

Experience Bur Oak Secondary School

Welcome Students and Families



Welcome to Our Team

Administration Team

Principal:

Louis Lim

Vice Principals:

- Erika Pridie
- Stacey Sadacharan

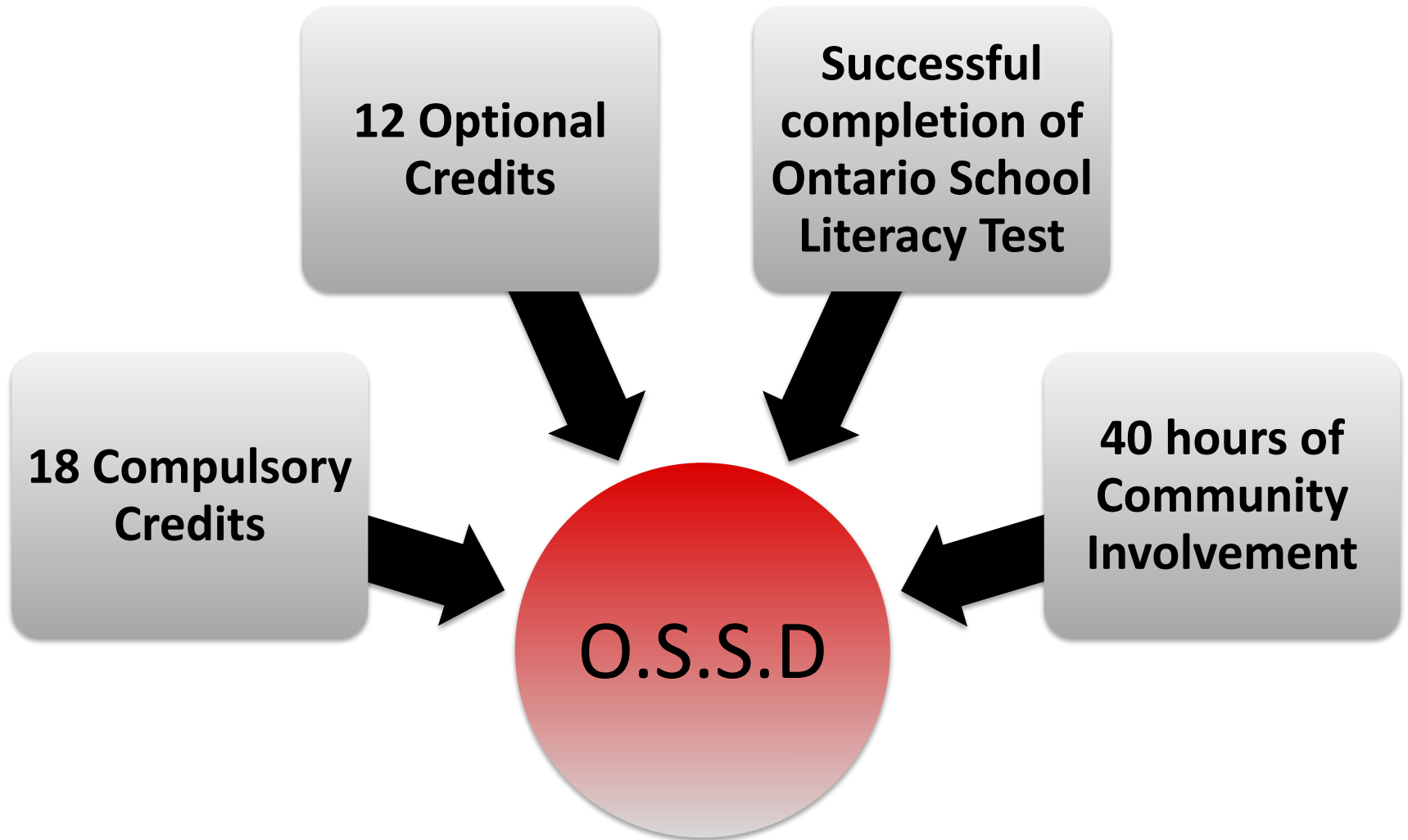
Guidance Team

- Gillian Andersen
- Ruth MacSween
- Jane Wong
- Matthew Vittore

What do I need to know about secondary schools?

1. Diploma Requirements/Grad Requirements
2. Gr. 10 Literacy Test
3. Community Involvement
4. Course Types and Pathways
5. Other exciting opportunities @ BOSS

Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.) for the 4 year program



Graduation Requirements

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
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

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits†
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.

*** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

† The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

Graduation Requirements NEW

Online learning graduation requirement

Beginning with students that entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, students must earn at least two online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The online learning graduation requirement also applies to adult learners that will be entering the Ontario secondary school system starting in 2023-24 school year.

Graduation Requirements NEW

Online learning graduation requirement

Opting out

Parents who wish to opt out or exempt their child from the online graduation requirement must complete the opt-out form available from their child's school board.

Exemption from the online learning graduation requirements may be requested by:

- The parent or guardian of the secondary student
- Students who are 18 years of age or older
- Students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control

Graduation Requirements NEW

Grade 9 or 10 Technology Credit

Grade 9 students starting in September 2024 will be required to earn at least one credit from the Grade 9 or 10 courses in the Technological Education curriculum, which covers a broad range of sectors, including construction, transportation, manufacturing, computer technology, and communication.

The Grade 10 Literacy Test

- A Diploma requirement. Administered in Spring of the grade 10 year
- A test based on language and communication (reading and writing) expectations of curricula up to and including grade 9
- Accommodations, deferrals and exemptions may be appropriate for some students
- If the standard is not met in the first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or the Grade 12 Literacy Course



Community Involvement



- A diploma requirement
- Encourages civic responsibility, promotes community values and reinforces importance of volunteerism
- Complete 40 hours before graduation
- Can start in summer of grade 8
- Must obtain approval before starting involvement
- Student responsibility to keep record of activities
- Guidelines and forms will be provided to help track community involvement
- A great way to explore career interests

Decisions about which courses might best suit your child

COURSE TYPES IN Gr. 9 & 10

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ACADEMIC

Destreamed

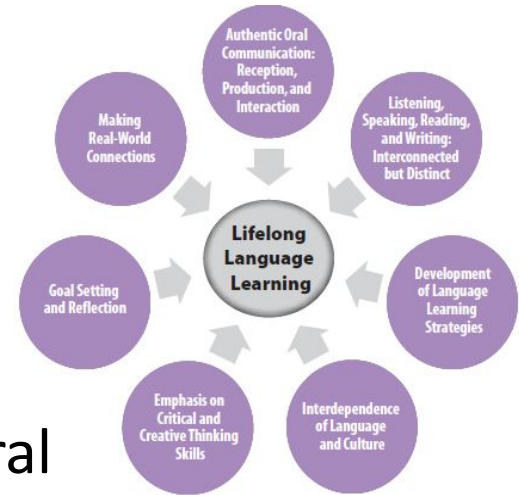
OPEN

**LOCALLY
DEVELOPED**

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

French as an Official Language

- French is one of Canada's official languages
- French is recognized and valued as an integral component of Ontario's education system
- The vision of the French program in Ontario is that students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French
- French is a compulsory subject, mandatory from Grades 4 to 9. Students are encouraged to study French in Grades 10 to 12.
- Grade 9 French is now offered at the open level (FSF101) for students who are new or have less than 600 hours of instruction in French



OPTIONAL COURSES FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Technological Education

Exploring Technology

Business Studies

Intro to Business

Information Communications Tech.

The Arts

Visual

Drama

Music

Learning Strategies

Social Sciences & Humanities

Exploring Family Studies

Choosing Courses for Grade 9

- Families and students will select courses and may choose to collaborate with elementary school teachers, guidance counselors, student success/support teachers and administrators
- Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles
- Remember that initial decisions made in grade 8 are not “final” decisions. There are many pathways to initial post-secondary destinations

Secondary School Planning

Planning Ahead

- Prerequisites for courses
- How to plan for experiential learning opportunities
- Admission requirements for post-secondary opportunities (college, apprenticeship, university)
- Preparing for school-work transition

34 CREDIT THRESHOLD



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

What you
**NEED TO
KNOW!**



credit threshold →

What is the
34 CREDIT THRESHOLD
and how does it apply to me?

→ **Did you know that...?**

- You need 30 credits to meet Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduation requirements. Most students will complete these credits within four years. If needed, you may earn up to 34 credits within five years.
- While enrolled in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits.
- After secondary school, going beyond the 34 credit threshold is possible with:
 - E-learning • Night School • Summer School
 - Independent Learning Centres • Adult Day School

→ **34 Credit Threshold does not apply...**

- If you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- If you are not enrolled in secondary school
- To English as a Second Language (ESL) core language courses and/or English Literacy Development (ELD) core language courses

For more information about the
full Graduation Requirements
and **34 Credit Threshold**,
visit www.yrdsb.ca/students
or contact your school's guidance department.

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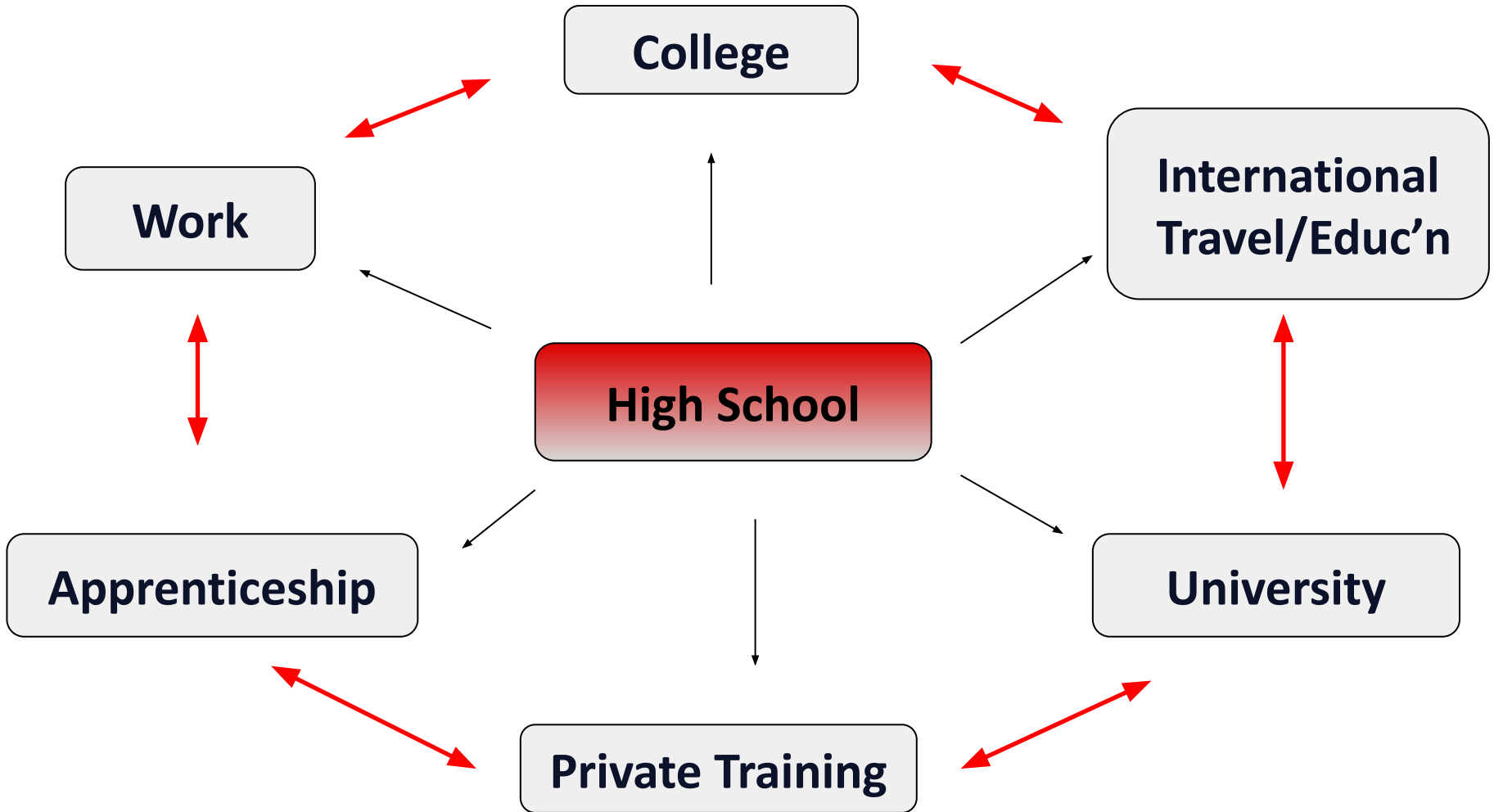


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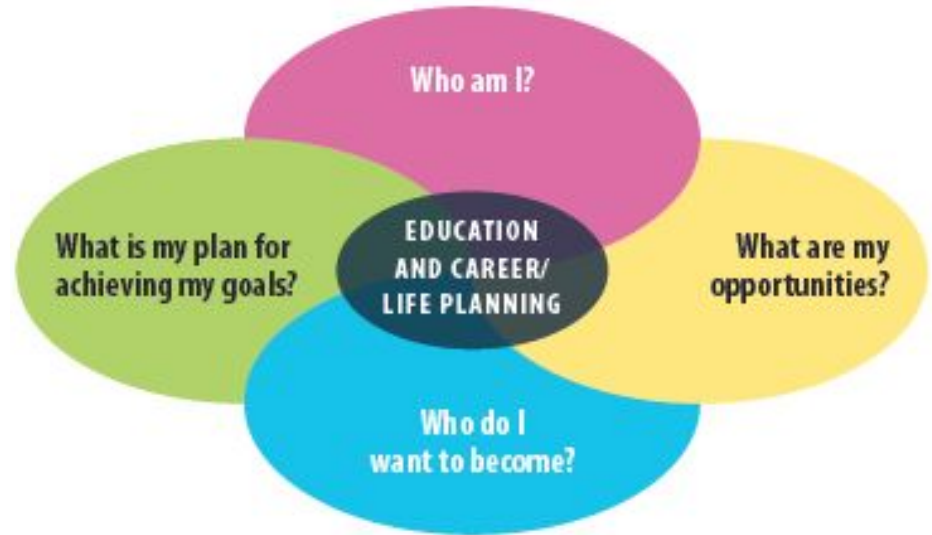


**Supporting
Multiple Pathways
to Student Success**

Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are changeable and flexible



Experience Possibilities



my
PATHWAY
planner

Some of the Possibilities at Bur Oak S.S

- Specialist High Skills Major (Available in grades 11 & 12)
- York Region Skills Challenge
- Cooperative Education, Other Experiential Learning,
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Dual Credit (Available in grades 11 & 12)
- AP Gr. 12 Calculus

*More information about these opportunities will be available online when presentation is posted.

AP Programming at Bur Oak S.S

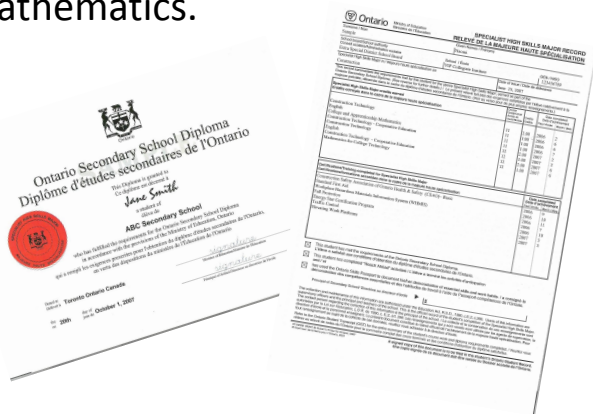
- Bur Oak S.S offers one AP class in which students will write an AP Exam (**Calculus and Vectors - MCV4UE**)
- Students in Gr. 10 year must follow the application process to be selected for the AP program.
 - If students are successful they will then take **Functions (MCR3UE) in Gr. 11.**
 - Then **Advanced Functions (MHF4UE) Semester 1** and **Calculus and Vectors (MCV4UE) in Gr. 12 Semester 2.**

SHSM Program



In SHSM students in grade 11 and 12, focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests. Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they:

- earn valuable industry certifications
- Participate in various experiential learning activities and learn about a variety of post-secondary opportunities
- Work with the community around Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship, Coding or Mathematics.



<http://bit.ly/YouTubePathways>

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/specialist-high-skills-major>



#yrdsbSHSM



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SHSM Programs in our School

- Business

We have 105 individual programs distributed over all of our Secondary schools.

Representing almost 3000 students across the board.

- Energy

For sectors offered at specific schools please refer to

- Health and Wellness

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/cooperative-education>

York Region Skills Challenge

Secondary Competitions and Events

- [Secondary Transportation \(YRSC\)](#)
- Secondary Cardboard Boat Races -(SOC)
- [York Region Skills at Seneca \(YRSC\)](#)
- [Skills Ontario Competition \(SOC\) - Toronto Congress Centre](#)
- Women's Conference and FNMI Conference at SOC



<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/york-region-skills-challenge-yrsc>



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EOP - Exploring Opportunities Program

EOP is a specialized program for students in grade 11 and 12 with an interest and aptitude for

Manufacturing Huron Heights SS

Construction Richmond Green SS, Markham DHS, Huron Heights SS

Transportation Alexander Mackenzie HS, Sutton DHS

Green Industries Sutton DHS

Business & Communication Technology Markville SS

For more information -

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/exploring-opportunities-program>



Cooperative Education & Other Experiential Learning

CO-OP

OYAP -Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

HPA- High Performance Athlete

Job Shadowing/twinning/work experience

For more info

- <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/cooperative-education>
- <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/ontario-youth-apprenticeship-program>



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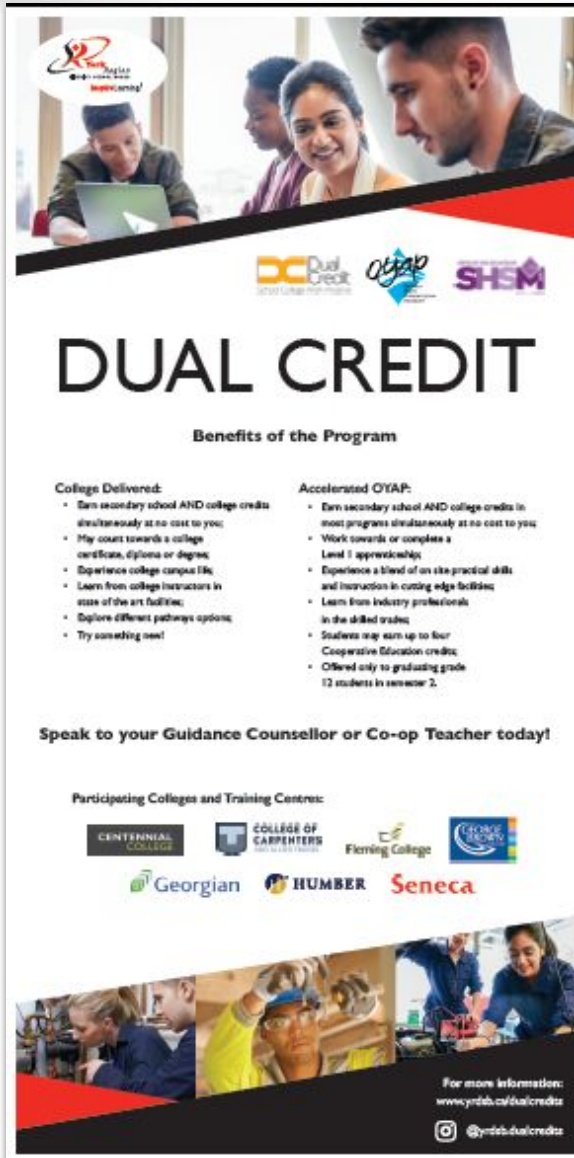
Cooperative Education & Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

For more information,
contact your Community Based Education (Co-op)
teacher or Guidance, and

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/ontario-youth-apprenticeship-program>



Earn high school and college credits at the same time



DUAL CREDIT

Benefits of the Program

College Delivered:

- Earn secondary school AND college credits simultaneously at no cost to you;
- May count towards a college certificate, diploma or degree;
- Experience college campus life;
- Learn from college instructors in state-of-the-art facilities;
- Explore different pathways options;
- Try something new!

Accelerated OYAP:

- Earn secondary school AND college credits in most programs simultaneously at no cost to you;
- Work towards or complete a Level 1 apprenticeship;
- Experience a blend of on-site practical skills and instruction in cutting-edge facilities;
- Learn from industry professionals in the skilled trades;
- Students may earn up to four Cooperative Education credits;
- Offered only to graduating grade 12 students in semester 2.

Speak to your Guidance Counsellor or Co-op Teacher today!

Participating Colleges and Training Centres:

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE, COLLEGE OF CARPENTERS, Fleming College, Georgian, HUMBER, Seneca

For more information:
www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits
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DC Dual Credit
School College Work Initiative

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/college-delivered-dual-credit-program>

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Grade 11 and 12 students

Earn a high school elective credit

AND a college credit

FREE Tuition, Transportation, Applicable Tools and Textbooks



Accelerated OYAP



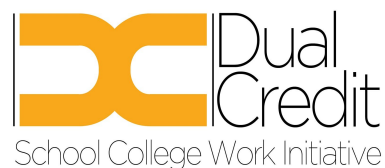
Grade 12 Students earn their Level 1 Apprenticeship and a High School Dual Credit in these trade areas:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Baker
- Carpenter
- Child Development Practitioner
- Cook
- Electrician
- Floor Covering Installer
- Plumber
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic



Training Delivery Agencies

- Carpenters' Local Union 27
- Centennial College
- George Brown College
- Humber College
- Seneca College



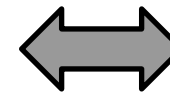
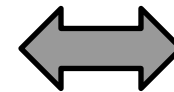
The College Pathway



- College programs provide a valuable combination of academic and practical/technical skills training for a specific career
- Over 1000 programs to choose from including: Business Administration, Biomedical Technology, Computer Animation, Engineering Technology, Paramedic, Social Services, Specialized Arts Programs.....
- Every college offers Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Certificates and Bachelor Degrees

College ↔ University

- Articulation agreements between colleges and universities can earn students a degree and a diploma in four years
- College credits earned in the articulated program can count towards a University degree program
- Many students attend college for a year or two as they build self-awareness and knowledge of desired career. They then either graduate, stay with college or transition to university



The University Pathway



University programs provide theoretical and some practical training

Three main areas of focus at most universities

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Business/Commerce

Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences

The Workplace Post-Secondary Pathway

Seneca

WORKFORCE READY



- Many entry-level job opportunities for students who have completed their OSSD and have workplace experience
- Students who are fast tracking into the workforce/community directly after high school should:
- Work with Guidance, Co-op, Student Success Teacher, Classroom Teachers, Personalized Alternative Education Teachers, Employment Centers to review their Individual Pathways Plan to research and review workplace opportunities
- Any experiential education is an advantage



SAC
Events for
YOU!



BOSSILICIOUS





SEMI FORMAL



AND MORE TO COME !!



WINTER ASSEMBLY



BAKE SALES + SPIRIT DAYS



WORLD FEST



SAC OFFICE IS OPENING!



LOCATED IN THE ATRIUM



BIGGIE'S RENTALS



- volleyballs
- basketballs
- soccer balls
- badminton
rackets
- frisbees

When: 
Periods 3 & 4

Where: 
SAC Office

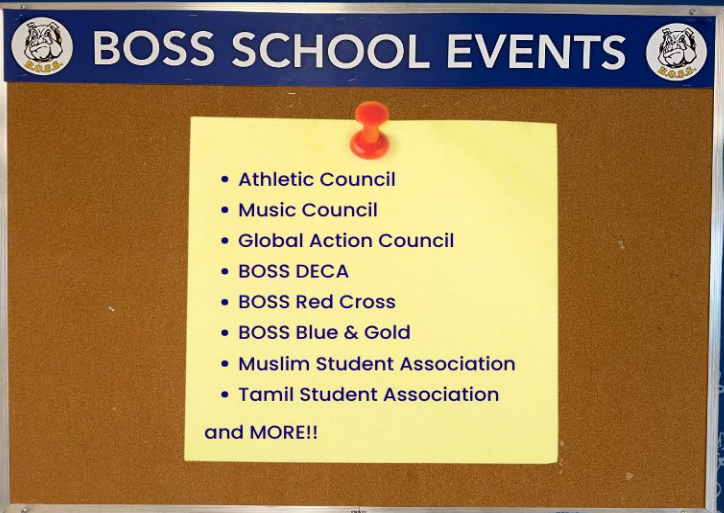


How can
YOU get
involved?

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



Scan QR Code for
Councils, Clubs, & Activities



- Athletic Council
 - Music Council
 - Global Action Council
 - BOSS DECA
 - BOSS Red Cross
 - BOSS Blue & Gold
 - Muslim Student Association
 - Tamil Student Association
- and MORE!!

Extra - Curriculars here at BOSS

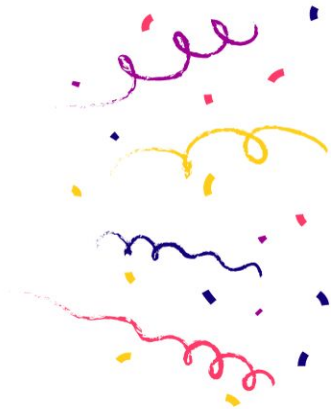
Clubs at Bur Oak S.S:

- Athletic Council
- Global Action
- Business Council
- Student Activity Council
- Music Council
- DECA
- BOSS Blue and Gold
(School News)
- CHESS Club
- And More!!!

Sports Teams at Bur Oak S.S:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field

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Bring your own Device to BOSS

Bur Oak SS is a 1:1 device program where all students would bring their own device to support their learning.

Primary Device Options to Consider:

\$200-\$500 Chromebook

\$500-\$1000 Laptop

\$1000+ Laptop

**Chromebooks and laptops are both appropriate choices for school use*

** More information will be sent to elementary schools in the Spring.*

*** Renewed Computer Technology, is a partnership to provide refurbished, donated computer equipment for schools and low-income families**

YRDSB Transfer Process Outline

- “Home school” refers to the YRDSB school you are designated to attend based on your home address.
- **YRDSB Grade 8 students OUTSIDE BOSS BOUNDARIES** request the Transfer Request form from their current elementary school. Complete the form and return it to your current elementary school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request. **TRANSFERS will be considered in February**
- **YRDSB secondary school students OUTSIDE BOSS BOUNDARIES** request and return the completed transfer form to their secondary home school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request. **TRANSFERS will be considered in February**
- **Grade 8 Students new to YRDSB for Secondary School (Ex. Students from YCDSB)** will come to the BOSS guidance department in the beginning of January to request registration forms. At this time you will need to provide **proof of address** to our secretary. Return the completed forms to BOSS. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, the Principal of your YRDSB designated secondary home school will contact you to discuss the request. **Course selection** appointments will be scheduled with students in February.

Whats Next

- All parents can now go to the atrium and interact with the different departments at Bur Oak.
- We also encourage families to walk around Bur Oak to get more of an idea of our layout and great facilities. *(The Gymnasium , Music, and Tech rooms will showcase students activity on the first floor. The Art rooms on the second floor will also be open, showcasing student work.)*
- Parents with children supported by Student Services (Identified with an IEP) are asked to go the Rm 1004 for a brief presentation.
- We kindly ask that parents leave the building by 8:15 pm to allow for clean up
- Our Student Ambassadors will be visible throughout the halls, if you have any questions or would like directions, please ask!
- Thank you for your time, we look forward to seeing you and your children in the coming years here at BOSS!

Open Music Rehearsals

Please come in the music rooms to listen and learn following this presentation

1 | Senior Band

Room 1050

7:15-8:15 pm

2 | Choral Ensemble

Room 1051

7:15-7:45 pm

3 | Keyboard Lab

Rm 1057

7:15-8:15 pm

Questions?

