

Welcome Students and Families



The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School

Welcome Class of 2029



HOME OF THE WILDCATS!

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe peoples, whose presence here continues to this day. We also would like to acknowledge this is the treaty lands of the First Nations of the Williams Treaty and thank them and other Indigenous peoples for sharing this land with us. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community and our partners in education.

Agenda

Introductions

Information About Williams

Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

Available Supports

Extra-Curriculars

Speciality Programs

Post-Secondary Pathways Programming

September 2025 - Grade 9 Day

Williams' Admin Team



Mr. Gazaneo
Vice Principal



Mrs. Schmidt
Principal



Ms. Gray
Vice Principal

Guidance



Mrs. Morelli
Guidance Counsellor
Last Names A-H



Ms. Murad
Guidance Counsellor



Ms. Chow
Guidance Counsellor
Last Names I-Q



Mrs. Durbacz
Guidance Counsellor
Last Names Q-Z

History of Williams

- The Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. is named after Dr. David Garnet Wolseley Williams, a local medical doctor and former trustee of the school board for forty-eight years, thirty-five of them as chairman.
- Our school motto is "A sound mind in a sound body" (Mens sana in corpore sano).



Our School

- Population: 1550
- Grades 9 - 12
- Five period day
- Semester program for all grades
- Exam/Culminating weeks January and June



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

A teaching and learning environment in which each participating student and teacher has access to a primary device on a direct and continuous basis for educational purposes.

Students do not share their technology with other students but take ownership over their own device.



Laptop

This does NOT have to be a fancy or powerful laptop



Chromebook

Access to google apps only → which is all they need



Tablet

A keyboard attachment is required

Cellphones are NOT a primary device!

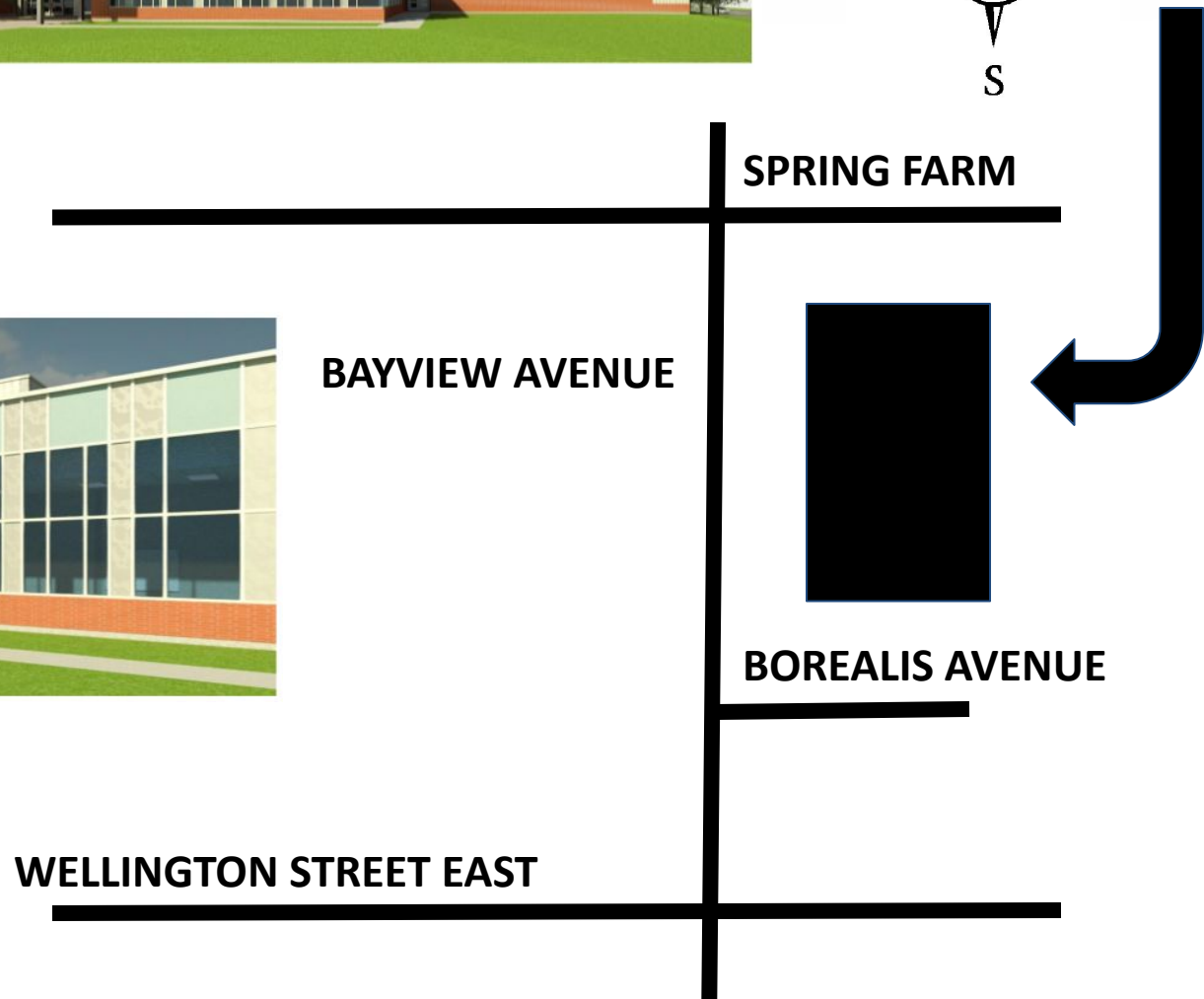
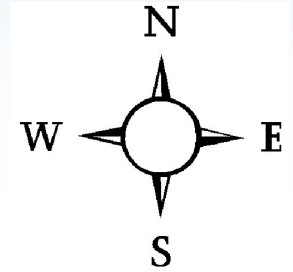
Our School's Specialty Programs

High Performance Athlete Program

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Specialist High Skills Major

The Future of Williams



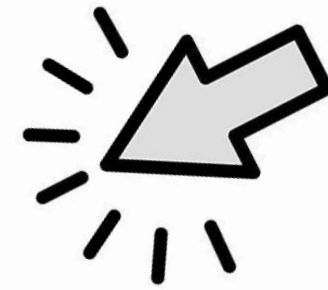
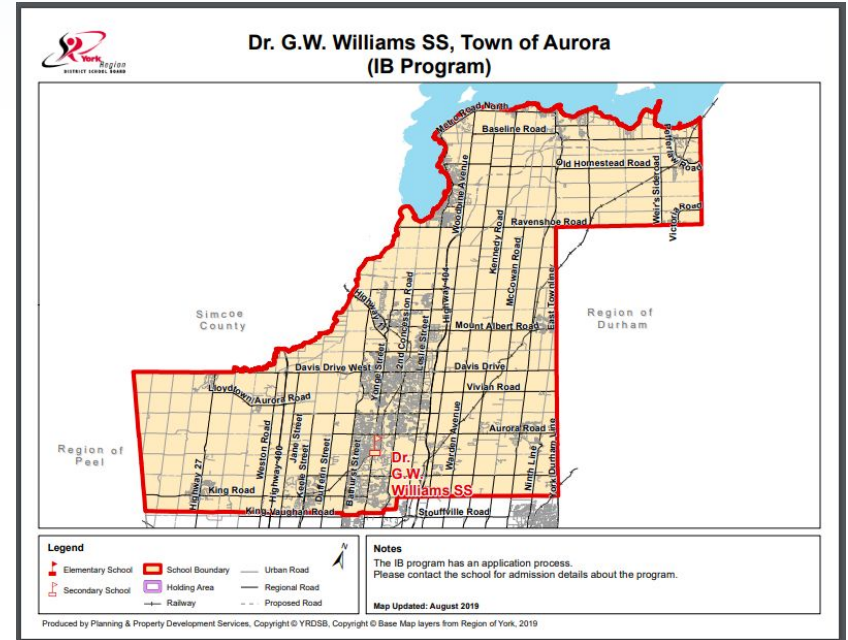
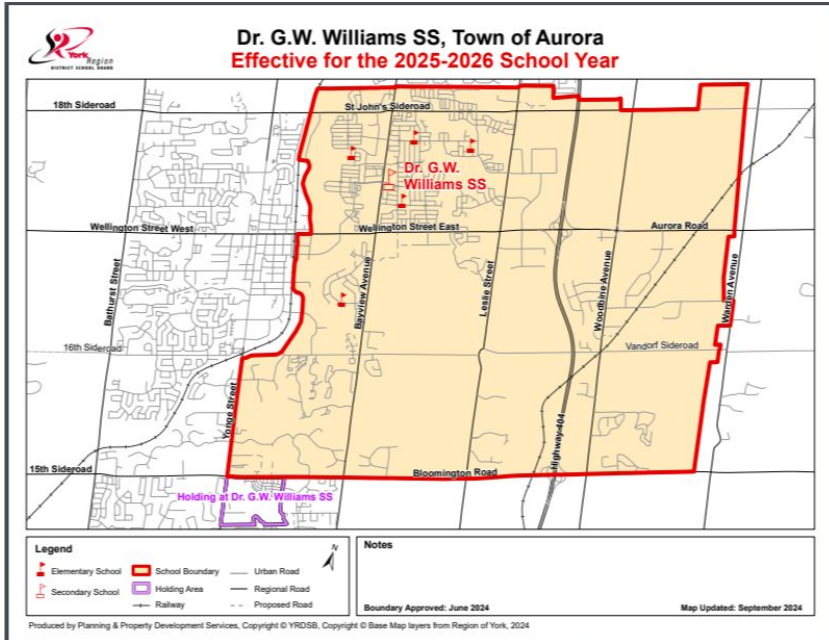
SPRING FARM

BAYVIEW AVENUE

BOREALIS AVENUE

WELLINGTON STREET EAST

Boundaries



[Dr. G.W. Williams Boundary Maps](#)

Transfer Requests

Transfer information will become available on the YRDSB website at the end of November or early December.



Transportation

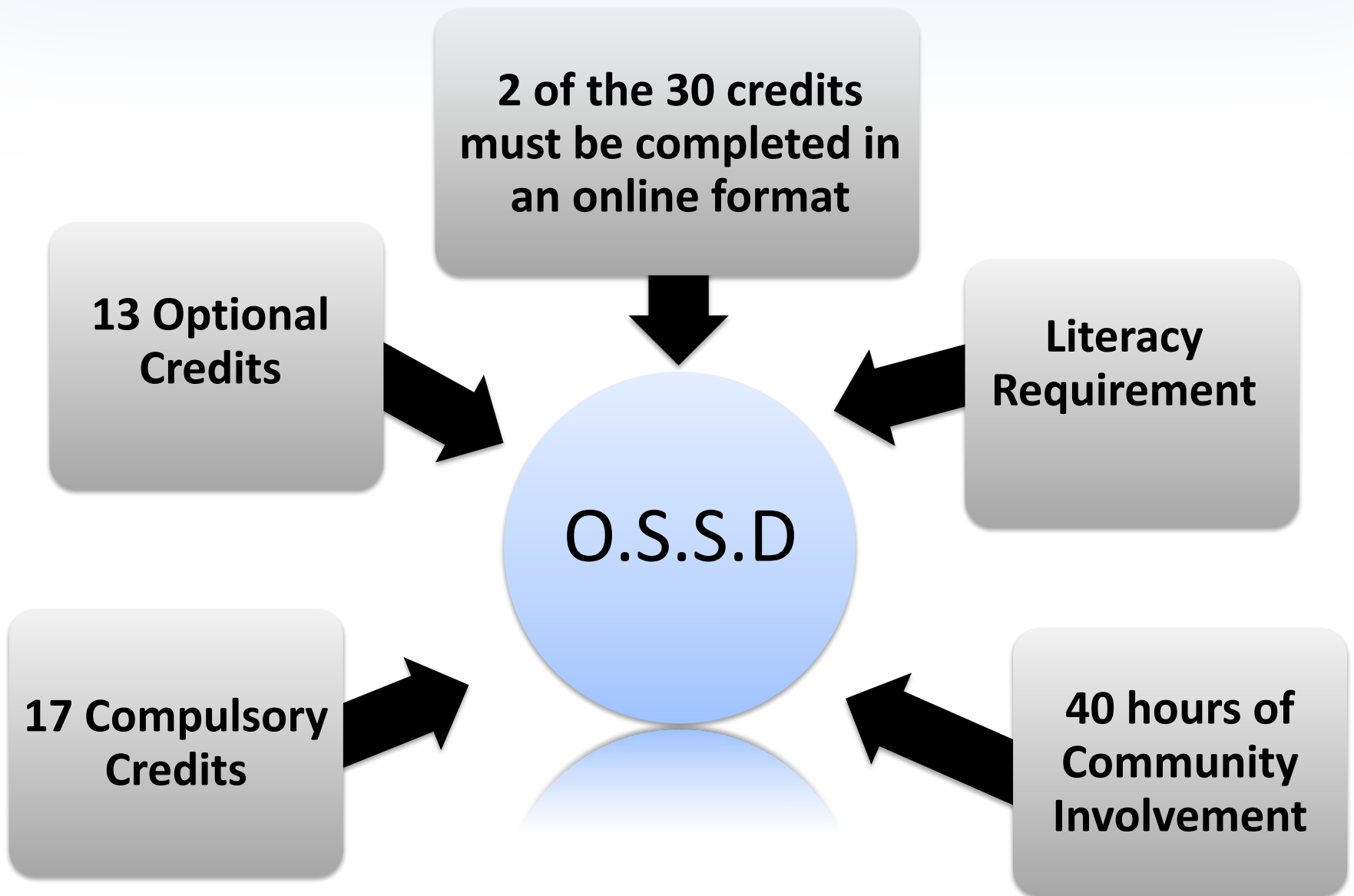


[Student Transportation
Services of York
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Ontario Secondary School Diploma



The Grade 10 Literacy Test

- A Diploma requirement.
- Administered during 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

- It is required that all students complete 40 hours of community involvement.
- Students can start in summer after grade 8.
- Recommended that student's obtain approval before starting involvement to ensure eligibility.
- Student responsibility to keep record of activities.
- Guidelines and forms will be provided to help track community involvement. They are available in the Guidance Office and on our website.

Course Types & Details

ACADEMIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● offered in the following compulsory courses: Grade 9 French, Grade 10 Science, Grade 10 Math, Grade 10 English and Grade 10 History.● maximum class size of 29
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● may be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, History● maximum class size of 16
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)
DESTREAMED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grade 9 English, Math, Science and Geography:● maximum class size of 25

Course Selection

DESTREAMED

English
Math
Science
Geography

OPEN

Physical Education

OPEN

Food & Nutrition
Learning Strategies
Arts
Technology
Business

ACADEMIC

French



Open Electives

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Healthy Active Living - Girls
- Healthy Active Living - Boys
- Fitness - COED

THE ARTS

- Visual Arts
- Dramatic Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Vocal Music

STUDENT SERVICES

- Learning Strategies (for students with an Individualized Education Plan)

TECH

- Communication Technology
- Construction Technology

OTHER

- Business - Entrepreneurship
- Food & Nutrition

Optional: Repertoire - After school band that is a credit bearing music course.

Sample Schedule

SEMESTER 1 Sept. - Jan

SEMESTER 2 Feb. - June

PERIOD 1 8:20 – 9:40	SNC 1W1 Science	MTH 1W1 Math
PERIOD 2 9:45 – 11:00	HFN 1O1 Family Studies	CGC 1W1 Geography
PERIOD 3 11:05 – 12:20	LUNCH	LUNCH
PERIOD 4 12:25 – 1:40	ENL 1W1 English	AVI 1O1 Visual Arts
PERIOD 5 1:45 – 3:00	PPL 1O8 Physical Education	FSF 1D1 French



**Supporting
Multiple Pathways
to Student Success**

Williams Cares



Ms. Peredo
Head of Student Services



Ms. King
IB Coordinator



Ms. Brennan
Student Success



Ms. Diaz
A. Head of Student Services



Ms. Dahl
Head of MLL



Mr. Buono
Head of Library

Student Services - Special Education Supports

Who do we support?

- **Students already identified through formal IPRC**
i.e. students with existing IEPs *(all students identified through the IPRC process are automatically assigned a SERT)*
- **Students in the process of being formally identified** (e.g., through psychoeducational assessment/testing)
- **Students placed in one of our 4 Partially Integrated Community Classes**

How do we provide support?

- **Resource monitoring & support** is provided by our team of **Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs)**
- **Support may include:**
 - In-class support
 - One-on-one meetings
 - Access to Child and Youth Workers (CYWs)

Student Services - Special Education Supports

Levels of Service & Placement Options:

REGULAR CLASSROOM WITH...			COMMUNITY CLASS
Indirect Service	Resource Assistance	Withdrawal Assistance	Partially Integrated
SERT consults w/ regular classroom teacher and monitors student progress, offering support and resources as needed	SERT monitors student progress and provides in-class resourcing and/or 1:1 support as needed and/or on a weekly basis	Through the IPRC process students are enrolled in a GLE Learning Strategies class taught by a SERT, and receive Resource Assistance monitoring during the non-GLE semester	Students receive more than 50% of their program in a non-credit bearing Community Class placement

Student Services - Special Education Supports

Next Steps:

- **Incoming Students from YRDSB schools:**
 - Grade 8 SERTs/Gifted/Community Class teachers will coordinate an IPRC in February
- **Incoming Students from non-YRDSB schools:**
 - Bring a copy of your IEP and any psychoeducational assessments/medical diagnoses that were used to develop your IEP to your registration appointment

Student Success

Other supports available through Student Success:

- 1-on-1 academic support for in risk students before school, at lunch and after school
- Weekly after-school study hall for students who have overdue assignments
- Small group support
- In class support
- Social-emotional and mental health support through our Child and Youth Workers (CYWs)
- Peer tutoring (language specific if possible)

School Life Outside of the Classroom

GET
INVOLVED!



Clubs and Councils

Math Club

PALS

Equity Council

Arts Council

Chess and Games Club

DECA

Debate Club

The Alliance

Mental Health and Well-Being

Music Council

Eco Club Science Club

Student Council

Athletic Council

Band and Choir

Creative Writing Club

HOSA

Newscast

Baking Club

These are sample activities that are commonly offered, a full list of our current clubs can be found on our website under the student tab

Experience Athletics

Badminton

Basketball

Cross Country Running

Field Hockey

Flag Football

Ice Hockey

Ski Club

Track & Field

Volleyball

Baseball

Cross Country Ski

Curling

Fitness Club

Golf

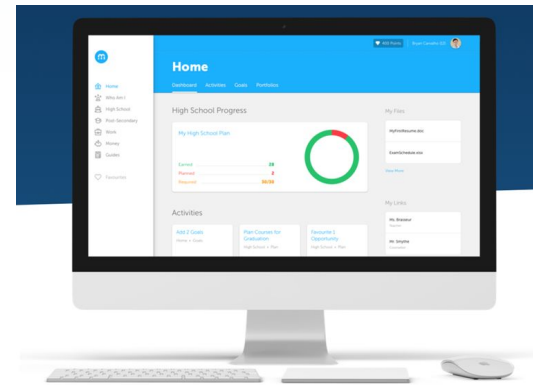
Rock Climbing

Soccer

Ultimate Frisbee

Registration & Course Selection

YRDSB STUDENTS



NON-YRDSB STUDENTS



Welcome to Grade 9

Highlight transition activities, e.g.

- **first day of school**
- **peer assisted leadership students (PALS)**
- **transitions activities**
- **school tours**



Guidance

**Post-Secondary
Pathways Planning**

**Resource
Support**

Scheduling

**Individual
Counselling**

**Grade 10
Careers**



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[School Website](#)



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