



Bur oak
secondary SCHOOL

course
SELECTION
2024-2025!



Bur oak
secondary SCHOOL

COUNSELLOR
APPOINTMENTS:
BUR OAK GUIDANCE
[WEBSITE](#)

WHERE am I GOING?

Be aware of ALL possible destinations after high school.

- Apprenticeship programs
- Diploma/Certificate programs
- Degree programs
- Workplace
- Travel
- Returning (for ONE semester only; 34 credit limit)



Become aware of the admission requirements for your possible destinations. Don't limit yourself.

NO PLAN YET?

Today is that first step in developing a plan

- Work through matchmaker from MyB
- Talk with a counsellor to begin to develop a strategy
- Think about your interests and abilities
- Remember... plans should be flexible and achievable
- We are making our first step in thinking about “getting in the driver’s seat”
- Visit the YRDSB Secondary School Programs and Opportunities - by Sector [website](#) for career information and high school planning





A QUICK REFRESHER

CHOOSING
COURSES FOR
BEYOND
HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE



Combining academic and practical/technical skills training for a specific career

Colleges offer a wide range of options:

- Diploma programs
- Degree programs
- Foundation and Certificates



DIPLoMa - "PerKS"

- Relatively affordable tuition (avg. \$3,500)
- small class sizes (30-50 people)
- ability to network with industry professionals
- Skill training → better chances for immediate employment



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

NO REASON TO WORRY, BECAUSE YOU'RE IN COMPLETE CONTROL

Whether you find yourself at a dairy farm or in a nuclear power plant, your knowledge and skills of electricity, safety and installation methods give you the ability to monitor the motor controls and wiring systems that allow businesses to operate. Having physical control of the temperature, pressure and Ph balances ensures that staff is comfortable and safe and work is completed effectively and up to code.

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PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

Program length: Two-year

Credential awarded: Ontario College Diploma

Location: Whitby

School: [School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology \(START\)](#)

Practical/
TECHNICAL
SKILLS FOR a
SPECIFIC
OCCUPATION.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As an Electrical Technician student, you will learn the fundamentals of electrically based technologies and how to assemble, install, test and calibrate electrical testing equipment.

This program will focus on the skills required to install and maintain current industrial, electrical and electronic systems, including programmable logic controls, and enable you to develop troubleshooting and problem solving skills through theoretical and extensive hands-on training.

Architectural Technology Program (T109)

[APPLY NOW](#)

[View PDF of this Program](#) 

PROGRAM CODE	Architectural Technology Program T109
SCHOOL	School of Architectural Studies
LOCATION	Casa Loma Campus
DURATION	3 years (6 semesters)
STARTING MONTH	September, January
CERTIFICATION	Ontario College Advanced Diploma
YEAR OF STUDY	2012-2013
METHOD OF STUDY	FT

Skylines, suburbs and structures of all kinds continue to change. As an Architectural Technology graduate, you can influence that change with environmental responsibility. This three-year program prepares you to work as a team member with architects, engineers, designers and project managers to design our living and working environments, using sustainable building practices.



DIPLoMa AdMISSION (2 or 3 year Programs)

ALL programs require **Grade 12 English (C or U)**

- Some need grade 11 or 12 math and/or sciences

“Grades plus” programs may need:

- a questionnaire
- a mathematics or English entrance test
- a portfolio or an audition

Some programs are competitive -- **Health and Human Services** (e.g. Paramedic, Nursing, and Journalism).

DIPLoMa & BEYOND!

Can lead to admission in degree programs
(additional 2-3 years)

- Need to meet eligibility requirements
- Can be competitive; B average in college often minimum requirement

Any two-year diploma	Trent University	Various	70 per cent
Any two-year diploma	UOIT	Bachelor of Commerce	Overall B Average
Any two-year diploma	UOIT	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Educational Studies and Digital Technologies	Overall B Average
Any two-year diploma	York University	Various	3.0 GPA
Most two-year diploma	Wilfrid Laurier University- Brantford Campus	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in various disciplines	Overall 75% Average automatic acceptance



DEGREES (COLLEGE)

- ❑ Same requirements of six 4U or 4M courses
- ❑
- ❑ VERY specific and one of a kind programs
- ❑
- ❑ Four years
- ❑
- ❑ Include workplace experience through co-op, practicums or internships

UNIVERSITY (DEGREE)

- Provides theoretical learning
- Generally, four main types of programs
 - **Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences**
 - **Life/Health Sciences**
 - **Physical/Engineering Sciences**
 - **Business/Commerce**





DEGREE - "PERKS"

- Prerequisite for professional degree programs
 - *Law School, Education, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical School, etc.*

- Eligibility for postgraduate Masters programs
 - *Masters in Social Work, Architecture, Public Health, Occupational Therapy, Business Administration (MBA), etc.*

 - "Intellectual" experience



POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

- Direct career skills is not a focus...provides knowledge and theory
 - Exceptions: Engineering, Architecture, Nursing
- Additional programming might be needed?
 - 65% of college applications from students who have completed or have started a degree program
- Some students compensate for this by:
 - Joining a co-op program, a “professional experience year”, extracurricular leadership, part-time employment



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- **SIX** grade 4 “U” or “M” level courses
- Minimum 70 – 75% average in your top six U/M level courses (ALL programs require ENG4U)
- Many programs require Grade 12 Mathematics
 - Business, Science, Kinesiology, Engineering, Nursing, Computer Science
 - Usually NOT criminology, psychology, health studies, political science, etc.

Are DEGREES THROUGH COLLEGE "as GOOD"?

- Same vetting processes as degrees through a university; they are considered EQUAL
- Combines the practicality of college (*networking opportunities, practical skill building, small class sizes*) with the theory of a university degree
- Same requirements as university degree programs
 - SIX grade 12 U and/or M level courses (including ENG4U1)



Bachelor of Applied Arts - Paralegal Studies (2015/16 Program)

The Business School

Credential: [Degree](#)

Campus: [Lakeshore](#)

Program Code: 22011

Banner Program Code:
PARA_LEG_BA

Program Length:

Eight semesters, beginning in September, plus one paid work term

Contact Information:

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business.humber.ca

[How to Apply](#)



COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

- Earn a degree AND a diploma in four years
- Experience both **practical** and **theoretical** learning
- Involves a block of time on a college campus and a block of time on a university campus



COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

Examples include:

- Accounting – Business program
(Durham College and UOIT)
- Journalism and New Media
(UTSC and Centennial College)
- Nursing
(Western U. and Fanshawe; Ryerson U. and George Brown)
- Broadcast - Television
(York University and Seneca College)

APPRENTICESHIP and THE SKILLED TRADES



- Combination of on-the-job training, work experience, and technical training in a trade.
 - 90% of your education is on the job where **you earn an INCOME while you learn**
 - You must find an employer on your own who will agree to hire and train you as an apprentice
 - Student who lack employable skills in the trade can take a **one year techniques** program at a college to learn the basics (plumbing, auto body repair, etc.)
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
 - Through relevant co-op placement, earn hours towards future apprenticeship program while also earning 2 high school credits!

CHOOSING COURSES TO GRADUATE



GROUP one



- Additional English:**
 - **Presentation Skills, EWC4U - Writer's Craft (New Course Offering)**
- Third Language:**
 - **Spanish, Cantonese, Tamil etc.**
- French as a Second Language (in addition to grade 9 French)**
- Social Science and Humanities:**
 - **Family Studies, Philosophy**
- Canadian and World Studies:**
 - **History, Geography, Economics, Law and Politics**
- Cooperative Education**

Note: Cooperative Education credit will meet the requirements of up to two groups



GROUP TWO

Physical Education:

- **Fitness or Healthy and Active Living**
- **Recreation and Healthy Living Leadership**
- **Intro to Kinesiology**

Arts: Drama, Music, Visual or Media Arts

Business Studies – any grade or level

French as second language (in addition to grade 9 French)

Cooperative Education



GROUP THREE

Third science:

- **Biology, Chemistry, Physics (any level)**

Technological Education (any grade)

Computer Studies

French as second language (in addition to grade 9 French)

Cooperative Education



online courses

Two Credits are required to graduate with OSSD

- *One credit granted for SVS Virtual Learning from 2020-21*
- *One credit can be earned through Asynchronous learning through day school, summer and specific continuing education*
- *Opt-Out of mandatory online learning is possible - simply click on “Online Learning Opt-out) in MBP and “add course”*

online courses

- **To Select Courses:**
 - *Search “Online Learning Courses”*
 - *Select one of the courses listed if interested*
 - *This will count towards your day-school “full time” status and course load*

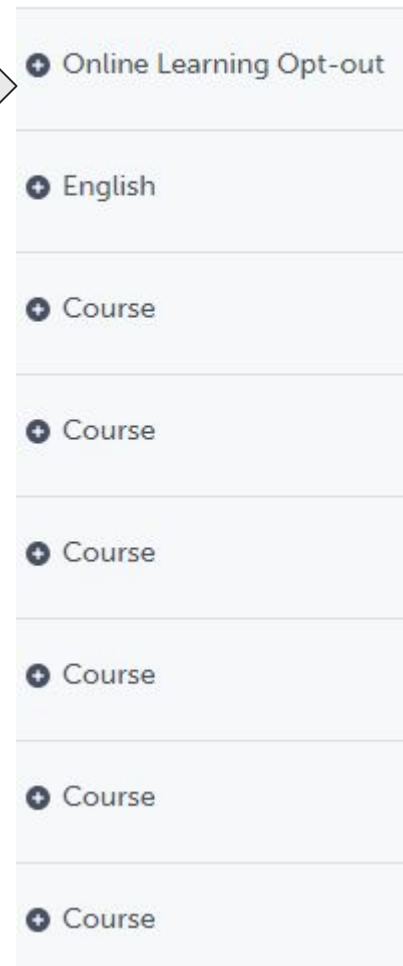
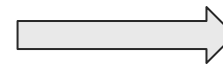
Considerations:

- *Online courses are **ASYNCHRONOUS***
- *Allows for flexibility in your timetable*
- *Very independent learning - does this suit your learning style?*

online courses

Grade 12
Plan Ahead

- **To Opt Out of Online Learning:**
 - *Search “Online Learning Opt-out”*
 - *Select as a “Course”*
 - *This won’t count towards your credit count*
 - *Option may already appear in your selection course list*
 - *If you have already submitted an opt out, please do not select*



34 CREDIT THRESHOLD

The logo for York Region District School Board features a stylized red and black figure resembling a person or a flame, with the text 'York Region DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD' and the tagline 'Inspire Learning!' below it.

Pathways Planning for Secondary Students
Helping Students to Graduate Within Four Years

What you
NEED TO KNOW!

34 credit threshold →



WHAT DOES THIS mean?

- You may earn as many credits as you like before you graduate with your O.S.S.D.
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- Once graduated, you can continue in high school **up to 34 credits (often one semester)**

- After 34 credits, you may earn more credits in other ways (*night school, e-learning*)

There are some exceptions made for students with an IEP or who have taken core ESL courses



Grade 12 Program

Compulsory Subject

English

+

Elective Subjects

5 or 6 Electives

+ Spare

Need an 8th course?

***Need to wait until appointments in September
to speak to your guidance counsellor***

***Do not select 8 U/M courses for next year at this
time.***

Usually you need 6 more to graduate



FULL TIME STATUS

Three “day” school classes at BOSS per semester - With 24 credits already earned

- 3 “face-to-face” courses each semester
- 2 “face-to-face” courses and 1 day school online course or dual credit each semester

What does NOT count for full time status?

- Night school/Night school e-learning courses
- Private school courses or International language classes

COURSES AT BOSS



Know.

Know what your Grad Requirements are, and look at the Course Selection Guides. Talk about it.



Select.

Use a course selection form to draft your choices. Then complete the online course selection.



Confirm.

Once you're done, check to make sure you've posted correctly. Receive confirmation of your choices.



ARTS

- **Visual Arts – AVI4M**
- **Media Arts – ASM4M**

Want more information?
Check Our Bur Oak Website Department Pages



ARTS-MUSIC

- **Instrumental (Band)**
 - **AMI4M***
- **Vocal**
 - **AMV4M***
- **Keyboarding**
 - **AMK4M**
- **Piano Accompaniment**
 - **AME4M***

** students taking Vocals, Accompaniment, or Band may want to select Repertoire (AMR4M) for additional credit*



BUSINESS STUDIES

- **Financial Accounting – BAT4M1**
 - Prerequisite: BAF3M1 (Gr 11 Accounting)
- **International Business – BBB4M1**
 - Prerequisite: None
- **Business Leadership – BOH4M1**
 - Prerequisite: None

Investment and Finance - IDC4 U1 (Pre - Req. ENG3U) New Course Offering

Marketing - IDC 4U2 (Pre - Req. ENG3U) New Course Offering

*** Students can only take one of the IDC coded classes**



BUSINESS STUDIES

Look under Canadian and World Studies:

- **Analysing Current Economic Issues – CIA4U1**
 - Prerequisite: ENG3U or U/M level Social Science or History

COMPUTER STUDIES

Computer Science – ICS4U1

- Prerequisite: ICS3U1





CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

- Earn credits in two compulsory “groups”
- Learn employability skills and experience hands-on learning
- Develop the essential skills and work habits required in the workplace
- Component of SHSM program

You will be required to fill out an online application later in cycle

GUIDANCE

- **Surviving and Thriving in Today's World**
 - IDC30

Look under Interdisciplinary studies



Course is available to grade 11 and 12 students



HISTORY, POLITICS & LAW

Canadian and International Law – CLN4U

Legal Studies – CLN4C

**World History since the Fifteenth Century
CHY4U and CHY4C**

Philosophy: The Big Questions – HZT4U

****Look under Canadian and World Studies***

GEOGRAPHY

Canadian and World Issues – CGW4C or 4U

- Offered at the college and university level



*****Look under Canadian and World Studies***



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Offered by Family Studies Department:

- Challenge and Change in Society –HSB4U
- Families in Canada – HHS4U
- Nutrition and Health – HFA4C or HFA4U
- World of Fashion – HNB4M

** Prerequisite: Any U or M level course in English, Social Science, Canadian and World Studies (History or Geography)*



Languages

- **French – FSF4U**

**International Languages are offered by
York Region--sign up in May**



MATHEMATICS

Foundations for College Mathematics – MAP4C

- **Prerequisite: MBF3C**

Math for Everyday Living -- MEL4E

Mathematics of Data Management – MDM4U

- **Prerequisite: MCR3U OR MCF3M**

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Functions – MHF4U

- Prerequisite: MCR3U or MCT4C

AP Advanced Functions – MHF4UE

- Prerequisite: MCR3UE

Calculus and Vectors – MCV4U

- Prerequisite: MHF4U

AP Calculus and Vectors – MCV4UE

- Prerequisite: MHF4UE

Want more
information?
Check Our Bur
Oak Website
Department Pages



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Personal and Fitness Activities

- PAF4O1 **ALL**-Ed, PAF4O8 (female), PAF4O9 (male)

Healthy and Active Living

- PPL4O8 (female) or PPL4O9 (male)

Introductory Kinesiology – PSK4U

- Prerequisite: a grade 11 U or M science course
OR a grade 11 or 12 phys. ed. course

Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership – PLF4M

- **Outdoor Education focus**

Students may take up to 2 P.E. credits in grade 12

science



Biology (University) – SBI4U

- Prerequisite: SBI3U

Physics (University) – SPH4U

- Prerequisite: SPH3U

Physics (College) - SPH4C (2024-25)

- Prerequisite: Grade 10 Science (D or P)

Chemistry (University) – SCH4U

- Prerequisite: SCH3U

Chemistry (College) – SCH4C (2023-24)

- Prerequisite: Grade 10 Science (D or P)



If you need College Physics & Chemistry, see a counsellor

TECHNOLOGY

Construction Technology – TCJ4C

Communications Technology – TGJ4M

Health Care – TPJ4M

Technological Design – TDJ4M

Pre-requisites?

- usually the grade 11 course
(see your counsellor)





TECHNOLOGY

- **TGG 4M1 - Graphic Design (to support Yearbook)**
- **TGP 4M1 - Photography (to support Yearbook)**
- **TFJ 4E1 AND TFJ 4C1 - Hospitality and Tourism**
 - **Pre Req TFJ3C for TFJ4C**
- **New Course Offerings at BOSS**



CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

LOG INTO MY PATHWAY

Bur Oak Secondary School website:
(<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/buroak.ss/Pages/default.aspx>)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the York Region District School Board website. At the top left is the logo for the York Region District School Board, featuring a stylized 'Y' and the text 'Inspire Learning!'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Careers', 'Newsroom', 'Contact Us', 'Feedback', and 'BWW Login'. Below the navigation menu is a search bar with the text 'Google Custom Search' and a 'Search' button. A dropdown menu for 'Staff' is set to '--Select an Application--'. Below the search bar is a horizontal navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Board of Trustees', 'Schools', 'Programs & Services', 'Students', 'Parents', and 'Community'. Below the navigation menu is a 'You Are Here' breadcrumb trail showing 'Home'. On the right side of the page is a 'Google Translate' button. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there are two boxes for messages: 'Message from the Chair' by Corrie McBain and 'Message from the Director' by Louise Sirisko. In the center, there is a large banner for 'Choose YRDSB Register Now!' with an image of students. On the right, there is an 'Online Tools' section with three boxes: 'Student Tools & Resources', 'my PATHWAY planner' (Individual Pathways Plan & Online Course Selection), and 'School Year Calendar' (Elementary & Secondary Learning Calendars).

LOG INTO my account



The screenshot shows the login interface for MyPathwayPlanner. At the top is the logo, which consists of the word "my" in a small black font, "PATHWAY" in a large, bold, red font, and "planner" in a smaller black font below it, all contained within a black arrow-shaped outline pointing to the right. Below the logo, the text "Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner" is centered. The login form includes a "Domain:" label followed by a dropdown menu currently showing "EDU (Students and Teachers)" with a blue circular refresh icon to its right. Below this are two input fields: "User name:" and "Password:", each followed by a red asterisk indicating a required field. At the bottom right of the form is a "Login" button.

Will redirect to MyPathway Planner



THINK ABOUT INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLAN? (IPP)

Activities can help you to:

- Create a course plan

- Learn about yourself
 - *Skills Inventory*
 - *Learning Style*

- Explore occupations and save those of interest
- Research postsecondary destinations and save those of interest

REVIEW YOUR IPP TO MAKE INFORMED COURSE DECISIONS

Home

[Dashboard](#) [Tasks](#) [Classes](#) [Goals](#) [Portfolios](#)

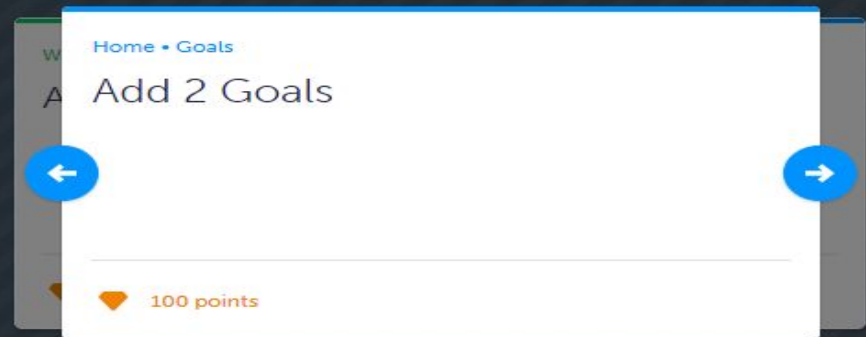
Complete your IPP Tasks

 29%

Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.

[View All Tasks](#)

[Show Prizes](#)

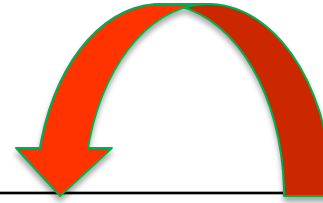


High School Progress

Bur Oak S.S.

30 credits until graduation





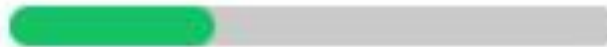
Graduation Indicator

Planned ————— 10

Earned ————— 0

Required ————— 10/30

Total Credits ————— 10



[View Progress](#)

Click on “**Graduation Indicator**” to see your earned and planned courses

Graduation Progress

10 Planned	0 Earned	10/30 Required
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Options

Compulsory 9/18 Credits

✓ 4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)	2	0	2/4
✓ 1 Credit in French As a Second Language	1	0	1/1
✓ 3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit in grade 11 or 12)	1	0	1/3
✓ 2 Credits in Science	1	0	1/2
✓ 1 Credit in Arts	1	0	1/1
✓ 1 Credit in Health and Physical Education	1	0	1/1
✓ 0.5 Credit in Civics	0	0	0/0.5
✓ 0.5 Credit in Guidance and Career Education	0	0	0/0.5
✓ 1 Credit in History	0	0	0/1
✓ 1 Credit in Geography	1	0	1/1
✓ Group 1 - 1 Credit in English or French As a Second Language or Classical Studies and International Languages or Social Sciences and Humanities or Canadian and World Studies or Guidance and Career Education or Cooperative Education or Native Languages	0	0	0/1

View what credits you have earned and what credits you still need to complete

Ask a counsellor if you think your information is not accurate

TIPS FOR CHOOSING COURSES

- Look at your grade 10 and 11 marks
- Minimum 70% at the grade 11U level recommended to take 12U
- Ask your subject teacher for recommendation
- Use the Course Information Fair
- Think about your work habits



USE THE PLANNER FOR COURSE SELECTION:

The screenshot shows a student account interface for course selection. On the left is a dark blue navigation sidebar with icons and labels for Home, Who Am I, High School, Post-Secondary, Work, Money, Guides, and Favourites. The main content area is titled 'High School' and has tabs for 'Plan' and 'Courses'. A dropdown menu is set to 'Bur Oak S.S.' and a grade selector is set to 'Gr. 9'. Below this are filter options for 'Grade' and 'Discipline', and a search bar labeled 'Search Courses...'. A list of course disciplines is shown with expandable arrows: Arts, Business Studies, Canadian and World Studies, Career Studies/Civics, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, and Dual Credit. Three red annotations are overlaid on the interface: 'a) Choose your English course' points to the school dropdown; 'b) Choose SIX electives--you will need to look under DISCIPLINES' points to the list of disciplines; and 'c) Choose THREE alternatives' points to the 'Career Studies/Civics' discipline.

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

a) Choose your English course

b) Choose SIX electives--you will need to look under DISCIPLINES

c) Choose THREE alternatives



summer SCHOOL and “OUTSIDE” CREDITS

- Be honest with your plans; choose what you will be taking
 - You must add ENG4U into your course selection since it is a grad. requirement.
 - ALWAYS SEE A COUNSELLOR BEFORE YOU ENROL IN OUTSIDE CREDITS



CLICK TO SEND!

**Ensure you insert your
Parents email address at
THE END. Parents MUST
APPROVE course selection.**

**MUST BE "LOCKED IN"
BY FEBRUARY 23
4 PM EST**



CLASS SIZES & SECTIONS

- Timetabling, courses and teacher assignments based on course selection
- All courses have fixed maximums (caps)
- There is very little flexibility to switch your courses once the timetable is finalized



NEXT STEPS

- My Blueprint – online course selection by Feb 23th
- Issue** = Warning: you do not appear to have the prerequisite and must see a counsellor
-
- Select all courses you require, including those you think you might attempt at summer school
- Select alternates that you will take!
-
- COURSE SELECTION — locked in Feb 23th**
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CHOOSE COURSES WISELY

- Select courses purposefully – INCLUDING YOUR ALTERNATIVES
- Course Verification usually in April
- Course changes in September based on availability and sound educational reasons





summer SCHOOL

- **Reinforcement:** designed for students who have failed a course and need to recover it--2 weeks in July. This is only offered for certain courses.

OR

- **Acceleration:** there may be a recommendation that you repeat the whole course (need to repeat at BOSS)
- Other courses taken at summer school must be pre-approved by the Guidance Department and the Principal
- Registration will begin in April/May – **listen for announcements**



summer SCHOOL

- If you are thinking about taking a summer school, you still **MUST** choose it on your course selection as summer school is not guaranteed.
- Please give us a heads up if you are considering summer school
bit.ly/BOSSsummerplan

**Always See A Counsellor Before Registering
For OUTSIDE CREDITS**



QUESTIONS? HOW TO CONNECT WITH GUIDANCE

- 1. Please continue to check the Bur Oak Guidance General Info Classroom.**
- 2. Connect with your Counsellor! Bur Oak Guidance website, book an appointment using their bit.ly**