



Welcome

Grade 8 Option Information Night

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High School Format

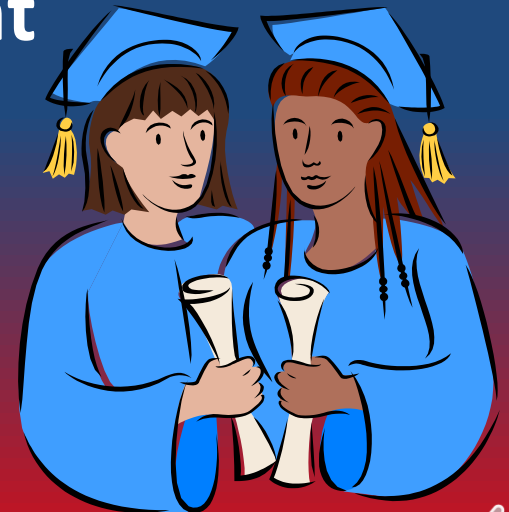
- **2 Semesters: September to January and February to June**
- **4 courses each semester (first 4 in Semester 1 and remaining 4 in semester 2)**
- **Examinations and/or culminating activities at the end of each semester**
- **4 classes per day**
- **Each class is 75 minutes long**





OSSD Requirements

- 30 credits
 - 18 Compulsory
 - 12 Elective
- ✓ 40 hours Community Involvement
- ✓ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)





Compulsory Course Requirements

Students must earn the following 15 compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 English (1 at each grade level)
- 3 Mathematics (1 at senior level)
- 2 Science
- 1 French
- 1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Arts (Visual, Media, Music, Drama)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- .5 Civics (Grade 10)
- .5 Career Studies (Grade 10)





Compulsory Course Requirements

Plus one credit from each of the following 3 groups:

- Group 1 - 1 additional credit in **English** or **French** as a second language, or a **Native language**, or a **classical** or **international language** or **social sciences & humanities**, or **Canadian and world studies** or **guidance & career education** or **cooperative education**.
- Group 2 - 1 additional credit in **health and physical education** or the **arts** or **business studies** or **French** as a second language or **cooperative education**.
- Group 3 - 1 additional credit in **science** (grade 11 or 12) or **technological education**, or **French** as a second language, or **computer studies**, or **cooperative education**.





Community Involvement

When Can I Complete Community Involvement Hours?

- Starting on July 1st the summer before grade 9.
- Outside scheduled class time; e.g., during lunch breaks/during study periods.
- In the evenings, on weekends, during the summer months.
- Completed community hours can be submitted to the Student Services office in your school as you complete them.





Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Administered in the spring of the Grade 10 year
- Based on expectations for language and communication up to and including Grade 9
- Accommodations, and deferrals may be appropriate for some students





Course Types: Grades 9 & 10

In GRADE 9 and 10, courses are offered in 6 categories or course types:

- 1. APPLIED (“P”)**
- 2. ACADEMIC (“D”)**
- 3. LOCALLY DEVELOPED (“L”)**
- 4. ENRICHED ACADEMIC (“DE”)**
- 5. OPEN (“O”)**
- 6. DE-STREAMED (“W”)**





Course Types: Grades 9 & 10

Academic (D)

- These courses focus on essential concepts and include additional related materials. Greater emphasis is placed on theory and abstract thinking than on practical applications as a basis for future learning and problem solving. It is recommended that a student choosing the academic pathway have a level 3 (70%) average or greater and excellent work habits in grade 8,
- Academic courses in grade 9 & 10 typically lead to University courses in grade 11 & 12





Course Types: Grades 9 & 10

Applied (P)

- These courses focus on essential concepts with greater emphasis placed on practical hands-on applications of concepts.
- Applied courses in grade 9 & 10 typically lead to College courses in grade 11 & 12

Open level courses (O)

- An opportunity to explore an area of interest that is appropriate for all students.





Course Types: Grades 9 & 10

Locally Developed (L)

- Emphasize literacy, numeracy, essential concepts, and the acquisition of basic learning skills.
- Designed for students who are working on expectations below the course grade level or who have significant gaps in their education.
- Available in Math, English and Science
- Typically leads to Workplace courses in grade 11 & 12





NEW: DE-STREAMED MATH for 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 9 Mathematics

- **There will NOT be ACADEMIC and APPLIED courses in Math in Grade 9**
- **MATH will ONLY be offered as a De-Streamed (MTH1W1) or Locally Developed (MAT1L1)**
- **This Course will allow students to consolidate, and continue to develop, an understanding of mathematical concepts and to apply their understanding to culturally responsive and relevant real-world situations.**
- **This course may lead to Academic or Applied courses in grade 10**





Understanding Course Codes

Course Type

D = Academic **P** = Applied
O = Open **L** = Locally Developed
C = College **U** = University
W = De-Streamed

Grade level

1 = Grade 9
2 = Grade 10
3 = Grade 11
4 = Grade 12

Department &
Course Description
ENG = English

The 6th character indicates the credit value of the course

- 1** = 1 credit
- 3** = 0.5 credit
- 4** = 0.5 credit
- 6** = 1 coop credit
- 8** = 2 coop credits

ENG1D1





Understanding Course Codes

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Indicates Area of Study
 M = Math

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Compulsory Credits in Grade 9

Students choose 6 compulsory courses in grade 9

- English (D, P or L)
- Mathematics (W or L)
- Science (D, P or L)
- Geography (D or P)
- Health and Physical Education (M or F)
- French (D or P)





Choose two Optional credits

- ▶ Exploring Family Studies
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Visual Arts
- ▶ Exploring Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology in Business
- ▶ Exploring Technologies
- ▶ Exploring Computer Technology (Robotics)

**Most students take their compulsory Arts course in grade 9
DRAMA (ADA101), MUSIC (AMI101) or ART (AVI101)**

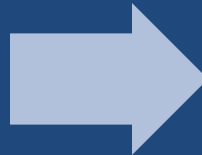




Next Steps

January 2021

- Grade 8 teachers provide recommendation of course type to Students
- Electronic Option Sheets and Course Descriptors will be posted on the Orchard Park Website



February 2021

- Students complete on-line course option selections in XELLO
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate in the process with teacher support





Option Process

- **Grade 8 Teachers should communicate their course type “recommendations” to students and Parents.**
- **Students will Complete an electronic Option Sheet with their parents.**
- **Students will enter their official Course Selections in Xello in mid February**





Option Process

- Between February 4th-26th students will enter courses into Xello – OP Counsellors will assist with this process as needed.
- Deadline for Options to be entered into Xello is February 26th, 2021





Option Process

- Parents are strongly encouraged to communicate with grade 8 teachers during this process and follow their recommendations.
- This is the BEST chance for success in Grade 9





Option Process & Boundaries

- **Students who live in the Orchard Park catchment and are attending an HWDSB school will fill out an electronic option sheet from the Orchard Park Website and enter their options online in Xello in February.**





Option Process & Boundaries

- All students who live in the Orchard Park catchment and are NOT currently attending an HWDSB school will need to contact:

Mrs. Harris, Student Services Administrator
at 905-662-3838 ext. 3704 or email
jharris@hwdsb.on.ca to register for
September.





Option Process & Boundaries

- HWDSB Students who wish to attend Orchard Park but DO NOT live in the Orchard Park catchment MUST Follow the Out of Catchment Process and timelines.
- The out of Catchment Process can be found on the HWDSB website at:

WWW.HWDSB.on.ca





Additional Information

- **If you are unsure of your catchment status, please visit the HWDSB website and use the Find a School tool to determine which school you will attend for September 2021. The link to this website is:**
- **<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>**





THANK YOU

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/orchardpark/>

