
BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL



COURSE SELECTION
2024-2025

Agenda

1. High School Schedule
2. Getting Help in High School
3. Earning Credits
4. Course Levels
5. Grade 9 Elective Courses
6. Course Selection Deadlines & Next Steps



High School Schedule

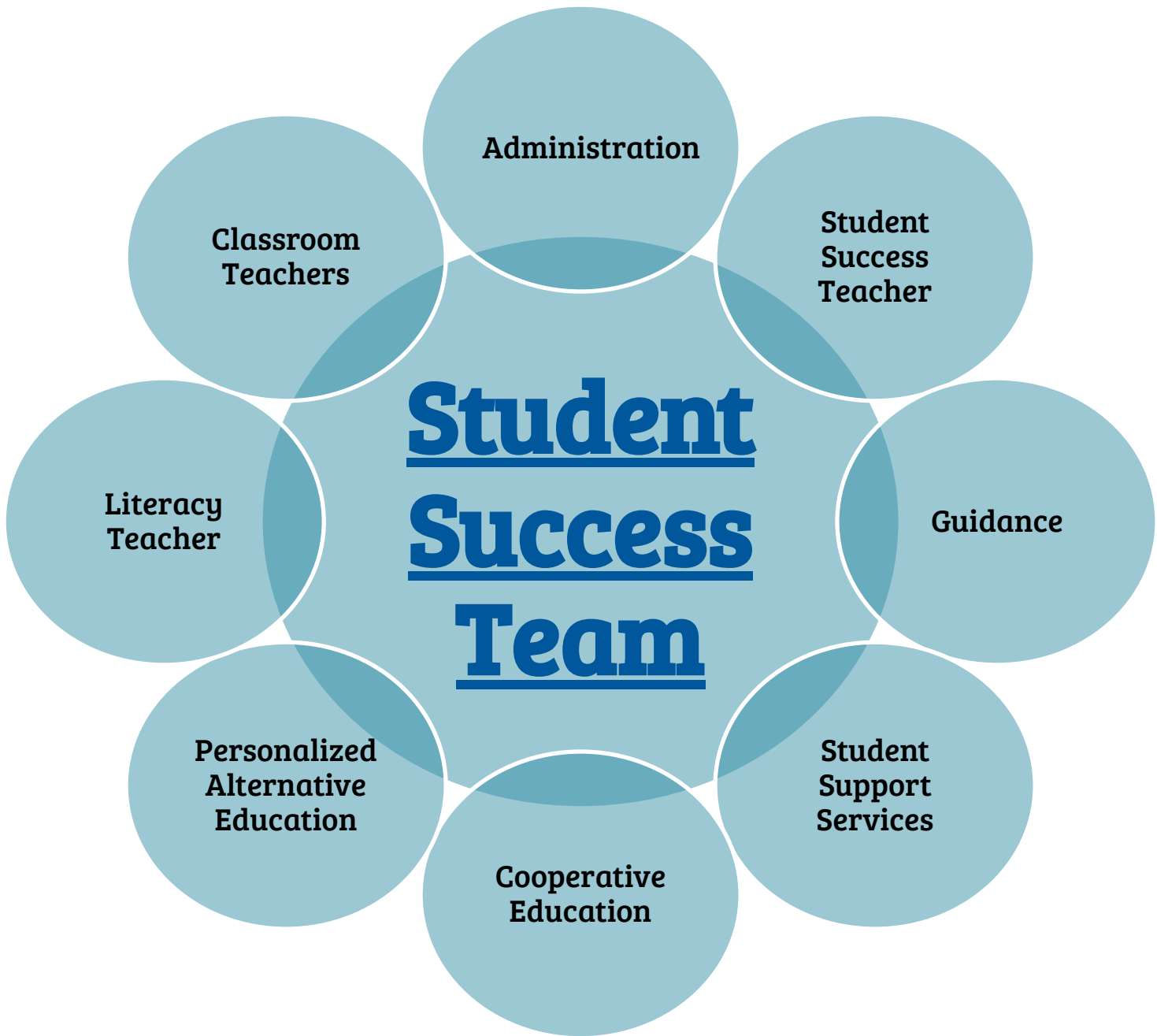
- School year is split into **two semesters**
 - Semester One: September to January (4 classes)
 - Semester Two: February to June (4 classes)
- School day consists of **five** 75 minute periods
 - Four class periods and one period for lunch

Sample BOSS Timetable

Period	Time	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	8:15 – 9:35	Geography	English
2	9:40 – 10:55	Mathematics	Business Tech
3	11:00 – 12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH
4	12:20 – 1:35	French	Science
5	1:40 – 2:55	Phys Ed.	Visual Arts

Getting Help in High School





Special Education

- If you have an **Individual Education Plan (IEP)**
 - Bur Oak's Special Education department will be in touch with your grade 8 teacher about next steps
 - You are strongly encouraged to select "***Learning Strategies***" as one of your elective courses

English Language Learners ~ELLs

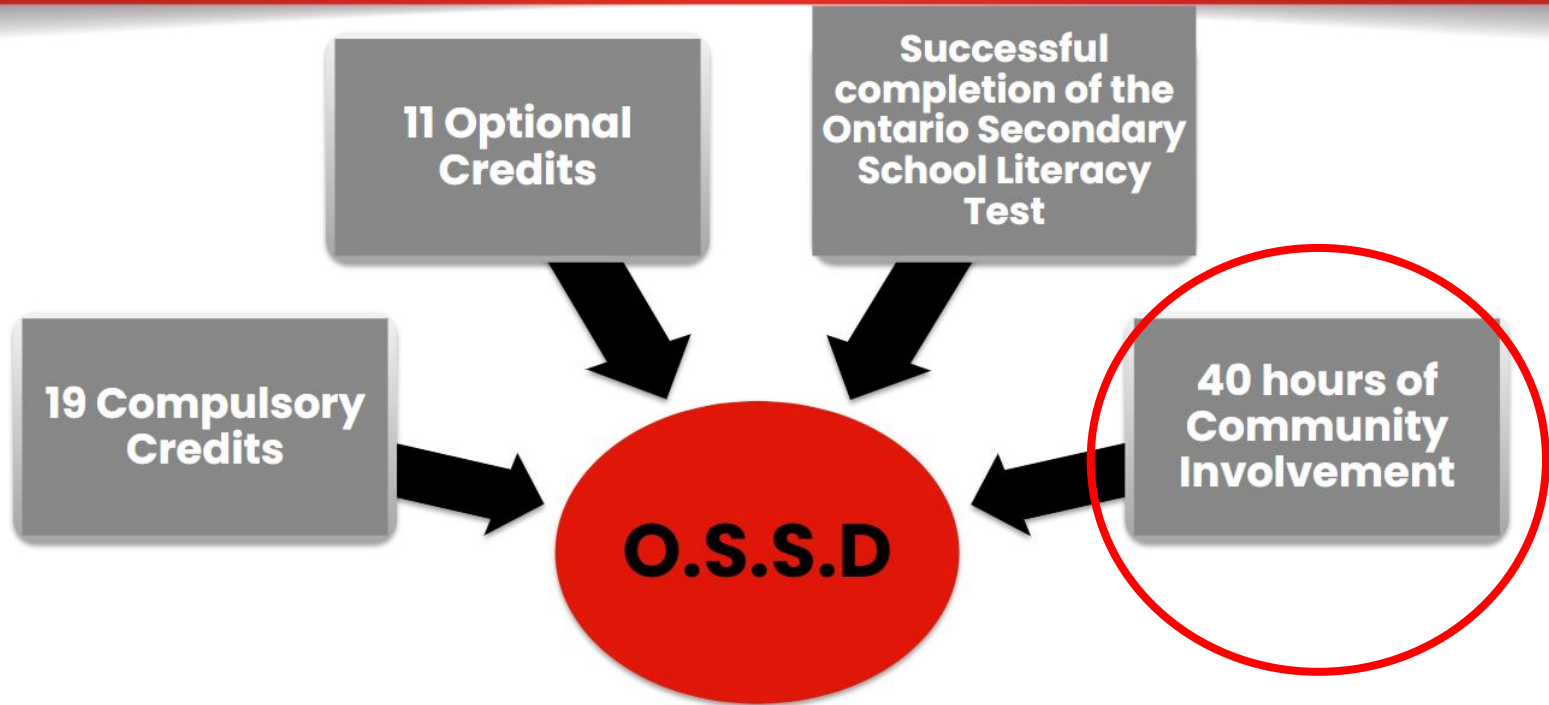
- **ESL courses help students develop skills in English**
- **ESL levels A, B, C, D and E**
 - **Students must complete an ESL assessment with their Grade 8 teacher for placement**
- **Discuss your elective courses with your Grade 8 teacher**
- **Questions about ESL?**
 - **The BOSS ESL department is here to help! They will be in touch with your grade 8 teacher this spring**

What do I need to do to Graduate from High School?



1. Community Involvement

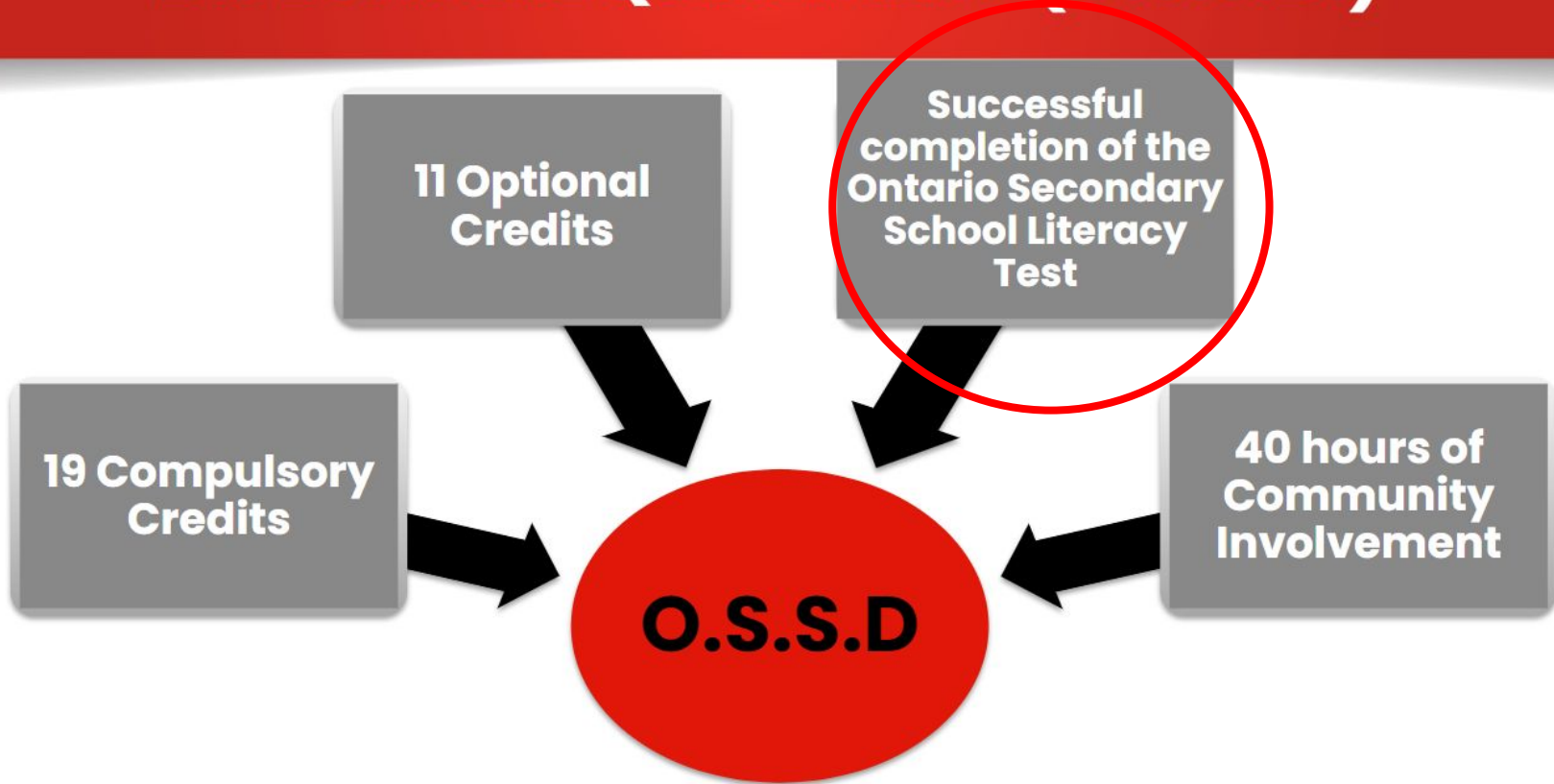
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT (O.S.S.D.)



More information to come in the spring from
your grade 8 Transition Teacher

2. Pass the Literacy Test

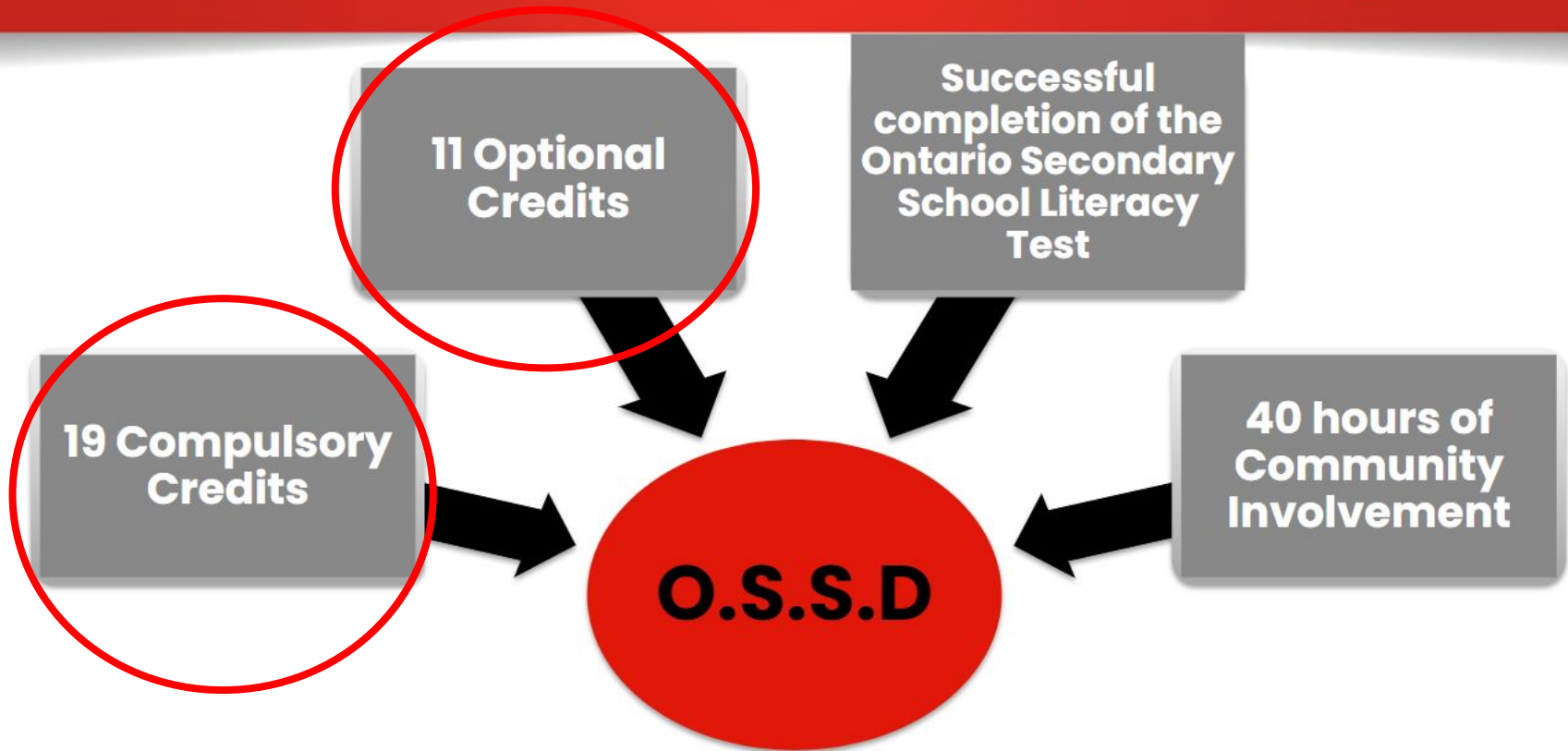
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT (O.S.S.D.)



Don't worry - BOSS will get you ready!

3. Earn 30 credits by the end of grade 12

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT (O.S.S.D.)



Earning Grade 9 Credits

Choose 2

SIX Compulsory Courses

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- French
- Physical Education

You **MUST**
take all 6

TWO Elective Courses

- Drama
- Exploring Family Studies
- Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Music – Vocal, Keyboarding, Piano, or Instrumental (band)
 - Repertoire for Band and Vocal as your ninth credit
- Visual Arts
- Design Media
- Technology and the Skilled Trades (**compulsory in either grade 9 or 10**)

Choosing Alternates

- Sometimes you don't get your first choice of elective courses
- You **MUST** choose at least **two** alternate courses that you would be happy to take
 - If you don't choose alternates then we choose for you!



“How do I know what courses to take?”



**Your Grade 8 Transition
Pathway Teacher will show
you the tools in myblueprint
to help you select the right
courses for you!**

1. IPP Pathways Planning

- **Your IPP in myPathway Planner helps you:**
 - Identify your strengths and interests
 - Explore opportunities
 - Set goals for the future



myBlueprint



Secondary

Bur Oak Secondary School

Staff: --Select an Application--

Students: --Select an Application--

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Bur Oak Secondary School

Wednesday, 26 January

Culminating Activities

Thursday, 27 January

Culminating Activities

Friday, 28 January

Culminating Support Day

Monday, 31 January

Culminating Activities

Tuesday, 1 February

Lunar New Year (Diamond Day)

Wednesday, 2 February

Culminating Activities

[+ Google Calendar](#)



COVID-19 Information

1 2

Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to subscribe to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

Submit

You may also choose to unsubscribe at anytime.

Announcements

Grade 8 Open House 2021

The Grade 8 Open House video is now available on the Board YouTube channel.

<https://youtu.be/YKvLDXyp2cw>

Contact Information

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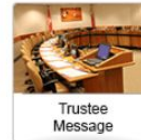
Fax: (905) 202-1236

Email: bur.oak.ss@yrdsb.ca

Bell Times: 8:15 AM - 2:55 PM



Principal's Message



Trustee Message



School News



teachassist

School Cash Online
Pay for student items online

[Disclaimer](#) [Registration Instructions](#)

my PATHWAY planner
Grades 7 - 12
Individual Pathways Plan
and Course Selection



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Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner

Domain:

User name:

Password:

2. myPathway Planner

Surveys - Get to know yourself!

Learning Styles

Do you remember what you read? Are you good at remembering names? Everyone has different styles of learning they like best. What are yours?

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Personality

You are a unique individual; but we all have personality traits that are similar to others. Understand your personality to find opportunities that fit your type well.

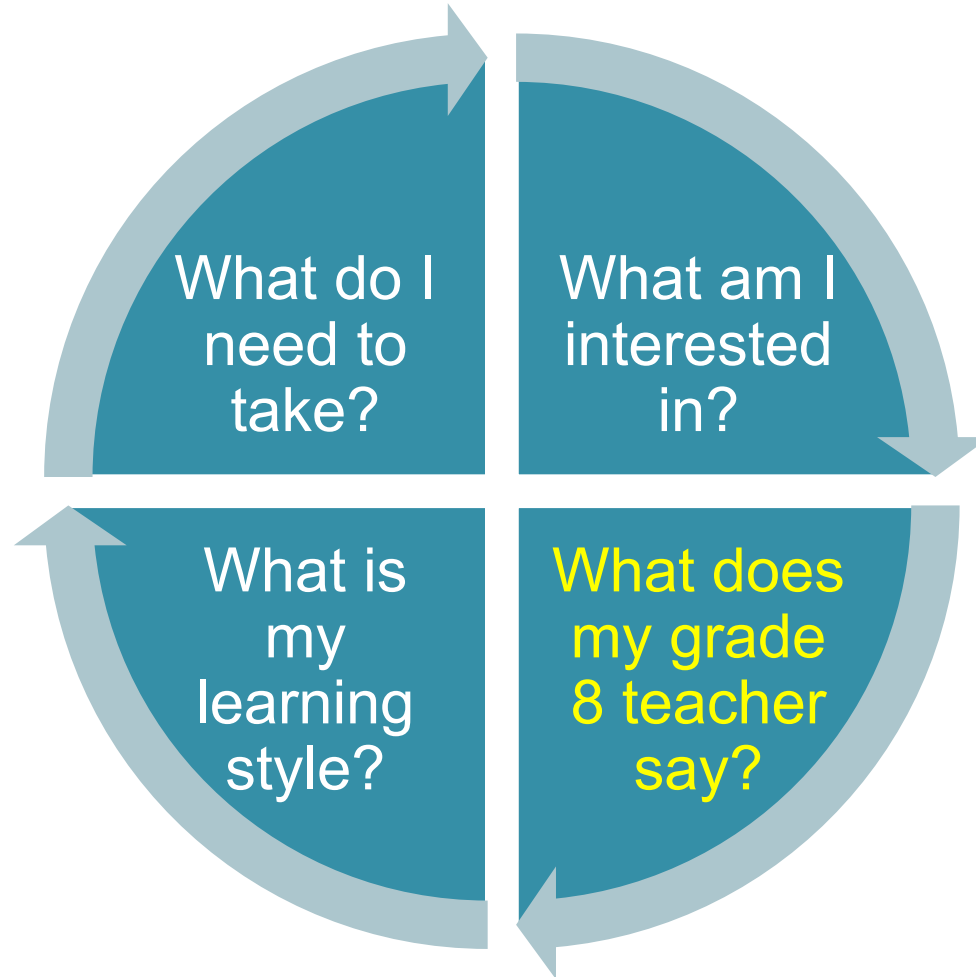
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Interests

What captures your interest? When you're doing the stuff you enjoy and are interested in, you'll be happier and more successful in life.

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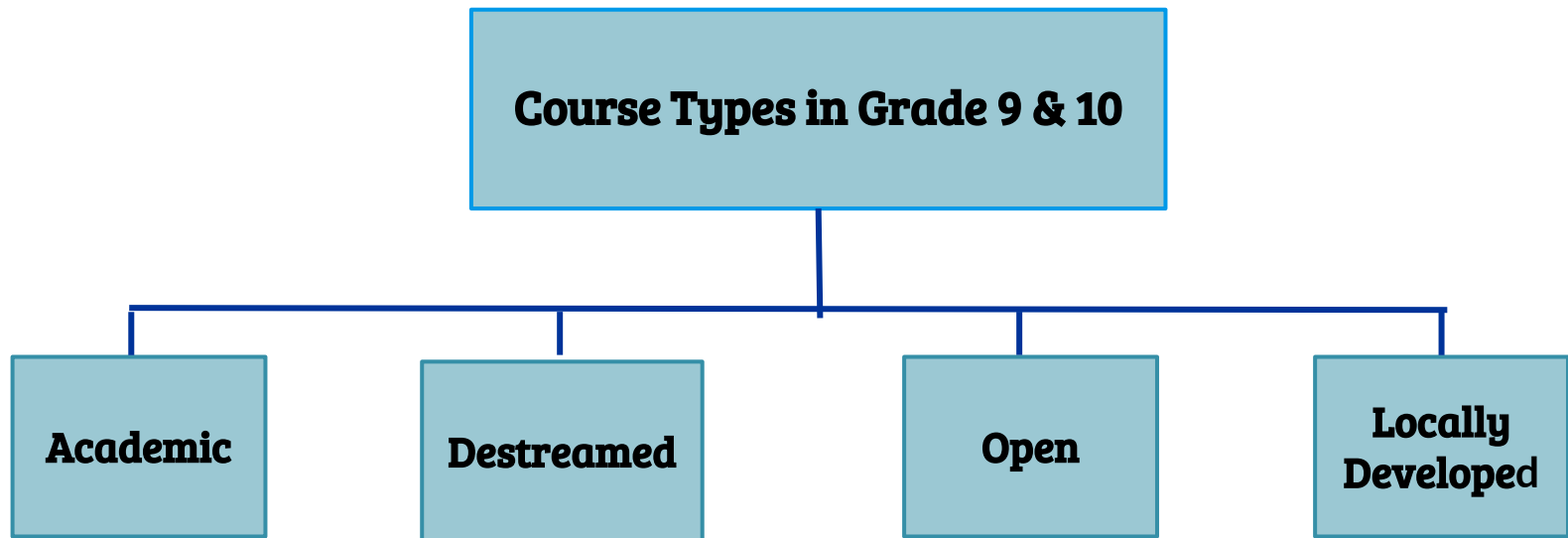
3. Self Reflection



Course Levels in Grade 9



The right pathway for YOU



- ❑ not all courses have to be the same level
 - ❑ you can move between levels
 - ❑ all destinations are possible

Course Levels - Grade 9

Course type	Details
DESTREAMED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Math, Science, English and Geography● maximum class size currently 25.
ACADEMIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● French as well as Grade 10 Science, Math and History● maximum class size of 29
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● may be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, History● maximum class size of 16● placement determined through an IPRC meeting
OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● offered in the following compulsory courses: French, Physical Education, Arts, Civics/Careers and all remaining grade 9&10 electives● maximum class size of 29 (exception Technology courses)

Course Levels- Grade 9

Academic

French

**Locally
Developed**

**English
Math
Science
Geography**

Destreamed

**Math
Science
English
Geography**

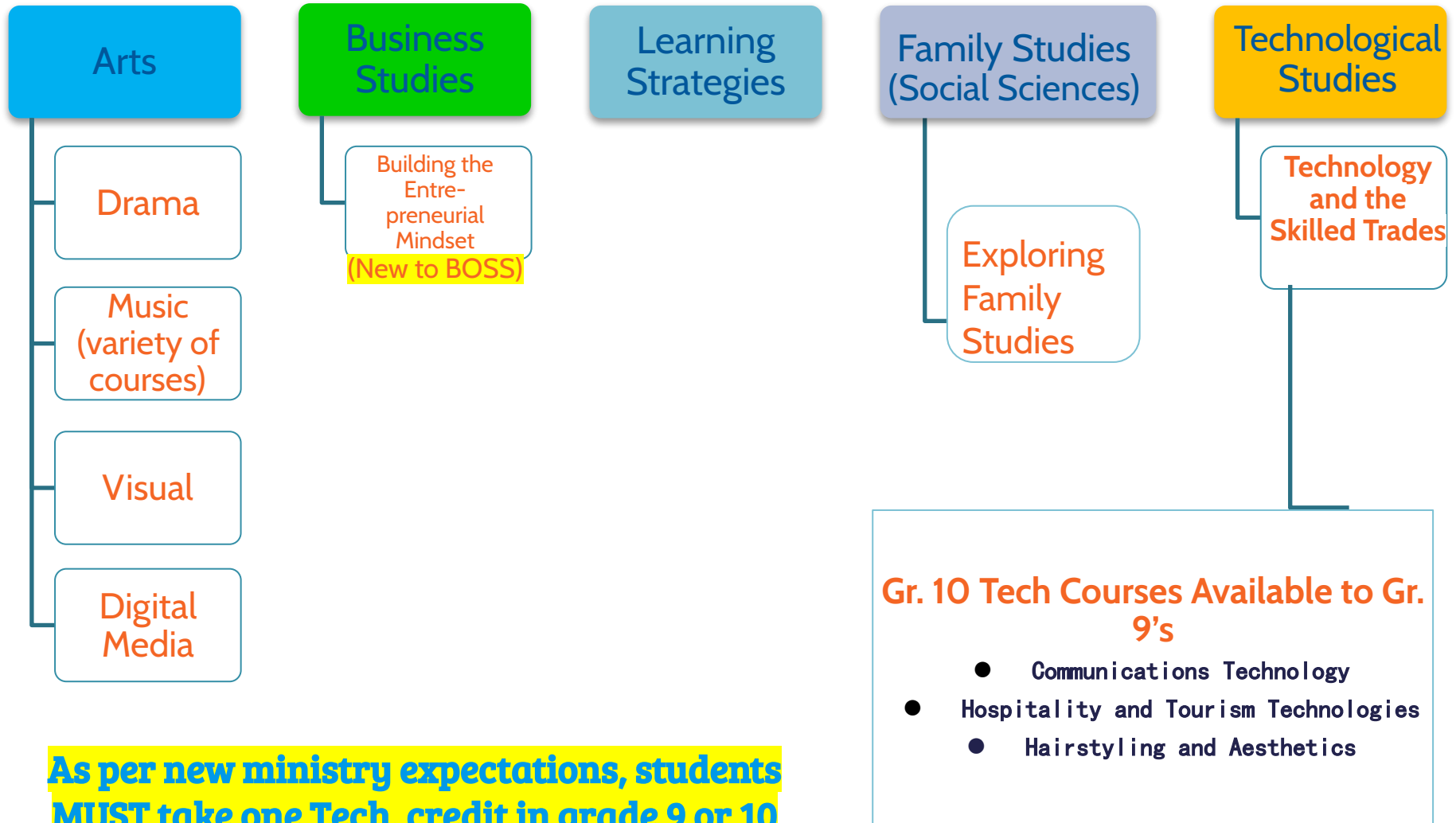
**Physical Education is the same
for all students. Gender Specific
or Coed**

**School boards are waiting on more details from
the Ministry of Education regarding destreamed
courses for the 2024-2025 school year**

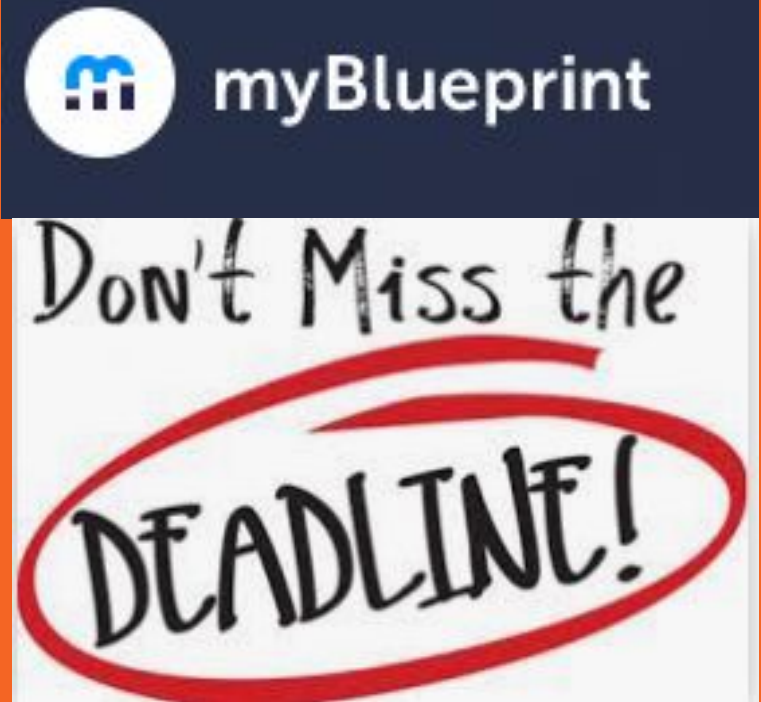
Grade 9 Elective Courses



Elective Courses for Grade 9



Course Selection, Deadlines & Next Steps



Course Selection:

- ❑ Complete course selection on MyBlueprint by **Friday February 23th @ 4pm**
- ❑ myBlueprint will close at this time
- ❑ Once submitted your selection will be locked
- ❑ Your Grade 8 Transition Teacher will lead you through myBlueprint and how to select and submit your courses

Reminders:

- All grade 9 students take **8 courses**
- Select:
 - 6 compulsory
 - 2 electives
 - 2 alternatives
- ELLs need to select 2 English credits (ex. ESLB & ESLC)
- Students with IEP may want Learning Strategies.
- If you choose vocal or instrumental music, you need to decide about AMR (9th credit)

Go to: www.yrdsb.ca

The screenshot shows the homepage of the York Region District School Board. At the top left is the logo for York Region District School Board. To its right is the slogan "Inspire Learning!". On the far right, there are links for "Careers", "Newsroom", "Contact Us", "Feedback", and "BWW Login". Below these links is a dropdown menu for "Staff" with the text "--Select an Application--". A search bar with "Google Custom Search" and a "Search" button is also present. A navigation menu below the search bar includes "Home", "About Us", "Board of Trustees", "Schools", "Programs & Services", "Students", "Parents", and "Community". Below the navigation menu, there is a "You Are Here" breadcrumb showing "Home" and a "Google Translate" button. The main content area features two "Message from the Chair" and "Message from the Director" boxes on the left. In the center, there is a banner for "Choose YRDSB Register Now!". On the right, under the heading "Online Tools", there are three boxes: "Student Tools & Resources", "my PATHWAY planner" (with a sub-link for "Individual Pathways Plan & Online Course Selection"), and "School Year Calendar" (with sub-links for "Elementary & Secondary Learning Calendars"). A black arrow points from the "Students" menu item to the "my PATHWAY planner" box.

Log in with your school account

The screenshot shows the login page for the "my PATHWAY planner" system. The logo "my PATHWAY planner" is at the top. Below it, the text reads "Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner". There are three input fields: "Domain:" with a dropdown menu showing "EDU (Students and Teachers)", "User name:", and "Password:". A "Login" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Go to: *High School, then Plan*

The screenshot displays a student account interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with a navigation menu. The 'High School' option is circled in red. The main content area has a light blue header with 'Student Account' and a 'Gr. 9' dropdown. Below the header, the 'High School' section is active, with the 'Plan' sub-menu also circled in red. The 'Plan' sub-menu shows a dropdown for 'Bur Oak S.S.' and a 'Filters' section with 'Grade' and 'Discipline' dropdowns, and a search box. Below the filters is a list of course categories, each with a blue downward arrow: Arts, Business Studies, Canadian and World Studies, Career Studies/Civics, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, and Dual Credit.

Student Account

Gr. 9

High School

Plan Courses

Bur Oak S.S.

Filters

Grade Discipline

Search Courses...

Arts

Business Studies

Canadian and World Studies

Career Studies/Civics

Computer Studies

Cooperative Education

Dual Credit

Select Courses: Click for Steps

High School

Plan Courses

Bur Oak S.S. [Course Calendar](#) [View Plans](#)

Your courses are Not Submitted

Step 1 Add Courses **Step 2** Review Courses **Step 3** Submit Courses [Review Course Selections](#)

Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
+ English	+ English	+ English	+ English
+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
+ Science	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
+ French As a Second ...	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
+ Geography	+ Career Studies/Civics	+ Course	+ Course
+ Health and Physical ...	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

Alternates

- + Alternate
- + Alternate

Graduation Indicator

Planned _____ 0
Earned _____ 0
Required _____ 0/30
Total Credits _____ 0

[View Progress](#)

SHSM Planner

Your school offers 5 Specialist High Skills Majors

[Learn More](#)

Pathway Eligibility

Add more course(s) to unlock Post-Secondary Eligibility

Click: Review Course Selection

Official High School Plan ● [Course Calendar](#) [View Plans](#) **Graduation Indicator**

✖ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

1 Step 1 Add Courses **2** Step 2 Review Courses **3** Step 3 Submit Courses [Review Course Selections](#)

Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
Foundations of Mathe... MFM1P1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
Science SNC1D1 • 1 Credit	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
Learning Strategies I - ... GLS1O1 • 1 Credit	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
Dance ATC1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Civics	+ Course	+ Course
Healthy Active Living ... PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Careers	+ Course	+ Course
Food and Nutrition HFN1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	
Issues in Canadian Ge... CGC1D1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	


Graduation Indicator

Planned _____ 8
Completed _____ 0
Total Credits _____ 8

[View Progress](#)

Pathway Eligibility

Apprenticeship _____ 2
College _____ 0
University _____ 0
Workplace _____ 0



Submit After you show Your Teacher








Review Courses

! Review your course selections before submitting. Once submitted, you can no longer make changes in myBlueprint.

Step 1 Add Courses 2 Review Courses 3 Submit Courses

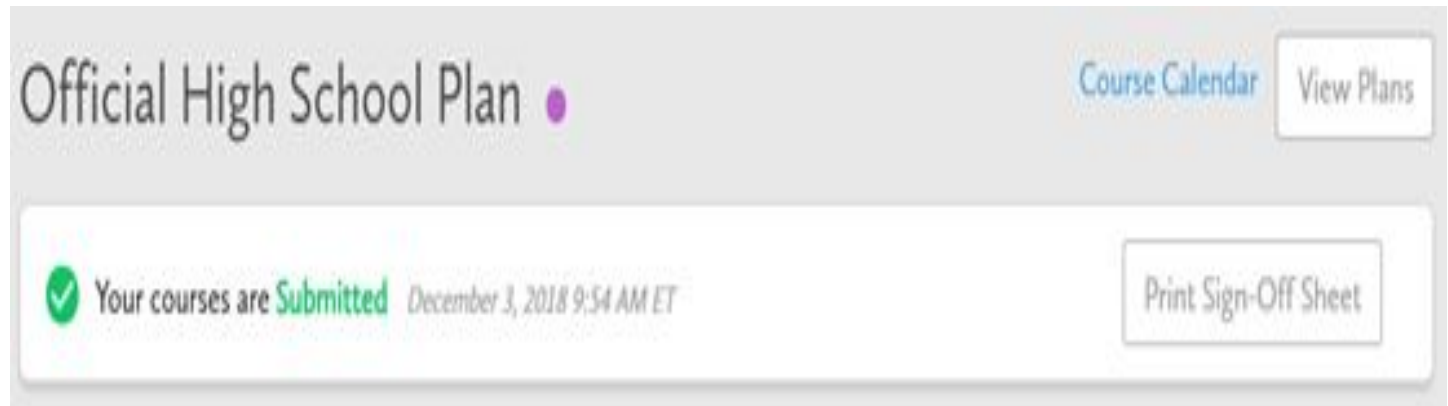
Submit Course Selections


1 Review Course Selections

	ENG1D1 English	No Issues
	MFM1P1 Foundations of Mathematics	No Issues
	SNC1D1 Science	No Issues
	GLS1O1 Learning Strategies I - Skills for Success in Secondary School	No Issues
	ATC1O1 Dance	No Issues
	PPL1OM Healthy Active Living Education	No Issues
	HFN1O1 Food and Nutrition	No Issues


This Selection gets “locked”

Changes can only be made by BOSS now



Official High School Plan 

[Course Calendar](#) [View Plans](#)

 Your courses are **Submitted** *December 3, 2018 9:54 AM ET*

[Print Sign-Off Sheet](#)

Parent/Guardian Confirm

Enter parent/guardian email address into pop-up to have parents/guardian approve or unapprove your selections

This must be sent to your family - and their sign off is recorded.

Choose Carefully

- Little flexibility to change your courses once the timetable is made
 - Avoid disappointment – talk with your Grade 8 teacher(s);
 - Reflect on your interests and academic skills to make good choices

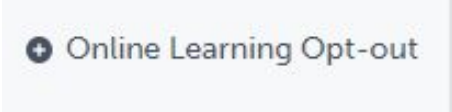
New Graduation Requirements...

2 mandatory E-Learning Courses

- **These courses can be chosen**
 - **during your grade 11 / 12 year in day school or**
 - **Certain Grade 10 summer school course**

Mandatory E-Learning

Don't want to do Online Learning? Don't worry...Families can choose to opt-out of e-learning courses on My Pathway Planner

- Simply click on  and submit this with your course selection.

Alternatively.....

- There is a form that you can pick up in guidance next year that can be filled out and returned to OPT- OUT of online learning.

Next Steps

- **Confirm course verification - Information will be sent in March**
- **Ambassador visits in the spring**
- **Registration in last week of August; Orientation in September**

Questions?