



# Welcome Future Westdale Warriors!



**WESTDALE**  
SECONDARY SCHOOL

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# 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

#### Guidance:

Ms. Quaglia (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. Girolametto, Ms. Flynn





## Introductions

### *Our PVP Team*

**Principal: Mr. Goodram**

**Vice-Principal: Ms. Schaap**

**Vice-Principal: Ms. Wyatt**





# **Voices of Westdale**

WELCOME TO WESTDALE  
**SOME ADVICE FROM  
OUR GR 9'S**

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## 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
  - 19 Compulsory
  - 11 Elective
- 40 hours community involvement
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OLC40)
- Online Learning Requirement





# 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 credit each from The Arts, Technologies, and Physical & Health Education**





## 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, places of worship, community clean up



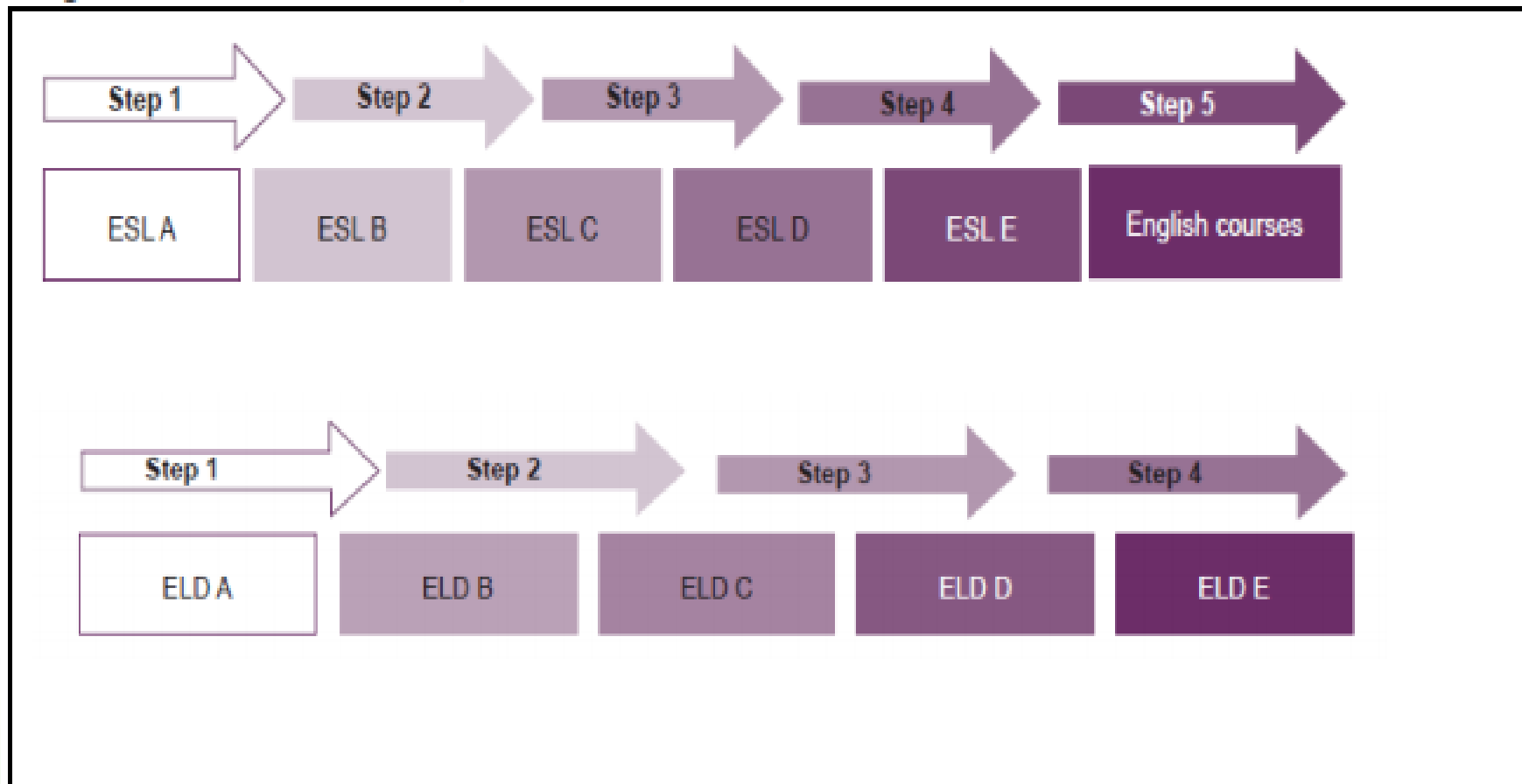
## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- 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





# 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



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# French Immersion


## *Bienvenue*

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Welcome to the Immersion Department



French  
Geography  
Science  
Math  
Visual Art



Grade 9 French  
Immersion courses  
offered at Westdale





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

**Example:**

**CGC1W1I**

**NOT**

**CGC1W1**

# **Course selections**

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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. 11-12)
- Introduction to Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology (Gr. 11)
- French (Gr. 9 -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***



# **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 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 credit
- 8** = 2 coop credits

**MTH1W1**

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# Compulsory Credits in Grade 9

Students choose 5 compulsory courses

ENGLISH	ENL1W1
MATHEMATICS	MTH1W1
SCIENCE	SNC1W1
GEOGRAPHY	CGC1W1
FRENCH	FSF1O1 FSF1D1/FSF1O1/FIF1D1 (FSF1O1 choose only if you did not participate in elementary French)

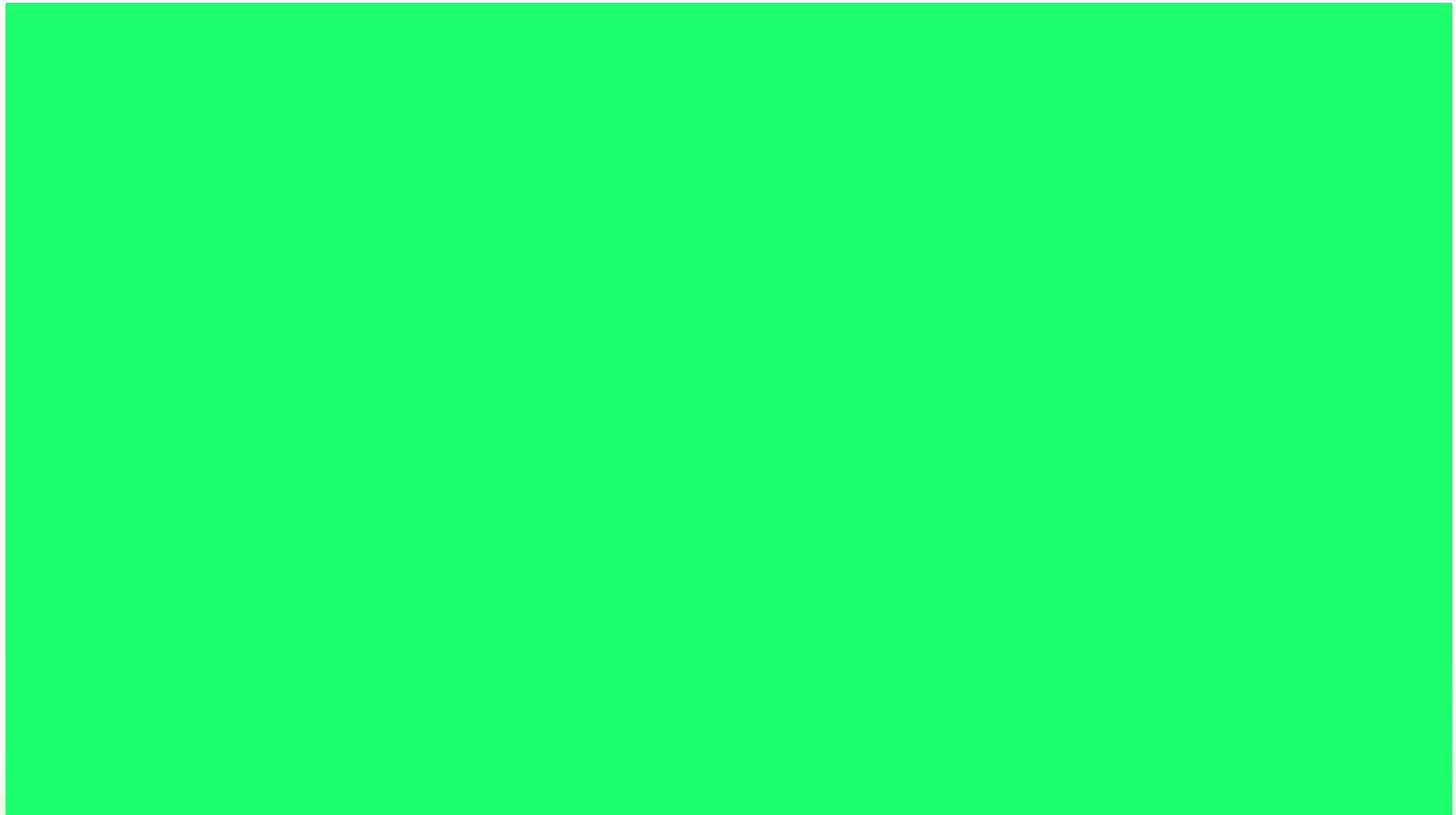
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# Gr 9 Electives



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### Students Choose 3 Optional Credits

Visual Arts	AVI101 AVI101I (French Immersion)	Exploring Technologies and Skilled Trades	TAS101
Dramatic Arts	ADA101	Computer Technologies and the Skilled Trades	TEJ101
Music	AMU101 (Instrumental) AMR101 (Repertoire)* AMG101 (Guitar)	Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset	BEM101
Phys Ed. (Healthy Active Living)	PPL101 (All Genders) PPL101F (Female Identifying) PPL101M (Male Identifying)	Exploring Family Studies	HIF101
Phys Ed. (Leisure Activities and Mindfulness)	PAR101 (All Genders)	Learning Strategies	GLS101

**Students must earn 1 credit from The Arts, Phys Ed, and Technologies to earn their OSSD**

**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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# 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	BEM1O1eL	NAC1O1eL	CGC1W1eL
ENG1D1eL	FSF1D1eL	GLS1O1eL	HIF1O1eL
LMN1OeL	LVLBDeL	LWSBDeL	MTH1W1eL
PAR1O1eL	SNC1W1eL	SNC1LeL	



## Specialized Programming

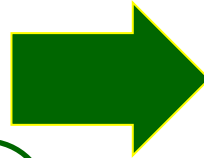
- Recommendations for specialized programming will be made using a team approach involving elementary and secondary school staff, the student, and family. Specialized programming in Grade 9 includes:
- **Locally Developed Courses** in English, Math, and Science



# 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 16, 2024
- Westdale staff will support transfer of course selections from option sheet to Xello; students can also access Xello with family at home
- Friday March 1 – options MUST be entered in Xello;



## **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](http://hwdsb.on.ca/westdale)
- Email Westdale S.S. at [westdale@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:westdale@hwdsb.on.ca)



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