



# Sherwood

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

# WELCOME

## GRADE 8 VIRTUAL

### OPEN HOUSE



**Mr. Gillis (Principal)**



**Ms. Alexandre and Ms. McNeill (Vice-Principals)**



**Ms. Vander Vliet  
(Guidance)**



**Mr. Sillett and Ms. Oliver  
(Student Success)**



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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**



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### **OSSD REQUIREMENTS**

- **30 credits**
  - **18 Compulsory**
  - 12 Elective**
- **40 hours Community Involvement**
- **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)**
- **2 eLearning Courses (able to opt out)**





# 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 (Core or French Immersion)
- 1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 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

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## 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

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- **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**



# ELEARNING

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- ▶ **2 Credits in Secondary must be eLearning (any grade)**
- ▶ **Can OPT out in Parent Portal (opting out still allows you to take eLearning courses should you wish)**





# **COURSE TYPES: GRADES 9 & 10**

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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. OPEN (“O”)**
- 5. GRADE 9 PROGRAM (“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.**
- **Academic courses in grade 9 & 10 typically lead to University courses in grade 11 & 12**



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## **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.**



# **DE-STREAMED COURSES (GRADE 9 ONLY)**

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## **Grade 9 De-streamed Program**

- **There will NOT be ACADEMIC and APPLIED courses in Math, English, French, Geography or Science in Grade 9**
- **These courses will allow students to consolidate, and continue to develop, an understanding of concepts and to apply their understanding to culturally responsive and relevant real-world situations.**
- **These courses 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 6<sup>th</sup>  
character  
indicates the  
credit value of  
the course  
**1** = 1 credit  
**3** = 0.5 credit  
**4** = 0.5 credit  
**6** = 1 coop  
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**8** = 2 coop  
credits

**ENG2D1**



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**Course Description**  
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Indicates Area of Study  
M = Math

Indicates French Immersion  
I = FI Course

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# COMPULSORY CREDITS IN GRADE 9

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Students choose 6 compulsory courses in grade 9

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- Health and Physical Education (M or F)
- French



# CHOOSE TWO OPTIONAL CREDITS

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- ▶ Exploring Family Studies
- ▶ Exploring Technologies
- ▶ Visual Arts
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology in Business

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





# NEXT STEPS

January 2023

- Grade 8 teachers provide support to students selecting options
- Copies of the Option Sheets and Course Descriptors will be posted on the Sherwood Website



February 2023

- Students complete on-line course option selections in XELLO and complete a hard copy of option sheets
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate in the process with teacher support



# OPTION PROCESS

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- **Grade 8 Teachers should communicate with parents regarding course selections**
- **Students will Complete a paper copy of the Option Sheet with their parents and return it to their school**
- **Students will enter their official Course Selections in Xello in mid February**



# OPTION PROCESS

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- In February students will enter courses into Xello –Counsellors will assist with this process as needed.
  - Deadline for Options to be entered into Xello is March 3rd, 2023
  - Xello can be found on the **HWDSB Hub**



# OPTION PROCESS & BOUNDARIES

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- All students who live in the Sherwood catchment and are **NOT** currently attending an **HWDSB** school will need to register through the registration portal. For questions contact:

Ms. Podedworny, Student Services Administrator at

905-282-2277 ext. 4355 or email

[cpodedwo@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cpodedwo@hwdsb.on.ca)



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- 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 2023. The link to this website is:
  - <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find/>



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**THANK YOU**

