



Welcome Future Westdale Warriors!



WESTDALE
SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Land Acknowledgment

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt represents the treaty relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe with respect to sharing the land and resources thereon.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.





AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Student Voice
3. Graduation & High School information
4. ELL, French Immersion & Special programs
5. Option Sheet Overview for Grade 9
6. Next steps

Introductions



Student Services Team

Mrs. Girolametto (A-B;W-Z)

Mrs. Parkes-Hallmark (C-G, IB)

Mr. Meyer (H-M)

Ms. O'Leary (N-V)

Ms. Kuder (ESL Head)

Student Success: Ms. Tonogai & Ms. Adachi





Introductions

Our Administration Team

Principal: Mr. Goodram

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Wyatt

Vice-Principal: Mr. Fisher





High School Format

- 2 Semesters: September to January; February to June
- 4 courses each semester
- Final examinations and/or culminating activities at the end of each semester
- 4 x 75 minute classes per day (8:00 am – 2:30 pm)
- Westdale has a 5 period day
- Grade 9 students will have lunch in period 4 (11:55-1:10)



OSSD Requirements

- 30 credits
 - 18 Compulsory
 - 12 Elective
- 40 hours community involvement
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)





Compulsory Courses

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	5+ Optional Credits
Science	Science	6 Optional Credits	
Geography	History		
French	Civics/Careers		
3 Optional Credits	3 Optional Credits		

Students must earn 1 Phys. Ed. credit and 1 credit from The Arts

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Community Involvement

- You can begin on July 1st the summer before Grade 9
- Must be done outside scheduled class time
- Completed and verified community hours can be submitted to our Student Services office as you complete them
- Hours must be completed with a non-profit organization
- Examples include coaching, fundraising, community events, camp leader/counsellor, community clean up



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

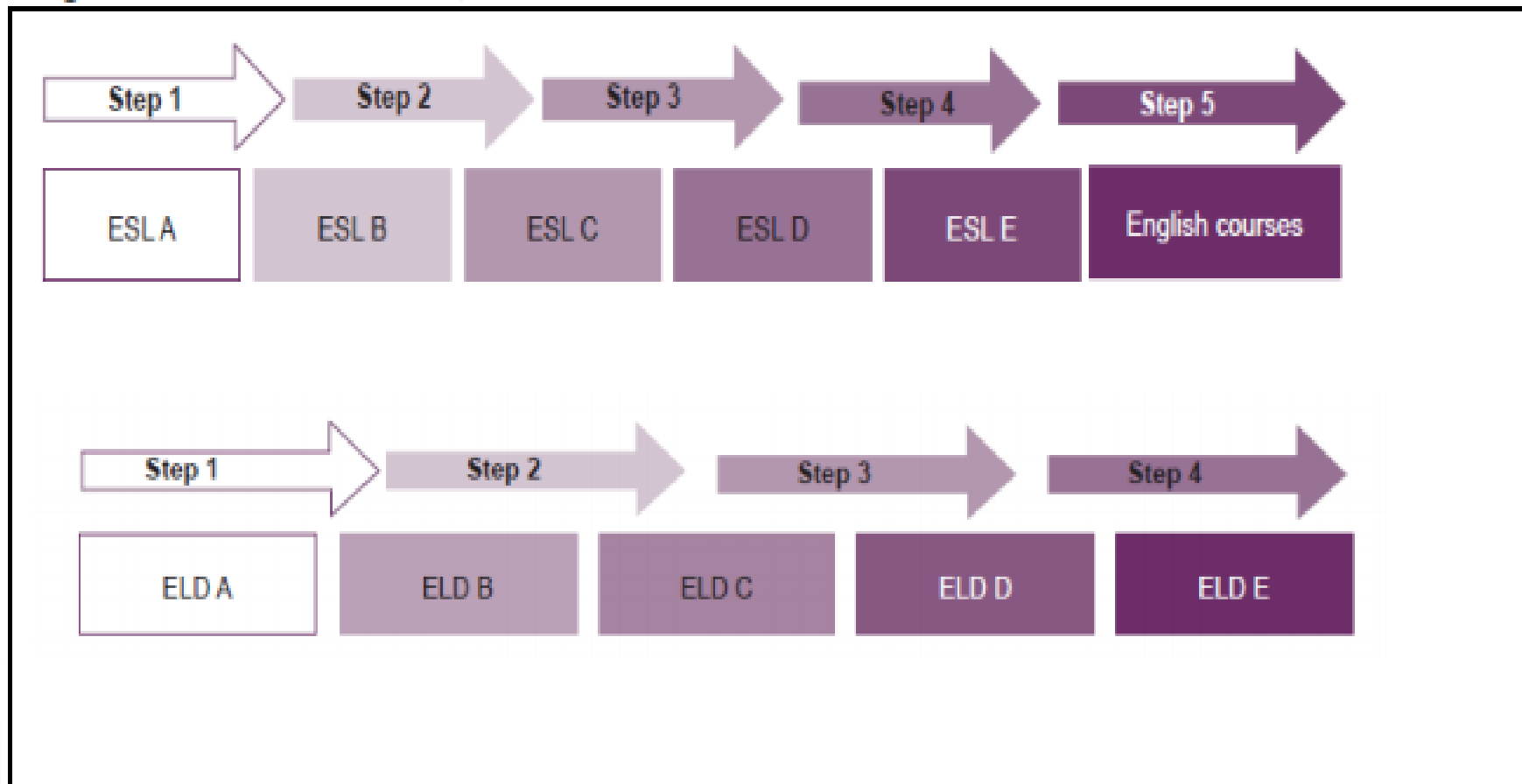
- Administered in the spring of Grade 10 – online at school
- Based on expectations for language and communication up to and including Grade 9
- Students can do a practice literacy test – found on the EQAO website

ELL – English Language Learners





ESL at Westdale





ELL at WESTDALE

Ms. Kuder, our ESL Head, will be working with students, families, and Grade 8 teachers to determine individualized programming levels for each transitioning grade 8 ELL who is STEP 1-4 inclusive.

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Special Programs

- French Immersion in Grades 9-12

Starting in Grade 11:

- International Baccalaureate
- Specialist High Skills Major
 - Arts and Culture
 - Construction
 - Health & Wellness
 - Information & Communication Technology



French Immersion

Bienvenue

Welcome to the Immersion Department



Geography
Exploring Technology
Science
Math
French
Art

Grade 9 French
Immersion courses
offered at Westdale

LOOK FOR THE "I" at the END of the Course Code

Example:

CGC1D1I

NOT

CGC1D1

**Course
selections**

It is important to choose the courses with the "I" at the end of the course code. If you do not, you will be put into the English version of the course. (You are NOT automatically entered into immersion courses.)

Course options after grade 9

- Science (Gr. 10)
- History (Gr. 10)
- Food and Nutrition (Gr. 10)
- Civics and Careers (Gr. 10)
- Health and Physical Education (Gr. 11)
- Introduction to Social Sciences (Gr. 11)
- French (Gr. 9 -12))
- Writer's Craft (Gr. 12)



The DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) is an internationally recognized certificate that helps you demonstrate your French proficiency. We generally offer for students to sit this exam -which is overseen by the French government- in the year they take a grade 12 French course (Immersion or Core). Since the framework for this exam is also the framework which underlies our curriculum, students will be well prepared.

The HWSB offers this exam at the A2, B1 and B2 levels



French Immersion IB

Students in French Immersion who wish pursue the International Baccalaureate Program can do so at Westdale starting in their grade 11 year. You may want to discuss course choice with a guidance counselor as you still need to obtain 10 classes in French for your Immersion Certificate. (IB courses do count as 3 of the 10)



Gr 9 Option Presentation

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Understanding Course Codes

Grade level

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

TYPE

- D** = Academic **W** = Destreamed
- O** = Open **L** = Locally Developed

Department &
Course Description
MTH= Math

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

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Compulsory Credits in Grade 9

Students choose 5 compulsory courses

ENGLISH	ENL1W1
MATHEMATICS	MTH1W1
SCIENCE	SNC1W1
GEOGRAPHY	CGC1D1
FRENCH	FSF1D1/FSF1O1 (FSF1O1 choose only if you did not participate in elementary French)



Students Choose 3 Optional Credits

Visual Arts	AVI1O1 AVI1O1I (French Immersion)	Exploring Technologies	TIJ1O1 TIJ1O1I (French Immersion)
Dramatic Arts	ADA1O1	Introduction to Business	BBI1O1
Music or String	AMU1O1 (Instrumental) AMS1O1 (Strings) AMG1O1 (Guitar) AMR1O1 (Repertoire)	Information Tech in Business	BTT1O1
Phys Ed. (Fitness and/or Rec & Leisure)	PAF1O1 (All Genders) PAF1O1F (Female Identifying) PAF1O1M (Male Identifying) PAR1O1 (Rec and Leisure)	Exploring Family Studies	HIF1O1
Spanish	LWSBD1	Learning Strategies	GLS1O1

Students must earn 1 Phys Ed. credit and 1 credit from The Arts to earn their OSSD – many students take these courses in Grade 9

Music Repertoire - Students who participate in this program may earn an extra credit by attending early morning or after school classes all year long

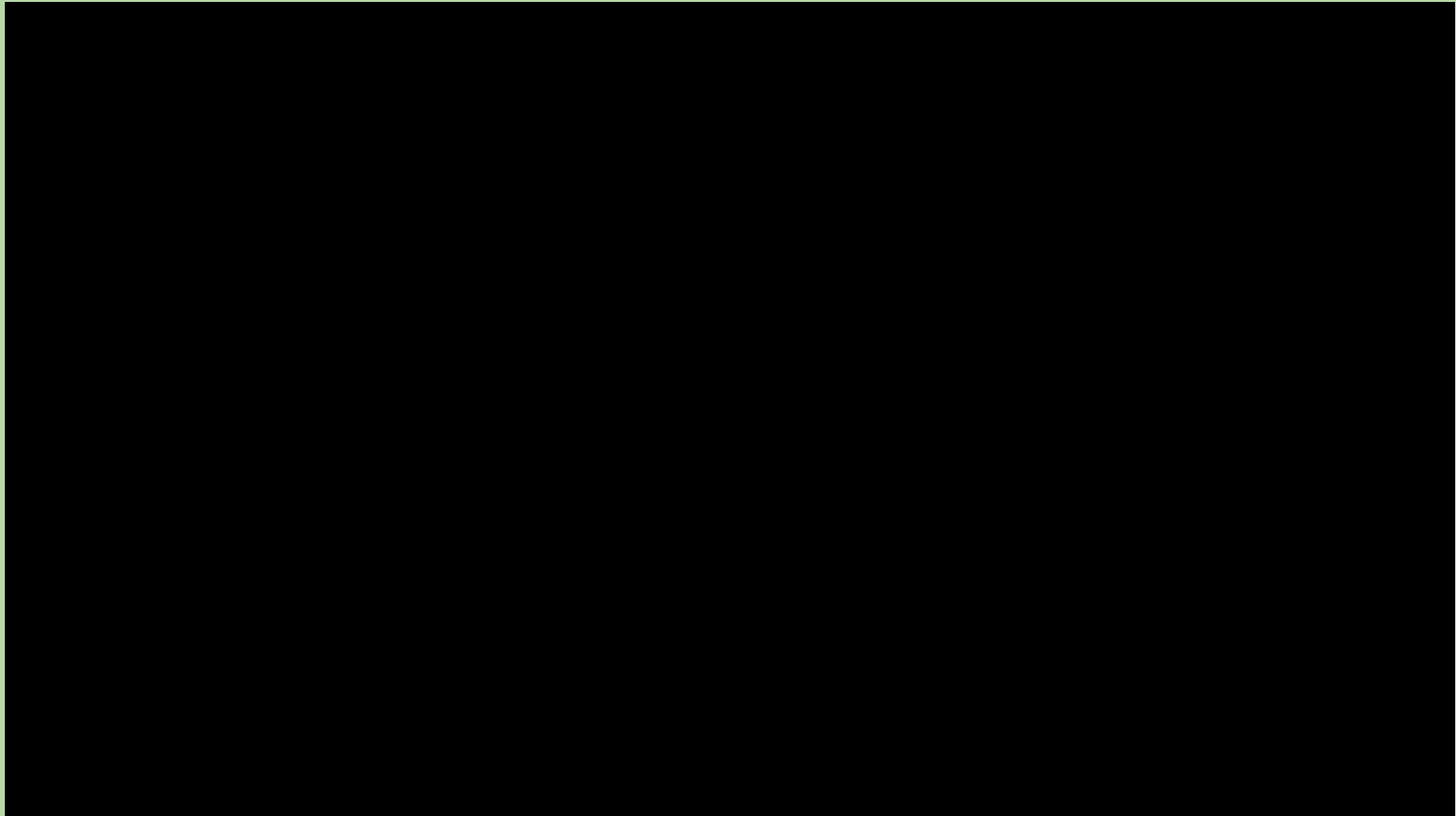
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Gr 9 Electives



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eLearning

- Courses offered through HWDSB eLearning
- eLearning courses are asynchronous (i.e. no real-time instruction / accessible at any time of day)

Course offerings:

AWQ1O1eL	BBI1O1eL	BTT1O1eL	CGC1D1eL
ENG1D1eL	FSF1D1eL	GLS1O1eL	HIF1O1eL
LMN1OeL	LWSBDeL	MTH1W1eL	PAR1O1eL
SNC1W1eL			



Specialized Programming

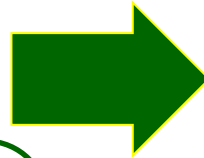
- Recommendations for specialized programming will be made using a team approach involving elementary and secondary school staff, the student, and family. Specialized programming in Grade 9 includes:
- **Locally Developed Courses** in English, Math, and Science
- **Empower Reading** – a direct instruction, multi-strategic reading program for students with reading difficulties



Next Steps

January

- Counsellors will present Option Info to Grade 8 schools by the end of January
- Students and family access Westdale option sheet through Westdale website or associate schools



February

- Students and parents/guardians send completed option sheet to Grade 8 school
- Westdale staff will visit associate schools in February to support with option entry into Xello



Option Process

Bennetto, Dalewood, Guy Brown (FI only),

Hess Street, Kanetskare, Sir William Osler (FI only)

- Students receive copy of option sheet from elementary school
- <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/westdale/student-services/choosing-your-courses/>
- Complete the option sheet; return to elementary school by February 17
- Westdale staff will support transfer of course selections from option sheet to Xello; students can also access Xello with family at home
- Friday March 3 – options **MUST** be entered in Xello;



Option Process

For students new to HWDSB

- Go to hwdsb.on.ca/register. Online registration for 2023-2024 opens February 6, 2023
- Westdale Student Services will contact your family to request necessary documents for registration and to share option sheet information
- Grade 9 Option Sheet available on Westdale website. Go to "Choosing Courses for Grade 9" under Student Services tab

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Additional Information

Registration information for students coming from schools outside Westdale associate schools or outside HWDSB can be found on the Westdale website (Student Services)

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Additional Information

If you are not sure of your catchment status, please visit the HWDSB website and use the *Find a School* tool

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

Please note that Westdale Secondary School is closed to ALL out of catchment requests at this time.



Questions?

- Go to hwdsb.on.ca/westdale
- Email Westdale S.S. at westdale@hwdsb.on.ca



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