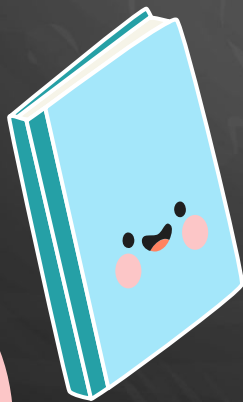


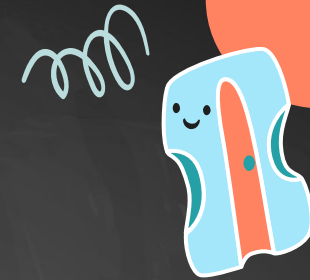
Course Selection 2025-2026

For Students Entering
Grade 11

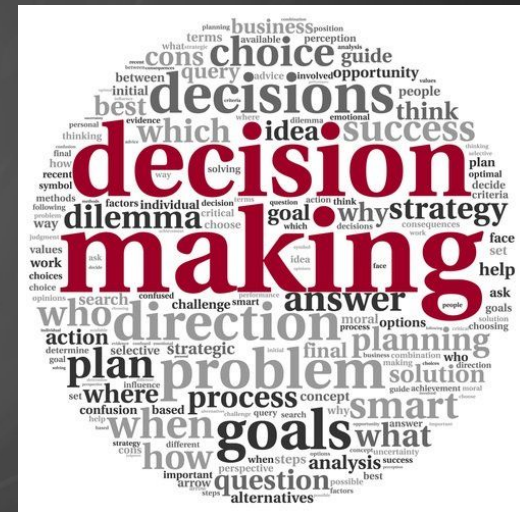
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Things to Consider when selecting your courses:



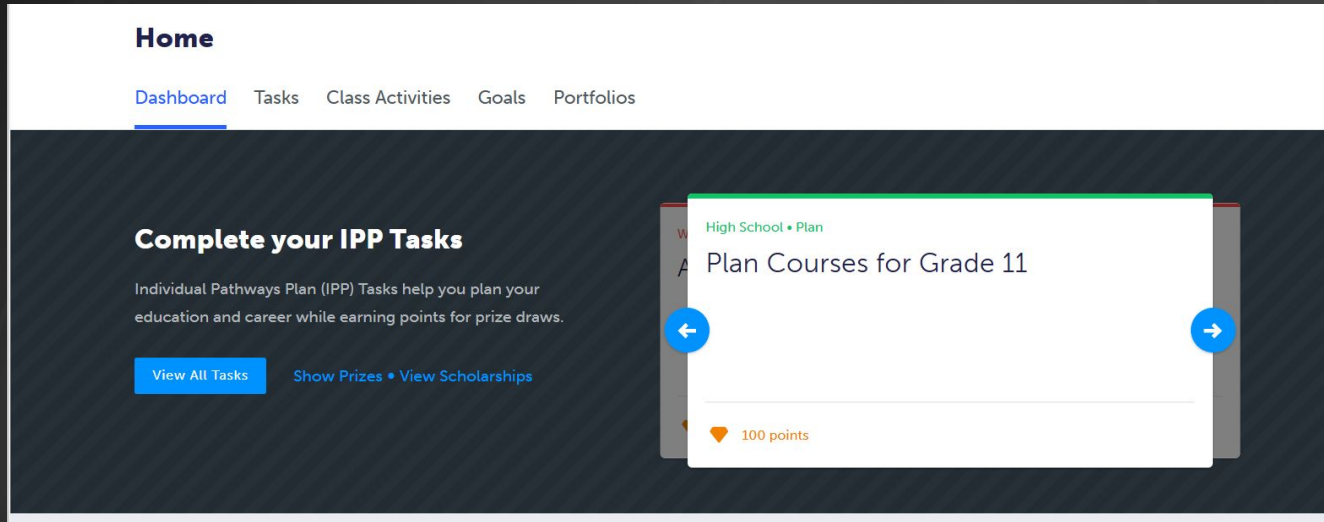
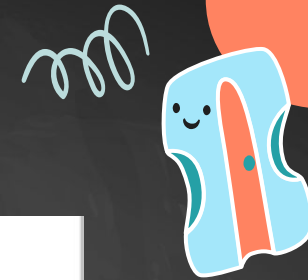
- Academic strengths and challenges
- What have you enjoyed and/or learned from volunteering or part-time job
- Interests and hobbies
- Success in grade 9 and 10 courses
- School activities, clubs or teams
- Results from your **Individual Pathway Plan** in My Blueprint
- Seek advice → talk to teachers, guidance counsellors, parents/guardians



And ... CHOOSE WISELY!! Your choices determine the timetable and changes are not easily made!!

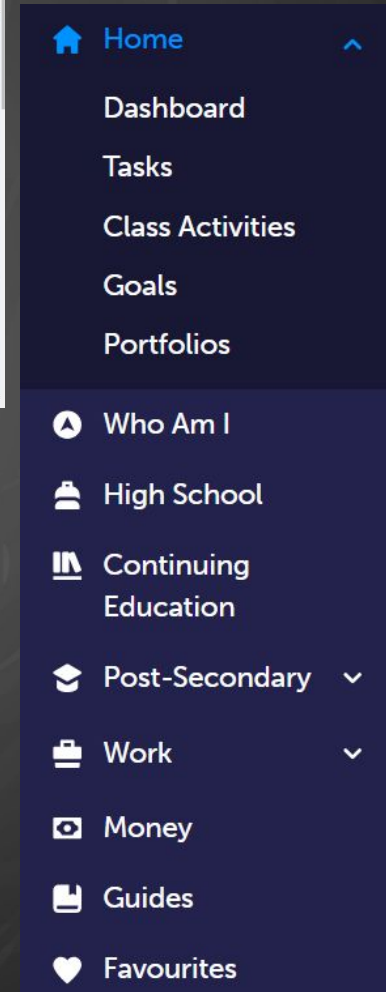


Use the Tools in My Blueprint to Help You Learn and Plan



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

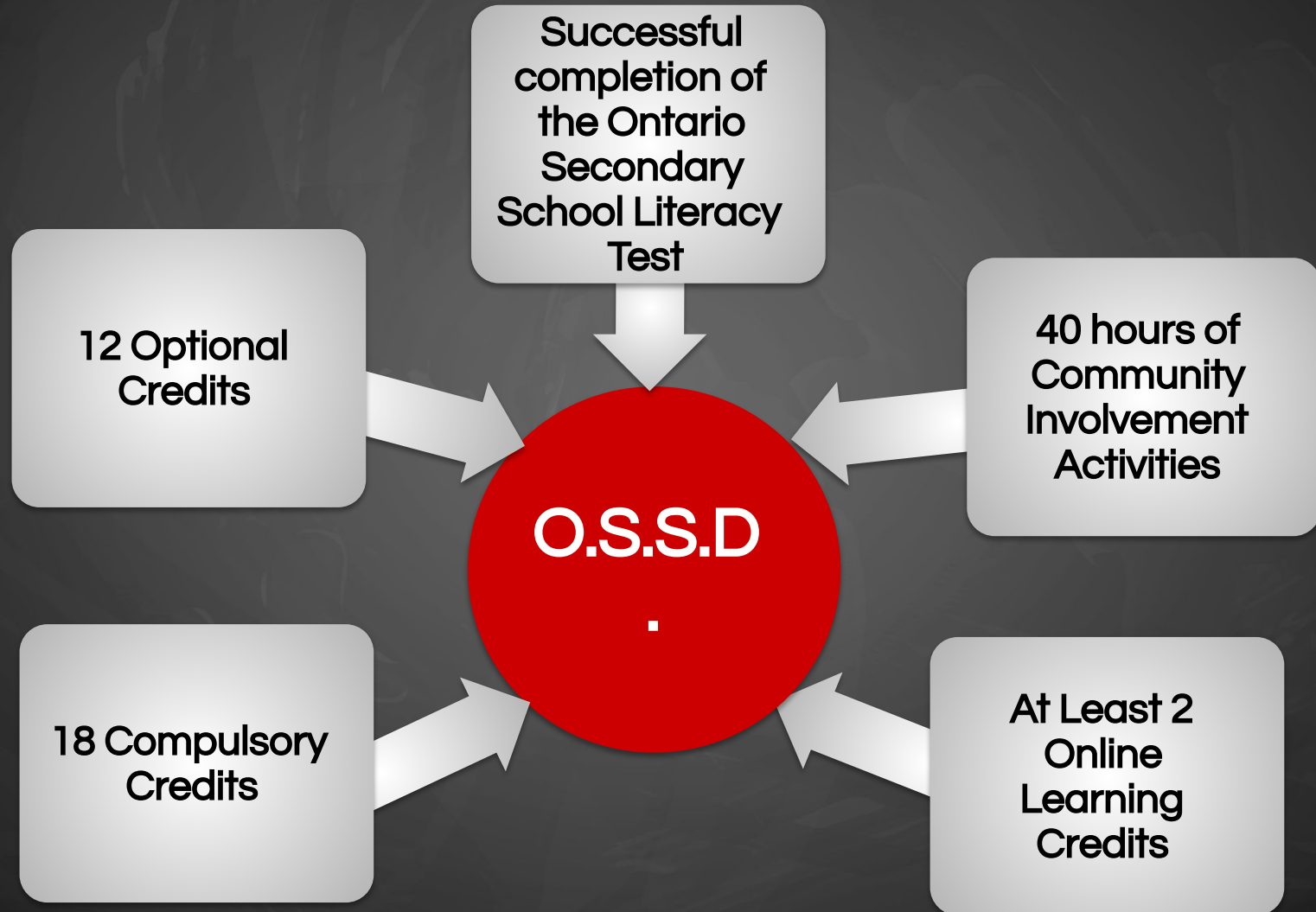
- Plan and track your courses
- Identify your strengths, skills and interests
- Explore occupations by cluster or subject group (Job description, education requirement, salary, etc.)
- Research post-secondary destinations
- Set goals



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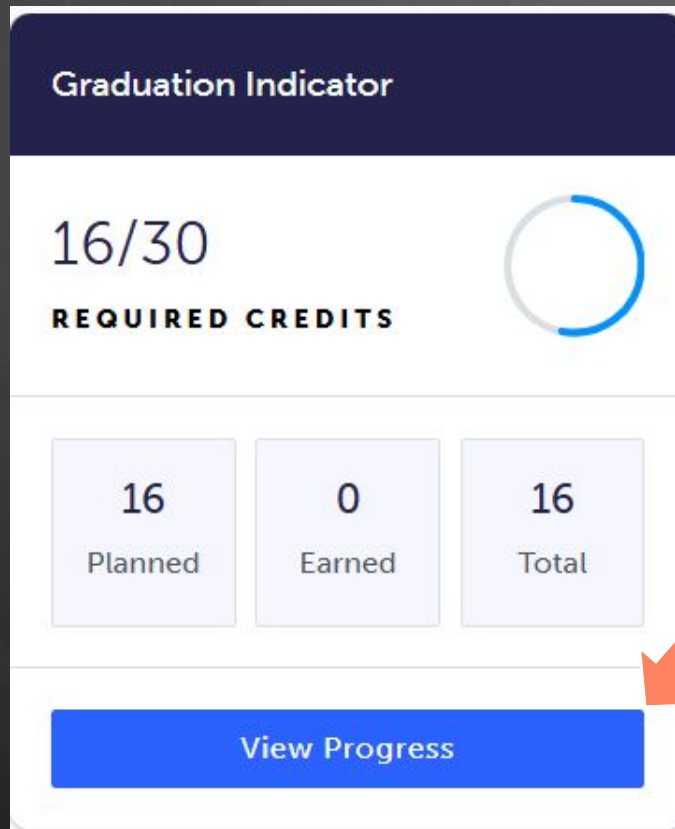
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OSSD Requirements



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

7.5
required credits planned

8.5
required credits earned

30
total required for graduation

Compulsory **8.5/18 Credits**

	Planned	Earned	Required
4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)	1	1	2/4
1 Credit in French As a Second Language	0	1	1/1
3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit at the grade 11 or grade 12 level)	1	1	2/3
2 Credits in Science	1	1	2/2
1 Credit in Arts	0	1	1/1
1 Credit in Health and Physical Education	0	1	1/1
0.5 Credit in Civics	0.5	0	0.5/0.5
0.5 Credit in Guidance and Career Education	0	0.5	0.5/0.5
1 Credit in History	1	0	1/1
1 Credit in Geography	0	1	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 or Religion (at least 1 credit in grade 11)

000/1

Group 2 - 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education or Arts or Business Studies or French As a Second Language or Cooperative Education

011/1

Group 3 - 1 Credit in Science (at least 1 credit in grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education or French As a Second Language or Computer Studies or Cooperative Education

101/1

Elective **0/12 Credits**

12 Elective Credits

202/12

Additional Requirements

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)

- Evaluates reading and writing expectations up to and including grade 9
- If you have not written the OSSLT yet or if you were not successful, you can write it this April.
- If not successful, you will have another opportunity to write in the fall or you may decide to take the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC4O).

NOTE: Students can only take OLC4O after they have had 2 opportunities to write the OSSLT

If you are not sure about your plan for completing the Ontario Literacy requirement, see your guidance counsellor.



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 grades 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.

Credit Attainment:

18 Compulsory
Credits

+

12 Optional
Credits

18 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 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

• PLUS ...

ONE Credit in Each of the 3 Groups

Group 1

English (in addition to compulsory English credits)

French (in addition to compulsory French credit)*

Classical or International Languages

Indigenous Languages

Canadian and World Studies

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies

Social Sciences and Humanities

Guidance and Career Education

Cooperative Education**

** French can only count for 2 groups: group 1 and one other*

*** Cooperative Education can only count in 2 groups*

Group 2

Health and Physical Education (in addition to compulsory credit)

The Arts (in addition to compulsory credit)

Business Studies

French (in addition to compulsory French credit)*

Cooperative Education**

Group 3

Science (Grade 11 or 12)

Technological Education

Computer Studies

French (in addition to compulsory French credit)*

Cooperative Education**

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: ✓ Art ✓ Group 1 ✓ Group 2 ✓ Group 3

12 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
- Plan for post-secondary requirements

In grade 11, students have a lot more choice in terms of the courses they take. More choices require more careful and thoughtful planning!



Selecting Course Types/Levels for your Grade 11 Courses

Course Types/Levels in Grade 11 & 12

- Course types/levels in grade 11 and 12 are different than in grade 9 and 10. In grade 11 and 12, the course types/levels are **destination-based**:
 - University (U)
 - College (C)
 - College/University (M)
 - Workplace (E)
 - Open (O)
- Students need to **think carefully** when selecting course types/levels for grade 11 courses. Consider:
 - Academic strengths and challenges
 - Work habits
 - Pathways plan and prerequisites needed for gr 12 courses
 - Recommendations of subject teachers
 - Recommend **70% minimum** in an academic course in grade 10 to take the U-level course in grade 11

Course Types/Levels for Grade 11 English

Grade 11 English

- The English course for grade 11 is called **English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices**. This course emphasizes the development of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills through an Indigenous lens.
- Students will need to choose one of the following compulsory English courses:
 - College - NBE3C1
 - University - NBE3U1
 - Workplace - NBE3E1.

NOTE: Applying to any Bachelor's Degree program at a university or college requires **University-level English.**

Course Types/Levels for Grade 11 Math

Grade 11 Math

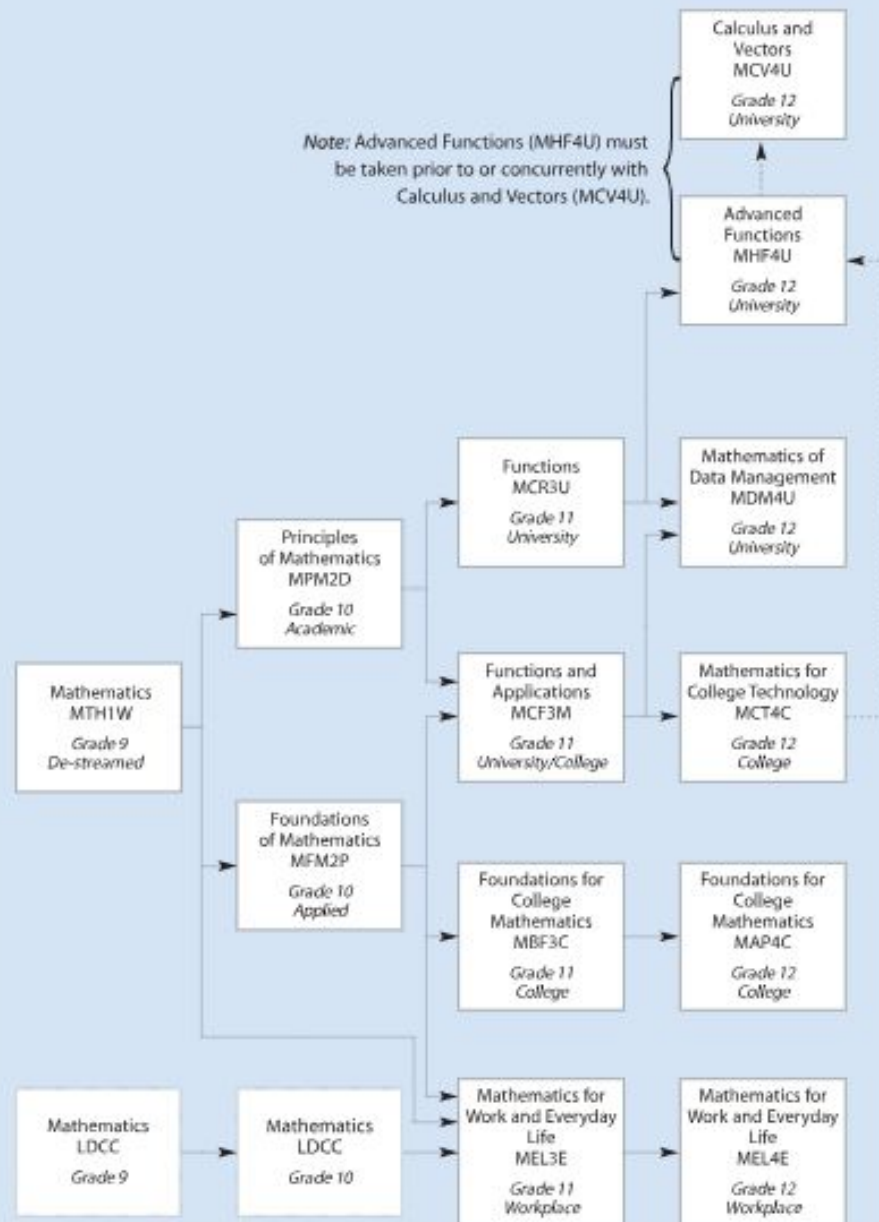
- There are 5 levels of Math to choose from (see prerequisite chart on next slide):
 - College (MBF3C1)
 - University (MCR3U1)
 - College/University or “Mixed” (MCF3M1)
 - Workplace (MEL3E1)
 - Advanced Placement (MCR3UE) - *Speak to your Math Teacher if you are considering AP*

NOTE: Some other subjects have both College (C) and University (U) options (e.g. Science, Computer Science, Social Sciences, Canadian and World Studies, etc.)

Remember to consider what is needed for your post-secondary pathway when choosing types/levels for your courses, as well as your strengths, challenges and work habits.

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

Important Things to Remember when Selecting Grade 11 Courses

- Grade 11 students must select 8 courses and 3 alternates. **Students cannot have a spare until they have earned 24 credits.**
- Students who select repertoire (band or choir) will have 9 courses. **DO NOT select a 9th course unless you are taking repertoire**
- Students need to carefully consider what courses they need to take, and what types/levels they need. Consider:
 - Strengths, challenges and interests
 - Grade 11 prerequisites required for grade 12 courses
 - Graduation requirements that still need to be completed
 - Post-secondary requirements
 - Take courses you enjoy and that allow you to have a balanced timetable
 - Try new courses that you are interested in exploring further

Course Selection Strategy for Grade 11

Prerequisite planning → Design backwards!

Start thinking about and researching potential post-secondary pathways and think about ...

- What courses do I need in grade 12?
- What prerequisites do I need in grade 11 so that I can take the courses I need in grade 12?

Start your research here:

- ouinfo.ca for Ontario university programs
- ontariocolleges.ca for Ontario college programs
- Individual college and university websites
- [YRDSB OYAP page](#) for information about the skilled trades

Course Selection Strategy for Grade 11

Get out of the passenger's seat!

Many students ...

- Select courses without any thought or research (rock, paper, scissors approach)
- Take courses that they THINK they need
- Listen to other people without considering other options
- Believe "myths" about post secondary destinations.
Make sure to double check the things you hear!

Put yourself in the DRIVER'S SEAT and consider options that show flexible thinking and creative pathway planning, and DO YOUR RESEARCH!!

Course Selection Strategy for Grade 11

Consider Experiential Learning Opportunities!

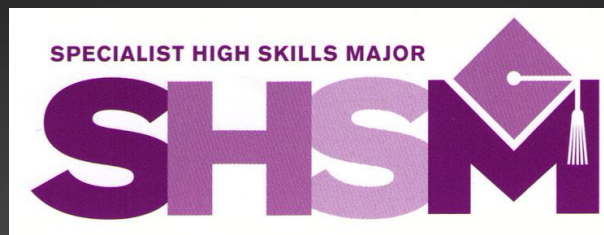
Students have experiential learning options available to them in grade 11 and 12:

- **Cooperative Education**

- Combines classroom theory with practical experiences in the workplace
- Strengthen employability skills and gain work experience
- Earn credits while exploring opportunities

Make sure to join the co-op google classroom and complete the co-op application if you select co-op!!

- **OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)** - Develop knowledge and skills by doing a co-op placement in the skilled trades
- **SHSM** - see next slide



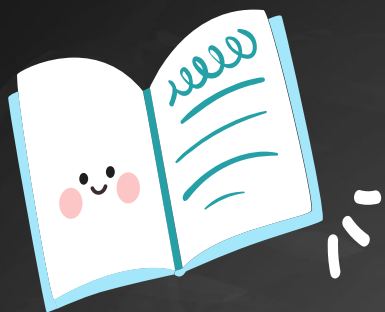
SHSM is a specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific sector. Bur Oak SS offers 3 sectors:

- Business
- Energy
- Health and Wellness

Students who are enrolled in a SHSM sector have the opportunity to:

- Earn sector-related certifications
- Participate in experiential learning opportunities specific to their sector
- Earn a "Red Seal" on their diploma to indicate that they completed the SHSM program

All students who enroll in SHSM **must take co-op** and need to take certain sector-specific courses. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.



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.

OYAP Focussed Apprenticeship Skills Training (OYAP-FAST)

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training (OYAP-FAST) allows students in Grades 11 and 12 to participate in more apprenticeship learning through additional cooperative education credits while completing their OSSD. Students who complete this program will receive an **OYAP Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training Diploma**.

To participate, students must meet the OYAP eligibility requirements:


- Be at least 15 years of age or older
- Have completed 14 credits toward the OSSD
- Be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in a secondary school or continuing education program
- Complete an OYAP Participation Form during a cooperative education placement in a skilled trade

OYAP Focussed Apprenticeship Skills Training (OYAP-FAST)

To earn a OYAP Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training Diploma, students must:

- Have signed parent/guardian consent if the student is under 18 years old
- Earn **8 to 11 co-op credits** with their placement component in the skilled trades
- Register as an apprentice by securing a Registered Training Agreement (RTA) before completing an eighth co-op education credit.
- Complete all OSSD requirements.

If you are interested in this program, speak to your guidance counsellor and add this course to your selections for next year.



You can check out other
Pathways Programs
available in the YRDSB

For more information, talk to your
guidance counsellor.



Bur Oak SS Course Fair!!

Tuesday February 11th

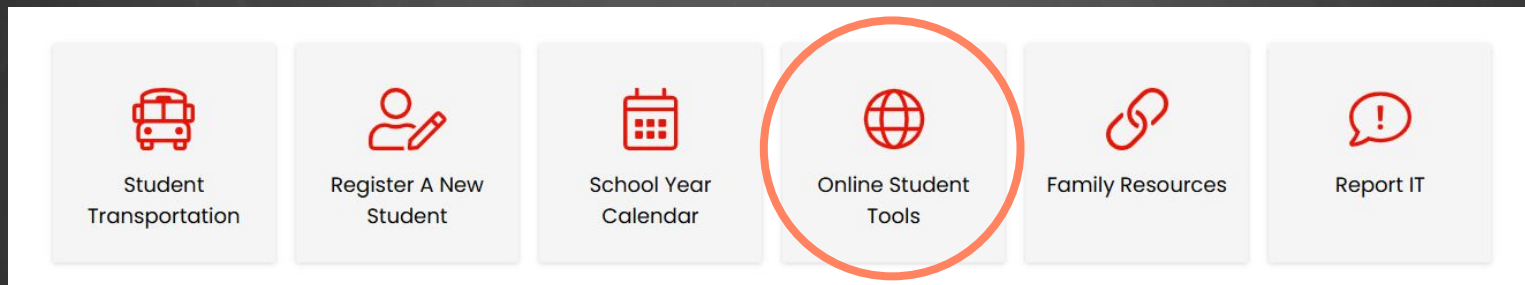
Periods 3 and 4

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".

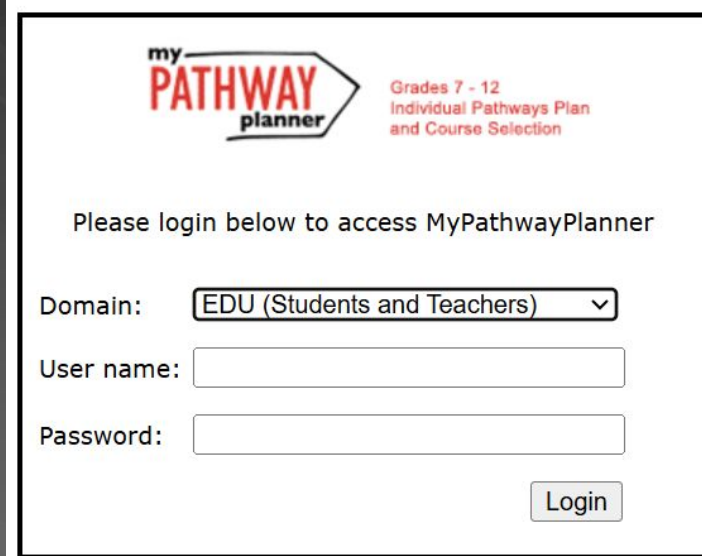


My Pathway Planner

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

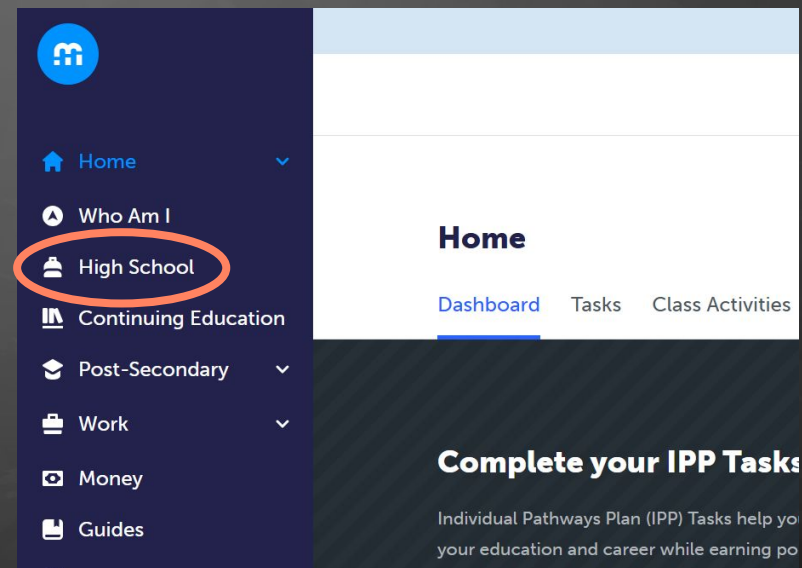
[Need help?](#)

Log into your account:



The login screen for MyPathwayPlanner features the logo at the top left, which includes the text "my PATHWAY planner" and "Grades 7 - 12 Individual Pathways Plan and Course Selection". Below the logo, a message reads "Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner". The login form consists of three fields: "Domain:" with a dropdown menu currently showing "EDU (Students and Teachers)", "User name:" with a text input field, and "Password:" with a text input field. A "Login" button is positioned at the bottom right of the form.

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 Completed	Grade 10 Current Year	Grade 11 Next Year	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENL1W1 • 1 Credit • 80%	English ENG2D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English
Mathematics, Grade 9 MTH1W1 • 1 Credit • 79%	Principles of Mathematics MPM2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Course
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit • 94%	Science SNC2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course
Issues in Canadian Geography CGC1D1 • 1 Credit • 87%	Canadian History Since Worl... CHC2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course
Healthy Active Living Educati... PPL1O9 • 1 Credit • 82%	Career Studies GLC2O1 • 0.5 Credits • 82%	+ Course	+ Course
Information and Communica... BTT1O1 • 1 Credit • 83%	Civics and Citizenship CHV2O1 • 0.5 Credits	+ Course	+ Course
Visual Arts - Digital Media AWS1O1 • 1 Credit • 96%	Digital Technology and Inno... ICD2O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course
Core French FSF1O1 • 1 Credit • 75%	Computer Technology and t... TEJ2O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course
	Communications Technolog... TGJ2O1 • 1 Credit	Alternates	
		+ Alternate	

Graduation Indicator

16/30
REQUIRED CREDITS

7.5
Planned

8.5
Earned

16
Total

[View Progress](#)

SHSM Planner

Your school offers 5 Specialist High Skills Majors

[Learn More](#)

Pathway Eligibility

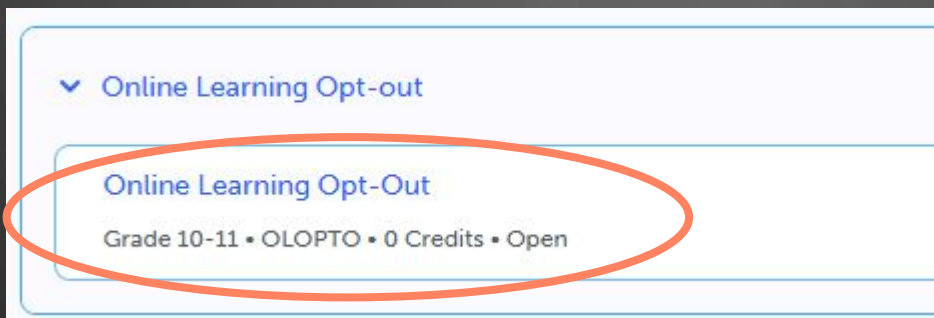
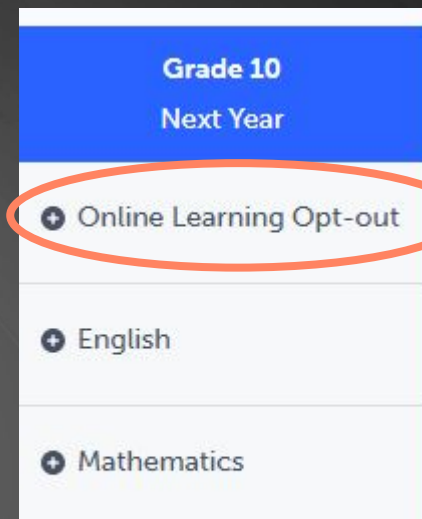
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Opting Out of the Online Learning Requirement

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:

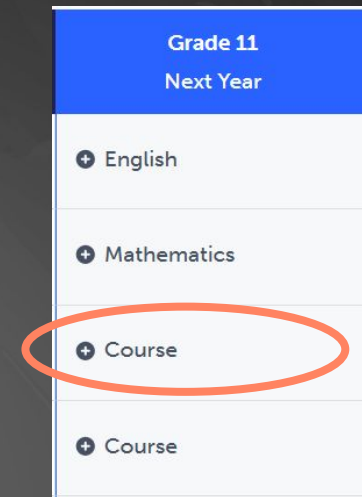


Read the information in the text box and then click “Add Course”.

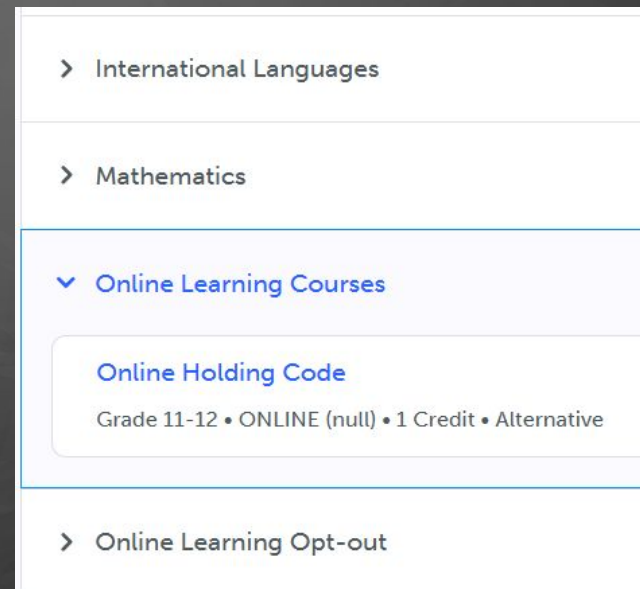
If you have already opted out, you do not need to do it again.

If you want to take online learning courses


When you are on your high school plan, click the + **Course** button to add a course, or click on the “Courses” tab at the top of your high school plan.







Select “Online Holding Code” under “Online Learning Courses”



If you want to take online learning courses


 Online Holding Code

Online Holding Code

 Grade 11-12  ONLINE  1 Credit  Alternative

This course is a placeholder for asynchronous Online Learning. When you choose this option, you will be prompted to choose an Online Learning course from a drop-down menu. These courses are delivered entirely online using an asynchronous model; they are not teacher-led classes at a specified time each day. These asynchronous Online Learning courses count towards the Online Learning requirement for students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. Students may add a maximum of two Online Learning courses to their course selections.

This is a placeholder code. You must select a course below

Select... 

Guidance Message

Students may add a maximum of two Online Learning courses to their course selections.

Beginning with the cohort of students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, all students must earn a minimum of two online learning credits as part of the graduation requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma unless they have been opted-out or exempted. Up to one secondary school credit completed by Grade 9 students in the 2020-21 school year during the province-wide school closures (from April 2021 to June 2021) may be counted

Read the information, scroll through the available courses in the drop-down menu, and select the desired course. Then click "Add Course"

Students may select up to a maximum of 2 online learning courses per year in grade 11 and 12.

Make sure to add alternates that you actually like!!

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
<input type="radio"/> Alternate
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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 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

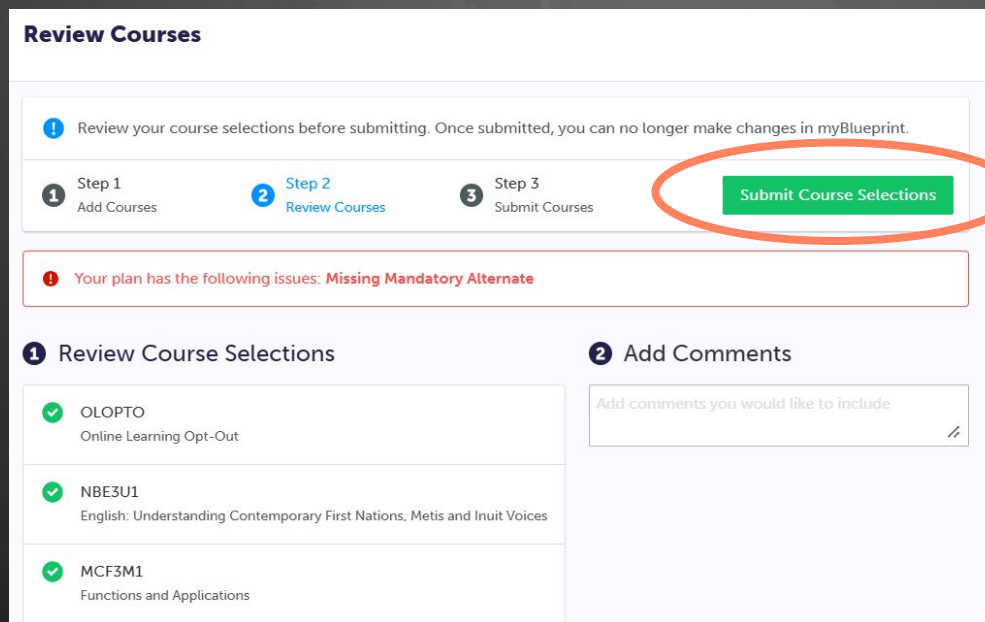
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Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	Foundations of Mathemat... MFM2P1 • 1 Credit	English: Understanding C... NBE3U1 • 1 Credit	+ English	
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	Science SNC2P1 • 1 Credit	Functions and Applications MCF3M1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	
Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	Canadian History Since W... CHC2D1 • 1 Credit	Drama ADA3M1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	
Exploring Canadian Geogr... CGC1W1 • 1 Credit	Civics & Career Studies CIVCAR • 1 Credit	World History to the End ... CHW3M1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	
Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O8 • 1 Credit	Drama ADA2O1 • 1 Credit	Introduction to Anthropol... HSP3U1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	
Drama ADA1O1 • 1 Credit	Launching and Leading a ... BEP2O1 • 1 Credit	Financial Accounting Fun... BAF3M1 • 1 Credit	+ 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

1 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

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

1 Review Course Selections

2 Add Comments

1 OLOPTO
Online Learning Opt-Out

2 NBE3U1
English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices

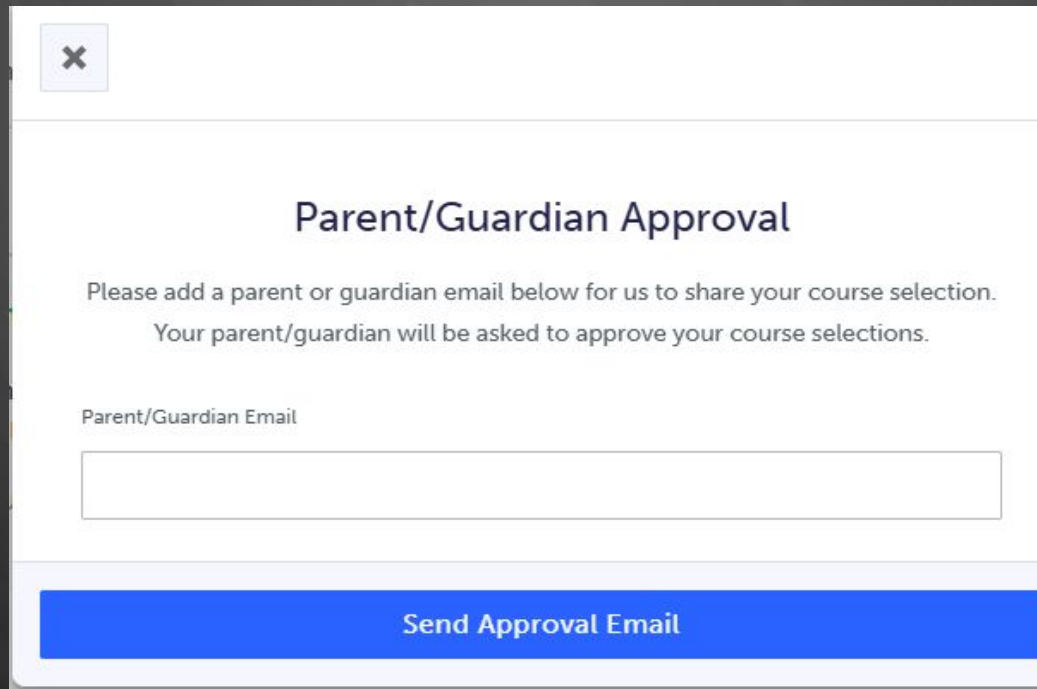
3 MCF3M1
Functions and Applications

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.



A screenshot of a web form titled "Parent/Guardian Approval". The form has a white background with a grey border. At the top left is a close button (an 'x' in a square). 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 is a label "Parent/Guardian Email" followed by a text input field. At the bottom is a blue button with the text "Send Approval Email".

×

Parent/Guardian Approval

Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection.
Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selections.

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. DO NOT select a 9th course if you are not taking repertoire.
- ★ Select alternates that you like and would be willing to take!
- ★ You may choose a combination of course levels: university, college, college/university, workplace, open. Your plan should be personalized to YOUR strengths, interests and pathway plans.
- ★ Make sure you have the grade 11 courses you need as prerequisites for the grade 12 courses required for your post-secondary plan.
- ★ Make sure you have a plan to complete all compulsory courses.

REMEMBER: 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 on 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 10 Google Classroom for updates.**



Have questions or need help?

- Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor! Links to booking calendars on Guidance Grade 10 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