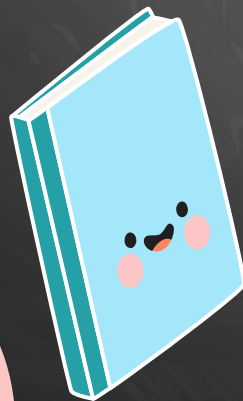


Course Selection 2025-2026

For Students Entering
Grade 10

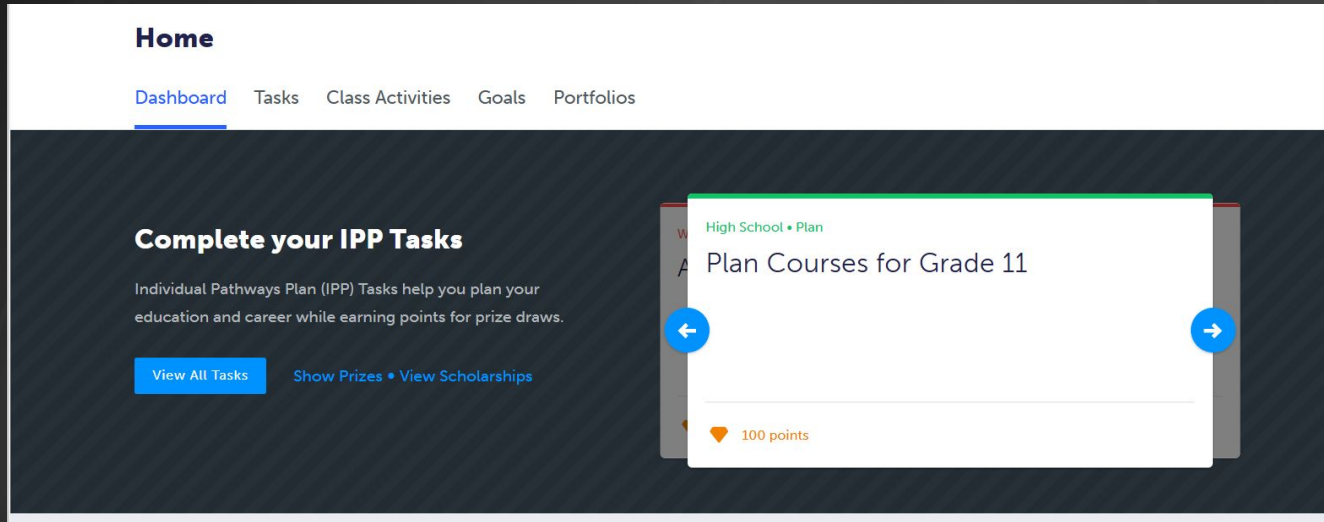
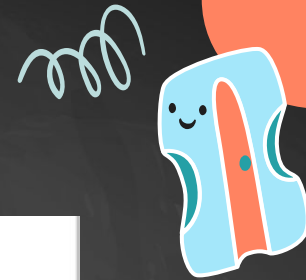
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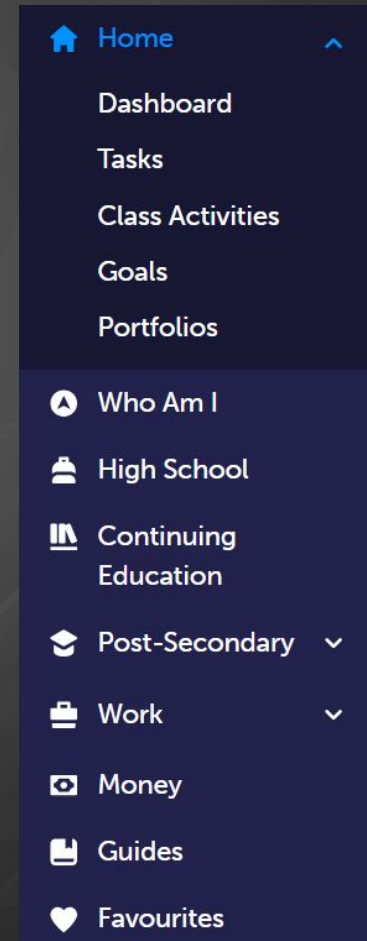


Use the Tools in My Blueprint to Help You Learn and Plan



You can use the IPP (Individual Pathways Plan) in My Blueprint to help you:

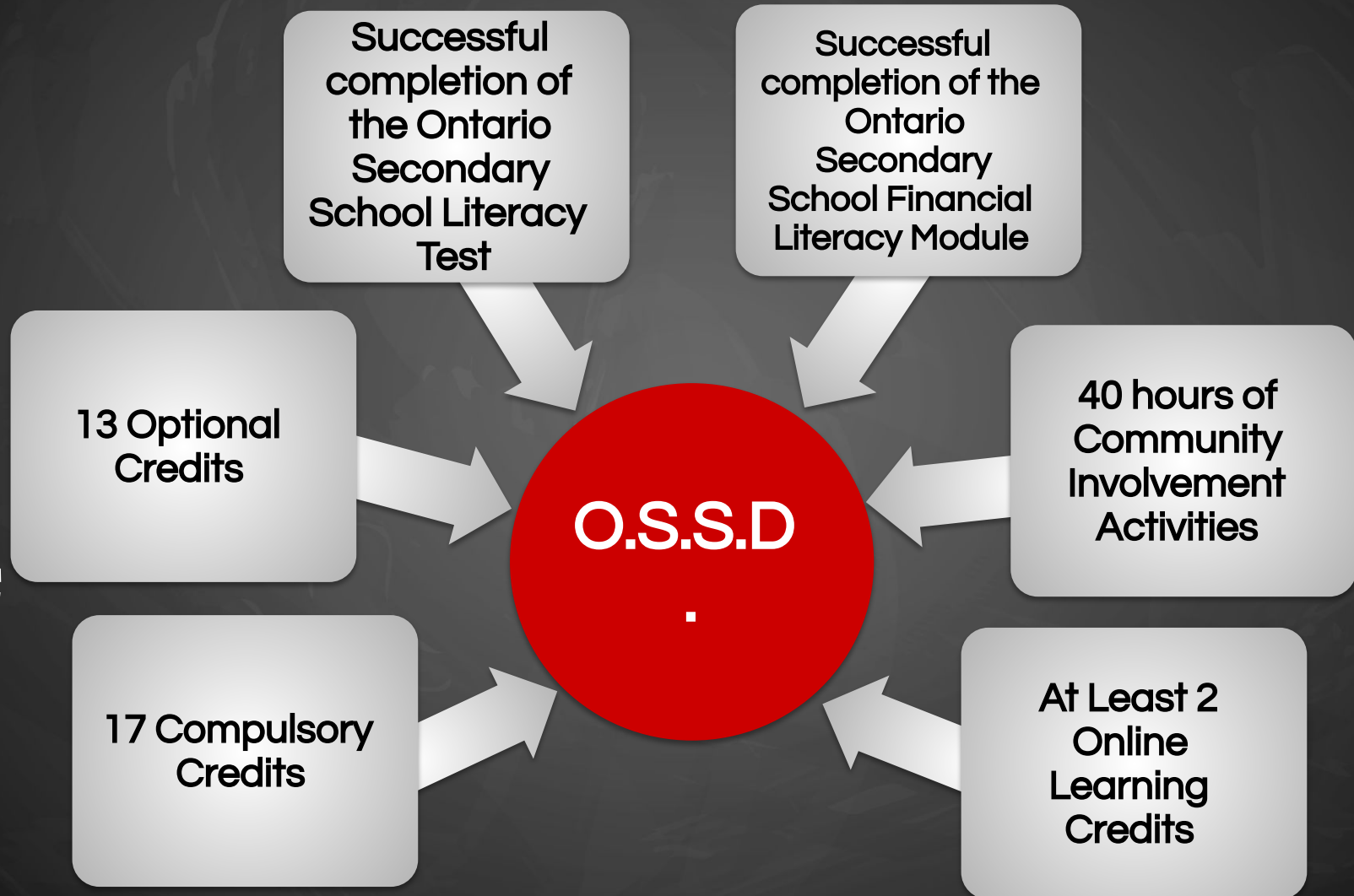
- Plan and track your courses
- Identify your strengths, skills and interests
- Explore occupations by cluster or subject group (Job description, education requirement, salary, etc.)
- Research post-secondary destinations
- Set goals



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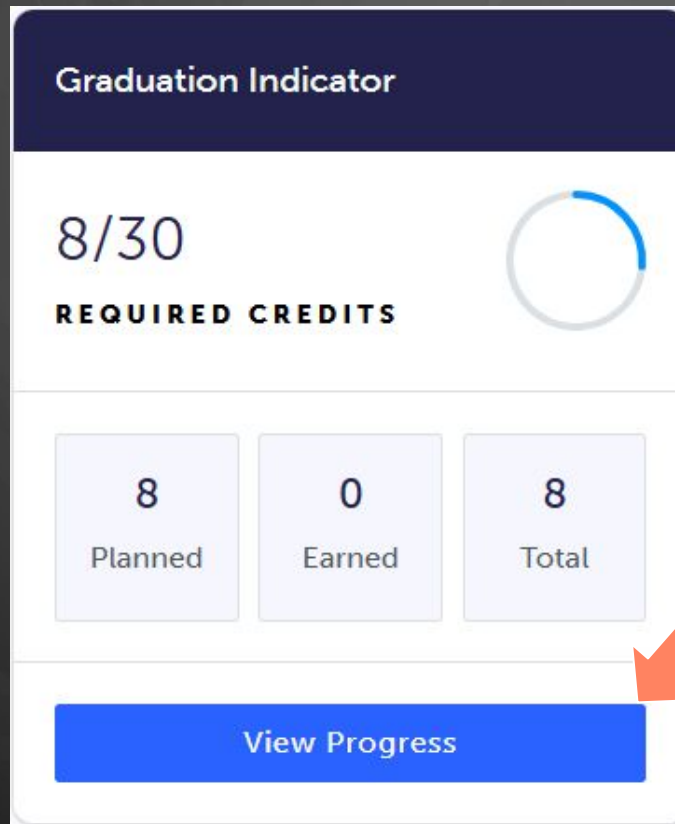
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OSSD Requirements



Tracking your Graduation Requirements

Students can track all of their graduation requirements in My Blueprint by looking at the “Graduation Indicator” at the top right of their high school plan:



Click “View Progress” to see details.

Tracking your Graduation Requirements

On this screen, you will see the details about your progress towards your graduation requirements:

Graduation Progress

8
required credits planned

0
required credits earned

30
total required for graduation

Compulsory

0/17 Credits

| | Planned | Earned | Required |
|---|---------|--------|----------|
| 4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade) | 1 | 0 | 1/4 |
| 1 Credit in French As a Second Language | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |
| 3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12) | 1 | 0 | 1/3 |
| 2 Credits in Science | 1 | 0 | 1/2 |
| 1 Credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10) | 1 | 0 | 1/1 |
| 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

1 Credit from the STEM-related Course Group (Business Studies, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, Mathematics, Science, or Technological Education)

0

0

0/1

Elective

0/13 Credits

13 Elective Credits

0

0

0/13

Additional Requirements

A minimum of two (2) online learning credits

40 Hours of Community Involvement Activities

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement

It is very important that you have a plan for meeting all of your graduation requirements.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

- Written in the fall of grade 10
- If not successful, another opportunity to write in the spring
- Reading and writing expectations up to and including grade 9
- Accommodations, deferrals, and exemptions for some students

Getting Ready?

- More information available on the [EQAO website](#)
- An after school prep-course may be offered to help students prepare



Community Involvement

- Have you finished your 40 hours?
- Why do this?
 - Encourages civic responsibility
 - Promotes community values
 - Reinforces importance of volunteerism
 - Volunteer experiences can be included on a resume, post-secondary application, or scholarship application
- You are responsible for keeping records of activities. Forms available in the Guidance Office and online.
- Submit completed forms to the Guidance Office
- Recommendation: Finish your hours by the **end of Grade 10**

NOTE: Guidance only tracks up to the required 40 hours. If you do more than 40 hours, you need to keep your own records.



Online Learning Requirement



- Students are required to complete at least 2 online learning credits
- Courses available in grade 11 and 12
- Students can opt out of this requirement with parental permission.
- Opting out can be done during course selection
- If a student opts out, there is no impact on their graduation or post-secondary status.

Ontario Secondary School Financial Literacy Requirement

NEW!

- **New for September 2025-2026 school year:** You will write a financial literacy assessment in your grade 10 Math course.
- You will need to achieve a **mark of 70%** or higher to pass.

Credit Attainment:

17 Compulsory
Credits

+

13 Optional
Credits

17 Compulsory Credits

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

STEM-Related Course Group

Students need to take 1 course from this group:

- Business Course (Gr 9 to 12)
- Computer Course (Gr 10 or 11)
- Cooperative Education (Gr 11 or 12)
- Mathematics (4th credit)
- Science (3rd credit)
- Technological Studies (2nd credit)

Planning your compulsory credits

| Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| English | English | English | English |
| Math | Math | Math | |
| Science | Science | | |
| Geography | History | | |
| French | Civics/Careers | | |
| Phys. Ed. | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Plus: ✓ 1 Art ✓ 1 Tech (gr 9 or 10) ✓ 1 STEM

13 Elective Credits

An opportunity for students to:

- Build skills
- Balance workload and/or increase mental well being
- Explore interests
- Build an educational program that suits their individual interests and personal pathway
- Meet post-secondary requirements



Selecting Course Types/Levels for your Grade 10 Courses

Course Types in Grades 9 and 10

- Elective courses in grades 9 and 10 are offered at the **open** level.
- For compulsory courses in grade 10, students will need to select a level for English, Math and Science:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| English | Academic: ENG2D1 | Applied: ENG2P1 | Locally Developed: ENG2L1 |
| Math | Academic: MPM2D1 | Applied: MFM2P1 | Locally Developed: MAT2L1 |
| Science | Academic: SNC2D1 | Applied: SNC2P1 | Locally Developed: SNC2L1 |
| History | Academic: CHC2D1 | | |
| Civics/ Careers | Open: CHV2O1/GLC2O1 | | |

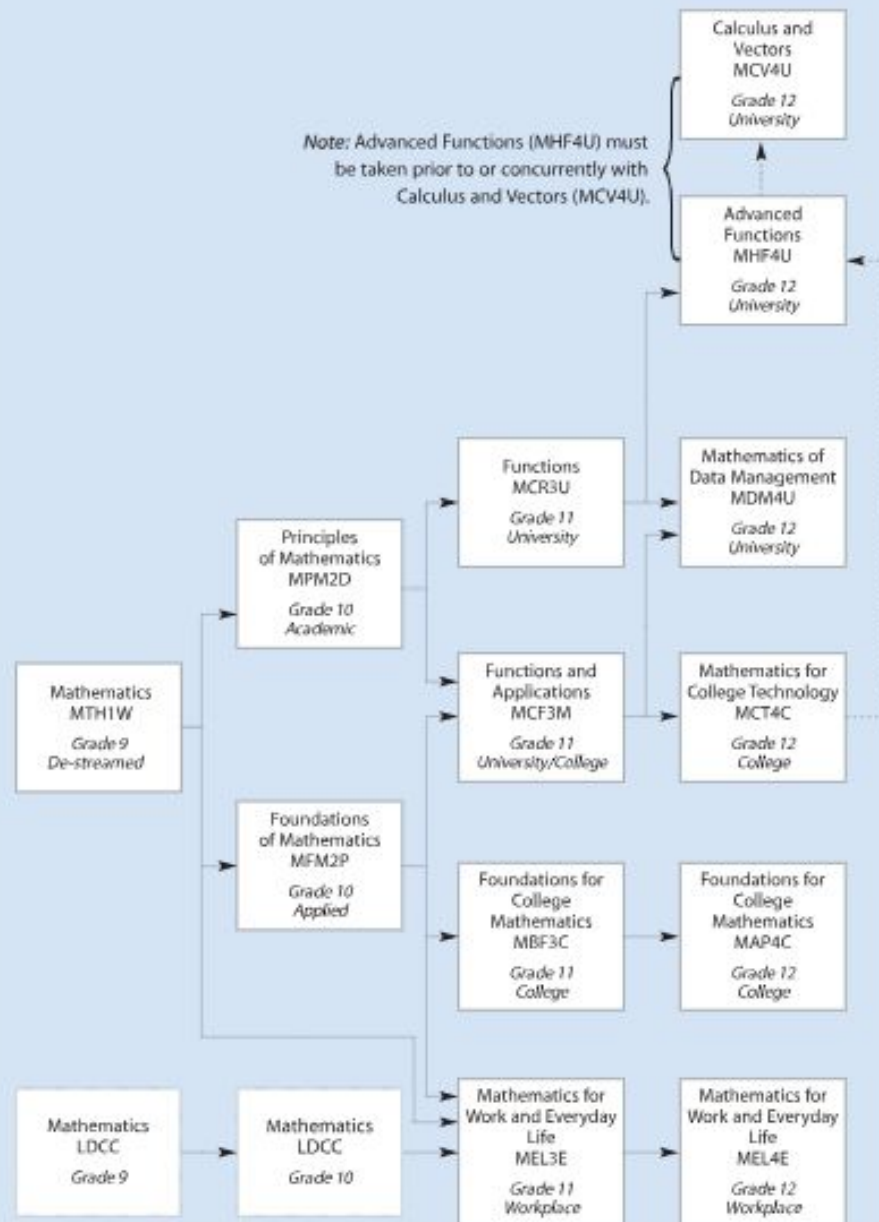
Speak with your grade 9 teacher, SERT or guidance counsellor first!

Things to Consider when Selecting a Level for English, Math and Science

- Not all courses need to be at the same level. Students can “mix and match” to create their own unique pathway based on interests, skills and abilities.
- Pathways are changeable and flexible → Guidance counsellors can help students with their planning!
- Consider your achievement in grade 9 courses when selecting the next level. It is important to have a SOLID FOUNDATION of skills to be successful in the next step.
- Seek advice from teachers, guidance counsellors, and parents/guardians
- Consider prerequisites for grade 11 and 12 courses needed for potential post-secondary pathways (see next slide for an example for Math)

Prerequisite Chart for Mathematics, Grades 9–12

This chart maps out all the courses in the discipline and shows the links between courses and the possible prerequisites for them. It does not attempt to depict all possible movements from course to course.



Prerequisite Chart
for English

Prerequisite Chart
for Math

Prerequisite Chart
for Science



New for
2025-2026

High Performance Athlete (HPA)

The High Performance Athlete (HPA) program is an option for students competing at the **provincial, national and/or international level in eligible sports**. It is designed to provide high performing student-athletes with timetable support to enable them to attend their regular training and compete during times that would typically conflict with otherwise-regular academic programming.

Student-athletes who compete at the provincial, national, or international level in a qualifying sport may be eligible to enrol in up to **two Day School Online Courses** during the school year.

There are **strict requirements** to be part of the HPA program. Please speak to your guidance counsellor before selecting HPA courses.

When Making Your Choices, Think About

- Your final mark in the Grade 9 subject
**this is your foundation for the next level
- Interests and Skills
- Work Habits
- Compulsory courses you still need (Tech, Art, STEM)
- Subject teacher's recommendation
- Prerequisites for grade 11 and 12 courses

Remember to **do your research** and **ask questions** !!



Bur Oak SS Course Fair!!

Tuesday February 11th

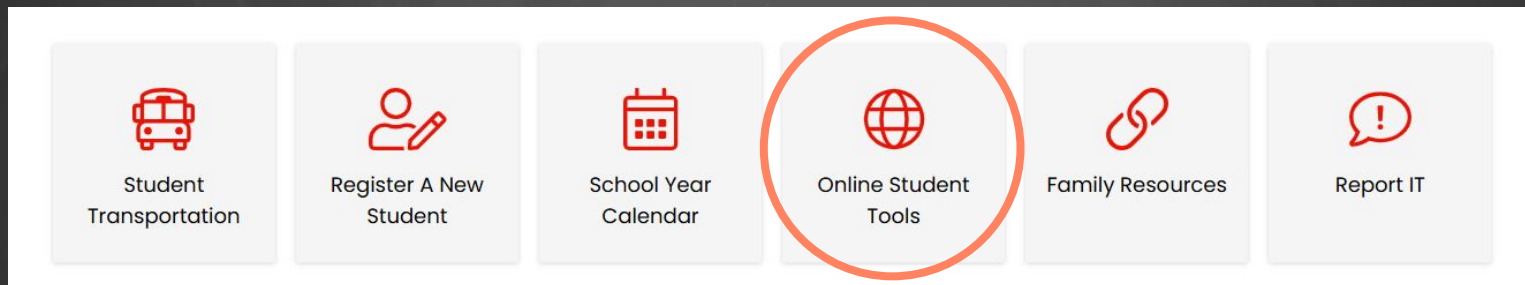
Periods 3 and 4

Visit during your lunch!


Provides students with the opportunity to ask questions directly to department heads and teachers in specific subject areas to learn more about all the amazing courses we offer!

How to Select your Courses

Go to the YRDSB website, scroll down and click on "Online Student Tools".



Then scroll down and click on "My Pathway Planner".

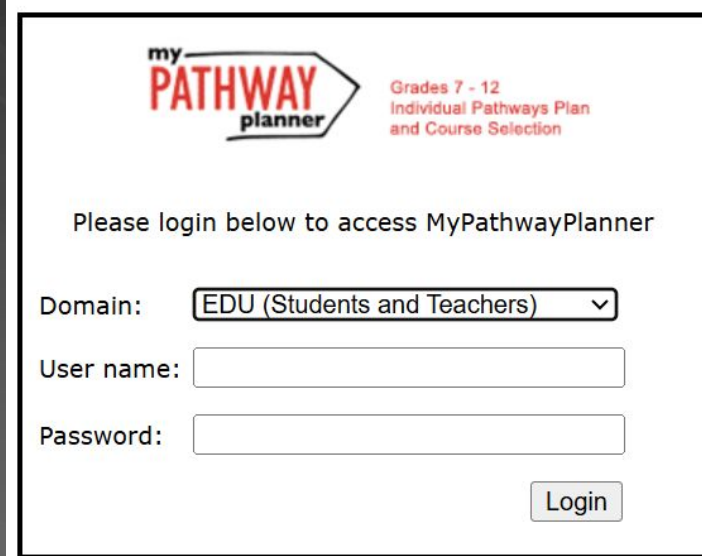


My Pathway Planner

Tool helps Grade 7-12 students explore course selection, career options, and postsecondary planning.

[Need help?](#)

Log in to your account:



The login form for MyPathwayPlanner. At the top left is the logo "my PATHWAY planner" with "my" in small black text, "PATHWAY" in large red text, and "planner" in small black text. To the right of the logo is the text "Grades 7 - 12 Individual Pathways Plan and Course Selection" in red. Below the logo and text is the instruction "Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner" in black. The form contains three input fields: "Domain:" with a dropdown menu showing "EDU (Students and Teachers)", "User name:" with a text box, and "Password:" with a text box. A "Login" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

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Grades 7 - 12
Individual Pathways Plan
and Course Selection

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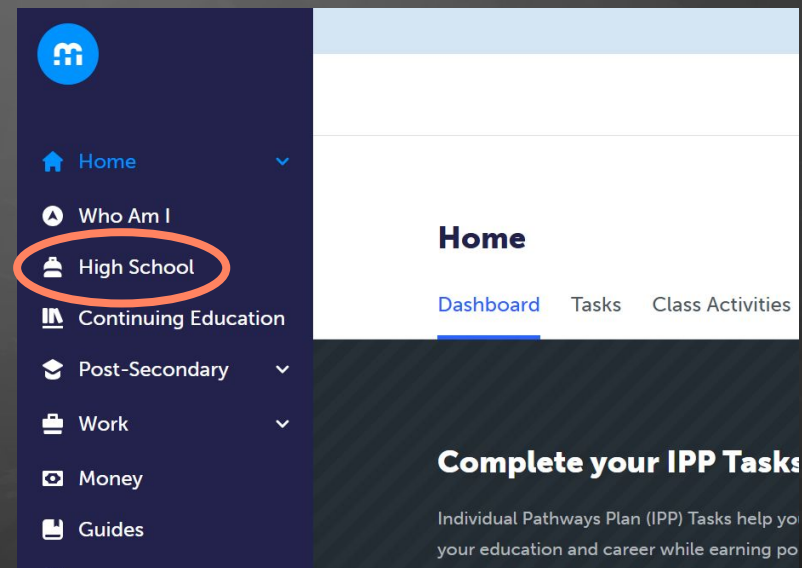
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Login

Then, select "High School" from the menu on the left side of the page.



This will take you to your “Official High School Plan” where you can add your courses:

Official High School Plan

Currently planning for Bur Oak S.S. [View Plans](#)

Course Selection is now **Closed**

| Grade 9 Current Year | Grade 10 Next Year | Grade 11 Plan Ahead | Grade 12 Plan Ahead |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| English ENL1W1 • 1 Credit | + Online Learning Opt-out | + Online Learning Opt-out | + Online Learning Opt-out |
| Mathematics, Grade 9 MTH1W1 • 1 Credit | + English | + English | + English |
| Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit | + Mathematics | + Mathematics | + Course |
| Exploring Canadian Geograp... CGC1W1 • 1 Credit | + Science | + Course | + Course |
| Healthy Active Living Educati... PPL1O9 • 1 Credit | + History | + Course | + Course |
| Repertoire- Band AMR1O1 • 1 Credit | + Civics/Career Studies | + Course | + Course |
| Instrumental Music - Band AMI1O1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | + Course |
| Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | + Course |
| Technology and the Skilled T... TAS1O1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | + Course |
| | Alternates | | |

Graduation Indicator

9/30
REQUIRED CREDITS

9
Planned

0
Earned

9
Total


[View Progress](#)

SHSM Planner

Your school offers 5 Specialist High Skills Majors

[Learn More](#)

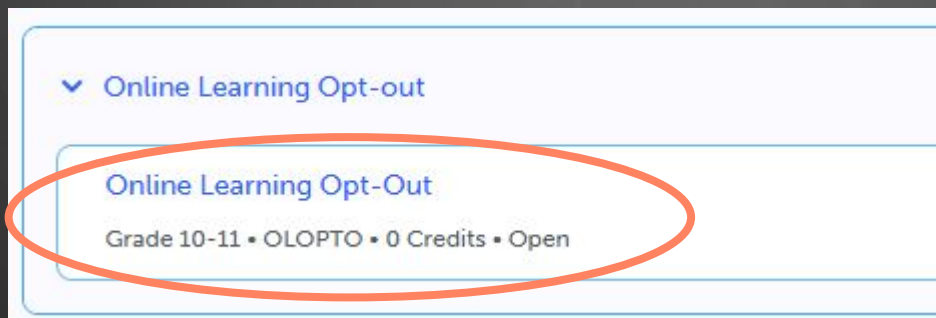
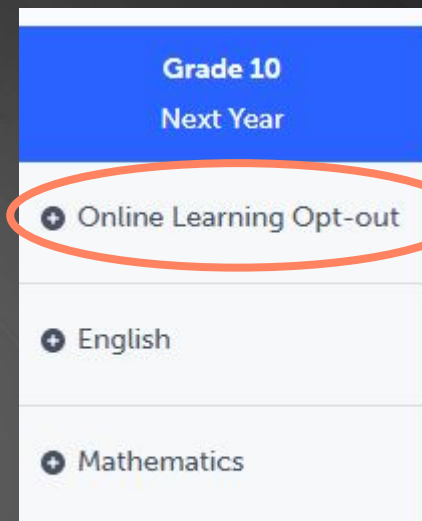
Pathway Eligibility



Opting Out of the Online Learning Requirement

If you want to opt out of the online learning requirement, click on the first box that says “Online Learning Opt-Out”

Then click on the “Online Learning Opt-Out” course:



- Read the information in the text box and then click “Add Course”.

Make sure to add alternates!!

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you select your alternate courses with the same thought and care that you put into choosing your other courses.

We will use these courses if there is a conflict when we are building your timetable.

We are asking all students to select 3 alternate courses.

| Alternates |
|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Alternate |
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| <input type="radio"/> Alternate |

If you are considering Summer School

- Registration for summer school courses will happen in April. We do not know which courses will be offered until then.
- In April: Listen for announcements and check for messages on the guidance grade 9 google classroom about summer school registration.
- If you are thinking about taking a course in 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 by filling out the google form at bit.ly/BOSSsummerplan. This form is also available on My Blueprint under "Course Selection Resources"

Review Course Selections

Once you are happy with your course selections, click on "Review Course Selections":

✖ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

Not returning next year?

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Review Course Selections

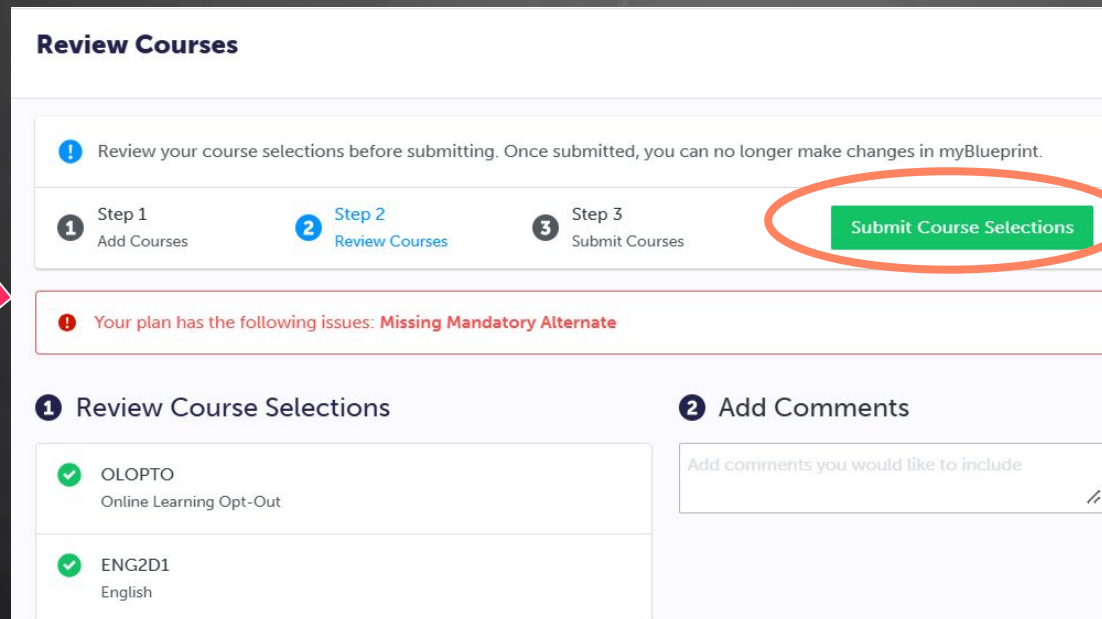
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| Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O8 • 1 Credit | Drama ADA2O1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | |
| Drama ADA1O1 • 1 Credit | Launching and Leading a ... BEP2O1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | |
| Technology and the Skille... TAS1O1 • 1 Credit | Digital Technology and In... ICD2O1 • 1 Credit | + Course | + Course | |

Review Course Selections

This will take you to a new screen where you can review your course selections. Please note:

- There will be a message in red if there are any issues. Please make sure to fix these issues before you submit your courses.
- You can also add a comment for your guidance counsellor if there is something you would like them to be aware of.

Once you are sure you are happy with your courses, click "Submit Course Selections".



Review Courses

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

1 Step 1 Add Courses 2 Step 2 Review Courses 3 Step 3 Submit Courses

Submit Course Selections

! Your plan has the following issues: **Missing Mandatory Alternate**

1 Review Course Selections

2 Add Comments

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Online Learning Opt-Out

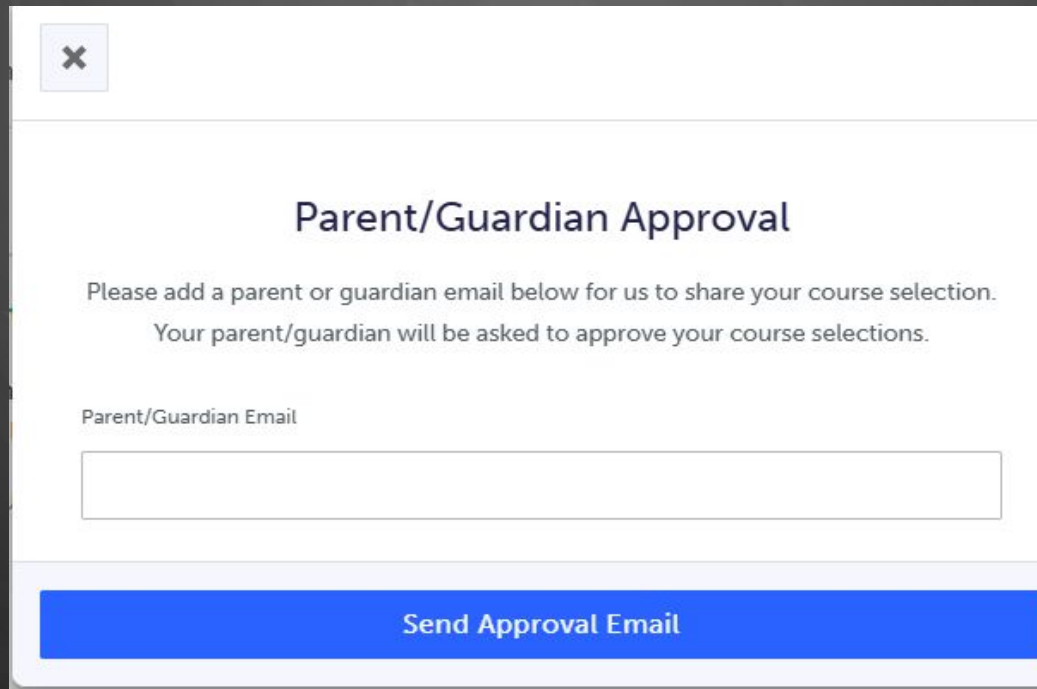
✓ ENG2D1
English

Add comments you would like to include

After submission, make sure to check your messages in My Blueprint. We will send back your submission if there is an issue.

Parent/Guardian Approval

You will be prompted to provide an email address for your parent/guardian. They will be sent an email listing the courses you selected. Your parent/guardian must approve your courses. **Your guidance counsellor will not approve your course selection if it is not approved by your parent/guardian.** Check messages in My Blueprint for any concerns from your guidance counsellor.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Parent/Guardian Approval". At the top left of the form is a small square button with an "x" icon. Below the title, there are two lines of instructional text: "Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection." and "Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selections." Below this text is a label "Parent/Guardian Email" followed by a large, empty rectangular text input field. At the bottom of the form is a prominent blue button with the text "Send Approval Email".

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Parent/Guardian Approval

Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection.
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Parent/Guardian Email

Send Approval Email

Important Reminders

- ★ Students must select 8 courses and 3 alternates
 - Students who select Repertoire (Band or Choir) will have 9 courses.
- ★ Select alternates you that you like and would be willing to take!
- ★ You may choose a combination of course levels: academic, applied, open, locally developed, destreamed. Your plan should be personalized to YOUR strengths, interests and pathway plans.
- ★ Make sure you have a plan to complete all compulsory courses.

The choices you make will determine which courses we are able to run. There is very little flexibility to change courses later as our school is VERY FULL!

Next Steps

Ongoing: Students can add courses to their plan in My Blueprint and they will be saved.

Tuesday February 11th: Attend the BOSS Course Fair during your lunch to ask questions about the courses you are interested in

Thursday February 13th: Students can begin submitting courses in My Blueprint

Friday February 21st at 4 pm: Deadline to submit courses in My Blueprint. Parents must also send approval email.

After March Break: Course verifications sent to gapps email. This is the FINAL OPPORTUNITY to change courses before

- student timetables are built!
- **Continue to check the Guidance Grade 9 Google Classroom for updates.**



Have questions or need help?

- Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor! Links to booking calendars on Guidance Grade 9 google classroom.
- If you are unable to get an appointment, attend our drop-in extra help session:

Wednesday, February 19th, periods 2, 3,
4
in the Career Centre