (gr. 9 – 12).
- **ENTERING GRADE 12** -students may choose a minimum of 3 courses **per semester**. **Ensure that college or university requirements are being met.**
- **ENTERING GRADE 11 AND 12** - Check the college and university requirements for specific programs.
Universities require 6 – Grade 12 U/M level courses. Co-op marks are **NOT** included in your 6 4U/M courses. Grade 12 English is required for all college and university programs. Look up program prerequisites in the Ontario College Guide at www.ontariocolleges.ca and the Ontario University Application Centre information at <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>.
- Information on courses available through **eLearning** is available in Student Services.
- EWC4C1, EWC4U1 do not count as compulsory English credits, only as G1.
- **System Programs** – Information on system programs is available on our website. See your counsellor to complete an application for any system program.
- Co-op requires an **application form** available in Student Services.
Co-op should be entered for 2 credits (COO3O8) or 4 credits (COOFT1).