## Sherwood

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## School Council

Meets every $3^{\text {rd }}$ Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm in the Library

All parents of Sherwood students are welcome!

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The 7-10<br>Transition Guide is a great resource.

## OSSD Requirements

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

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## Compulsory Course Requirements

## Students must earn the following 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 Geography
- 1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 Arts (Visual, Music, Drama)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- . 5 Civics (Grade 10)
- . 5 Career Studies (Grade 10)
- 3 additional compulsory groups


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## 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 spares.
- 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 (min 10 per year!)


## Examples of Eligible Activities

- Supporting Sports e.g. timekeeping, managing a team or coaching
- Fundraising
- Charity Walk-a-thons or Runs
- Community Events, Festivals or Fairs
- Community Projects e.g. tending a community garden
- Environmental Projects e.g. a community clean-up
- Youth Programs or Mentorship Programs
- Volunteer Work with seniors
- Camp Leader or Counsellor
- Office Work for a non-profit organization
- Committee Work e.g. the Literacy Committee at your local library
- Advisory Board


## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- Administered in March/April 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
- Practice preparation: Reading newspaper articles (print or online)


## Course Pathways: Grades 9 \& 10

In GRADE 9 and 10, courses are offered in 5 different Pathways:

> APPLIED ("P")

ACADEMIC ("D")
LOCALLY DEVELOPED ("L")
ENRICHED ACADEMIC ("DE") OPEN ("O")

## Course Pathways: Grades 9 \& 10

Applied (P)

- Focus on practical applications using familiar, real-life situations to illustrate ideas; more opportunities for hands on applications.
- Typically leads to College courses in grade 11 \& 12

Academic (D)

- Knowledge and skills developed through theory and practical applications but emphasis is on theory and abstract thinking as basis for future learning and problem solving
- Typically leads to University courses in grade 11 \& 12

Locally Developed (L)

- Emphasize literacy, numeracy, essential concepts, and the acquisition of learning skills.
- Typically leads to Workplace courses in grade 11 \& 12


## Course Pathways: Grades 9 \& 10

## Enriched Academic

- $80 \%$ or higher in grade 8 is strongly recommended and strong work habits!
- Self-motivated and interested in a challenge
- Course content is presented at a much faster rate than Academic, to allow time for enrichment activities beyond the scope of the curriculum


## Open courses

- An opportunity to explore an area of interest for all students in one level For example:
- Art, Drama, Physical Education, Business, Family Studies, Tech etc.
- Most students take their compulsory Art and Phys. Ed. course in grade 9

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## Changing Pathways between Grades 9 \& 10

## English and Science

- Students who find the curriculum delivery not suited to their strengths in grade 9 may switch pathways when moving into grade 10
- Reasons to change pathways are supported by both teacher recommendation and student achievement.
- Student are able to move either from Applied to Academic or vice versa


## Math

- Due to the Applied and Academic courses having different overall expectations students are not able to change pathways between grade 9 and 10. However there are options to change pathways in math.


## Sherwood SECONDARY SCHOOL Understanding Course Codes

Grade level
$\mathbf{1}=$ Grade 9
$\mathbf{2}=$ Grade 10
$\mathbf{3}=$ Grade 11
$4=$ Grade 12

Level
$\mathbf{D}=$ Academic $\quad \mathbf{P}=$ Applied
O = Open L = Locally Developed
C = College $\quad \mathbf{U}=$ University

The $6^{\text {th }}$
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

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## Students choose 6 compulsory courses in Gr 9

- English
- Mathematics (FI)
- Science (FI)
- Geography (FI)
- Health and Physical Education
- French or French Immersion
(Math, Science, Geography are offered for French Immersion students)


## Choose two optional credits

- Dramatic Arts
- Music (beginner or experienced)
- Visual Arts
- Exploring Technologies
- Exploring Family Studies (also offered for FI)
- Information and Communication Technology in Business (also offered for FI)

Many students take their compulsory arts course in grade 9 DRAMA (ADA101), MUSIC (AMU101) or ART (AV1101)

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## ENGLISH

- Elementary recommendations included
- Choose 6 required courses
- Choose 2 optional courses
- Parent signature
- Return to Grade 8 teacher by date given


## SECONDARY SCHOOL Option Sheets

## FRENCH IMMERSION

- Elementary recommendations included
- Choose 6 required courses
- Recommend 4-5 French instruction courses
- Choose 2 optional courses
- Parent signature
- Return to Grade 8 teacher by date given


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## Additional Information

Students not currently in a HWDSB associate school who will be in Sherwood's catchment for September please follow our website for further information http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood

Most recent report card and Principal signature required with option sheet A copy of the students Individual Education Plan (IEP) - if applicable

## Next Steps

## January

## Beyond

- Student Success Team has visited our Associate Schools
- Grade 8 teachers provide recommendation of pathways
- If you are not currently at a Sherwood feeder school please continue to monitor our website for registration details
- Parents/Guardians encouraged to participate in pathways and optional course selections
- Course selection is completed with Grade 8 teacher recommendation support.
- Students complete course option selections online in class
- Grade 9 Orientation Day
- Sept. 2, 2020 10:00-11:30 am
- Grade 9 and new to Sherwood students will get to find their home room, locker and other important information give by our Sherwood Ambassadors

Look for more information in the summer!


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Launched in 1994, Take Our Kids to Work Day is the most recognized career education event in Canada, with an estimated 200,000 students visiting workplaces every year.

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## Parents benefit because it helps them prepare their children for the future by:

- Discussing work experiences with their child
- Beginning a career discussion based on actual experiences
- Enriching their child's experience with discussions before, during and after the workplace visit


IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!

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## STUDENT SUPPORTS AT SHERWOOD

- Classroom Teachers
- Learning Resource Teachers
- Guidance Counsellors
- Student Success Teacher
- Mentoring EAs
- Vice Principals
- Social Worker


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## LEARNING RESOURCE

Parents/guardians will be consulted at the beginning of the school year concerning the development of their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Academic support for students with I.E.P.s:
$\checkmark$ Test-writing
$\checkmark$ Assistive technology
$\checkmark$ Study strategies
$\checkmark$ Organizational support
$\checkmark$ Access to computers

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