

**Welcome Grade 9's!**

**GUIDANCE SERVICES**  
**General Information**

# Guidance Staff



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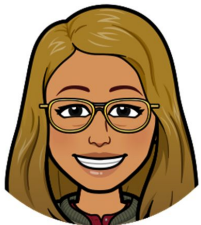
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# Today's Goals...

- Be aware of what the Guidance Dept. offers
- Learn the name of your guidance counsellor
- Be aware of the graduation requirements
- Ask any questions that are on your mind about Huron

**What can guidance do for you ???**



## Educational Counselling

- ❑ Assistance with choosing courses – type, level, interests, post-secondary
- ❑ Educational plans
- ❑ Study skills, Peer tutoring, resources
- ❑ Night school, Virtual school, E-learning, Academic Exchanges, Summer school, other YRDSB programs
- ❑ All your records are with us – CCS, OSR



## Career Counselling

- ❑ Research of post-secondary programs leading to specific careers
- ❑ Personality inventories matching careers
- ❑ Career centre
- ❑ Job board outside Guidance office
- ❑ Assistance with resumes (both work and sport), cover letters, job applications



## Personal

- ❑ Listen and assist with making decisions, resolving conflict, problem-solving
- ❑ Referrals to Professional Counseling
- ❑ YRDSB Social worker
- ❑ Additional specialized social workers support the following communities: LGBTQ plus, African Caribbean, Chinese, East Asian/ Tamil, Indigenous, and International Students Social Worker
- ❑ Specialized counsellors can be arranged to support at school such as a trauma counsellor, bereavement counsellors, addiction counsellors

**We are teachers not social workers. We try to help by making connections for you with internal and external services, where need be.**

# Appointments

## How to Make a Guidance Appointment

- ❑ PLEASE DO NOT USE THE APP! IT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY TA
- ❑ Scroll Down until you see the counsellors names and appointment blocks
- ❑ Select the person, date and time that is most convenient
- ❑ Although we recommend that you see your alpha counsellor please feel free to see anyone.
- ❑ Drop ins are possible if it is a time where you need to talk to someone ASAP.
- ❑ Please come to guidance if you are having any issues.

**Guidance would like to see all grade 9 students before the end of this semester. Try booking an appointment now for a quick meeting with a guidance counsellor.**



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# Where can you go when you feel Stressed?

Here! Guidance Office

Student Success - next door to guidance office

Room 312 - Student Success teachers there

Room 315 - IEP Students- Resource

check with your teacher before you  
go to support centres

Front Office - if you forget where to go :)

***All Guidance  
Conversations are  
Confidential unless your  
safety or safety of others  
is at risk.***



\* or if you want to change a course not approved by parents



# Report It!

The screenshot shows the website for Tommy Douglas Secondary School. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for School Information, News & Events, Departments & Programs, Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the navigation, there is a main content area with several sections:

- ALERT:** A red banner with the text "CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19" and a "REPORT IT" button. The text below the banner states: "Tommy Douglas S.S. has a confirmed active case of COVID-19. Families, please refer to the letter from public health. Public Health will communicate directly with those that had contact with the case. All appropriate measures are being taken. For up to date information on active cases, please visit the COVID-19 Advisory Board on the Board's website."
- 2020-2021 LEARNING CALENDAR:** A calendar showing the school year from September 2020 to February 2021.
- Contact Information:** 4020 Major Mackenzie Drive, Woodbridge, L4H 4E9. Phone: (280) 342-0001, (647) 795-7747. Fax: (280) 553-5454. Email: tommy.douglas.ss@yrdab.ca. Bell Times: 8:10 AM - 2:25 PM.
- Announcements:** A section with a form for parents/guardians to enter their email address to receive school communications. Below the form is a "REPORT IT" button with a speech bubble icon and the text "Caring and Safe Schools". A yellow box and arrow point to this button.

At the bottom of the page, there are sections for "ABOUT THE BOARD", "BOARD PLANS", "PROGRAMS", and "CONNECT WITH YRDS!".

It is important that everyone feels safe and respected at all times during the day and after hours. It is your responsibility as part of the Huron Heights community to let either guidance or another adult that you trust know if you are not feeling safe or if you think someone else isn't safe. You can also use the "REPORT IT" button on our school's website. You have option to report anonymously or to leave your name.



# What do you need to graduate from high school?

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

## 30 Credits: 18 Compulsory Credits and 12 Optional Credits

### Compulsory credits are comprised of the following:

- 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
- earn at least two credits through Online Learning \*\*\*\*

### Plus ONE compulsory credit from each of the following groups:

#### Group 1

- English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course)
- French as a Second Language, Classical Languages, International Languages
- Indigenous Languages
- Canadian and World Studies
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Guidance and Career Education
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

and

#### Group 2

- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Business Studies
- French as a Second Language\*\*
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

and

#### Group 3

- Science (Grade 11 or 12)
- Technological Education
- French as a Second Language\*\*
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

## French Immersion Students

To qualify for the French Immersion Certificate, students must take at least 10 credits in French Immersion (out of the 30 credits needed to graduate highschool). These include:

- 4 French Immersion French (1 credit per grade)
- Grade 9 Geography
- Grade 10 History
- Grade 10 Civics and Careers
- at least three other courses taught in the French language (excluding third languages since the language of instruction should be the third language).

# **DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

**18**

**COMPULSORY  
CREDITS**

**12**

**OPTIONAL  
CREDITS**

**OSSLT  
(ONTARIO  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
LITERACY TEST)**

**40**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
HOURS**

# Group 1,2 &3 Compulsory Credits

## Group 1

1 additional credit in English, or  
French as a Second Language, or  
a Native Language, or  
a Classical or an International Language, or  
Social Sciences and the Humanities, or  
Canadian and World Studies, or  
Guidance and Career Education (including Learning Strategies), or  
Cooperative Education\*

## Group 2

1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or  
  
Business Studies, or  
  
the Arts (music, art, drama, dance), or  
French as a Second Language or  
  
Cooperative Education\*

## Group 3

1 additional credit in science (grade 11 or 12) or  
  
Technological education (grades 9-12), or  
  
French as a Second Language or  
  
Computer Studies or  
  
Cooperative Education\*

# Community Involvement Hours

- ❑ You can find the volunteer form off the [YRDSB website](#)
- ❑ You need to get APPROVAL FROM GUIDANCE before doing your hours at that specific location
- ❑ Fill out form and get it signed by your supervisor
- ❑ You should be keeping a file with report cards and volunteer hour sheets
- ❑ [Neighbourhood Network](#) website is a great resource

*Volunteer board outside of guidance*

# Community Involvement Hours

## New Form and Updates to the Policy

Check out the Huron Heights Guidance Website for the new form



**COMMUNITY**

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**Notification of Completion of Community Involvement Form**

Please provide the information requested below about the community involvement activities in which you plan to participate. Submit this form to the school Guidance Office for pre-approval prior to participating in any activities. Once you have completed community involvement activities, submit your form to guidance. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PRE APPROVAL IF THIS IS AN ACTIVITY YOU HAVE NOT DONE IN THE PAST.**

**For all graduating students please make sure you have all of your hours in by May 1, 2024**

## Eligible activities include:

**Elementary Schools** - assist with school events, school councils, activities for children;

**Secondary Schools** - organization and leadership of school activities or clubs that benefit the school and/or community;

**Animal Care** - volunteering in a zoo, animal shelter, or on a farm;

**Community Spaces and Events** - volunteering in galleries, libraries, arts & cultural events, community productions or opportunities (outside of credit courses) for time spent learning about traditional cultures such as language, cooking, knowledge, skills, and stories;

**Charitable Organizations** - assisting with special events, programs, clerical tasks;

**Children/Youth Programs** - assisting with children/youth programs, volunteering in a child care centre or camp;

**Community Organizations** - assisting with special events, food banks, community support services, shelters, clerical tasks;

**Community Service for Individuals** - assisting community members in need;

**Environment, Conservation and Sustainability Projects or Initiatives** - planting flowers/trees, recycling projects, recycling depot;

**Health Agencies** - volunteering in hospitals, hospices, Canadian Blood Services (volunteering to organize or assist with a blood donor clinic), donating blood (time required to donate);

**Public Service Agencies** - volunteering for activities sponsored by the police or fire department;

**Political Organizations** - municipal, provincial, and federal recognized political organizations that reflect the values and priorities of the YRDSB; except for York Region District School Board trustees or trustee candidates;

**Religious Organizations** - assisting with programs, special events;

**Senior Citizens** - assisting in seniors' residences, providing services for seniors in the community;

**Sports and Recreation** - coaching, managing, organizing special events, assisting with projects/events

**Service Focused Community Club Activities** - those activities that expand community service to others beyond the school day (holiday dinner participation, environmental action activities, etc.)

**Virtual Opportunities** - organizations must be based in Ontario and run by an adult/adults for charitable purposes.

## Ineligible activity include:

- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (i.e., cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience);
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or "spare" periods is permissible;
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under sixteen years of age;
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under fifteen years of age;
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under fourteen years of age and is not accompanied by an adult;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding;
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons;
- involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government;
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewelry, works of art, antiques, or other valuables;
- consists of duties performed in the home (i.e., daily chores) or personal recreational activities;
- involves activities for a court-ordered program (i.e., community-service program for young offenders, probationary program);
- involves participation in extra curricular activities for which a student stands for school-wide election; and
- any work for a School Board Trustee or Candidate

## Liability Insurance

The school board's liability insurance carried with Ontario School Board's Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) will provide coverage for the students and the community sponsors from any lawsuits that may arise from the students' activities in the community involvement program during the 40 hours of volunteer work required for those activities that are eligible. The board's insurance policy will only cover hours that have been pre-approved. This includes any hours beyond the mandatory graduation requirements.

For more information: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/experience-secondary-school/graduation-requirements/community>

# How to Read Codes

## ENG1D1

First letter= Dept

First Number = Grade

Letter after = Level of course

### Grade 9 & 10 Courses

**D = Academic**

**L = Locally Dev**

**O=Open**

**P= Applied**

**W=De-streamed**

### Grade 11 & 12 Courses

**C= College**

**E = Workplace**

**M = Univ/College**

**O=Open**

**U = University**



# How to Read Codes

## How to Read Course Codes

Every course in an Ontario Secondary School has a six-character course code. A code can be broken down as follows:

**E N L**

3 letters identify the subject

The first letter represents the course's department area: A=Arts, B=Business, C=Canadian and World Studies, E=English, F=French, G=Guidance and Career Education, H=Humanities and Social Sciences, L=International Languages, M=Mathematics, S=Sciences, T=Technology

**1**

# reflects grade

1 = Grade 9  
2 = Grade 10  
3 = Grade 11  
4 = Grade 12

**W**

Letter shows course type

### Grade 9

W = Destreamed  
D = Academic  
L = Locally Developed  
O = Open

### Grade 10

D = Academic  
P = Applied  
L = Locally Developed  
O = Open

### Grade 11/12

U = University  
M = University/College  
C = College  
E = Workplace  
O = Open

**1**

A number to distinguish a course program or different sections.

# ***How to Read Codes***

**CHC2D1**

**PPL1O8**

**TTJ1O1**

**BTT2O1**

**MBF3C1**

**AVI3MM**

**TMJ3C1**

# Failing a Compulsory

**Elementary School** – you fail you move on to next grade

**Secondary** – you fail you have to repeat the course either in summer school or in your grade 10 year as an elective

(Credit Recovery recommendation needed if you are close and there were special circumstances)

# Take Our Kids to Work Day



Take Our Kids to Work Day is **Wednesday November 1st, 2023!**

All grade 9s are expected to participate. Information will be rolled out in the weeks to come. Stay tuned!

# Helpful Tips to be Successful

- ❑ Talk to teachers – make sure they know you
- ❑ Don't skip – attendance increases marks
- ❑ Get involved – Teams, Clubs, etc.

*ANY QUESTIONS?*

# Pathway Planner



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myBlueprint

# High School Planner

*Track your Progress  
through High School*

## My High School Plan

15 credits until graduation



Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	
<b>English</b> ENL1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Online Learning O...	+ Online Learning O...	+ Online Learning O...	+
<b>Mathematics</b> MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English	
<b>Science</b> SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course	
<b>Core French</b> FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course	
<b>Issues in Canadian Geo...</b> CGC1D1 • 1 Credit	+ History	+ Course	+ Course	
<b>Healthy Active Living E...</b> PPL1O8 • 1 Credit	+ Civics/Career Stud...	+ Course	+ Course	
<b>Visual Arts</b> AV1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	

## Graduation Indicator

8/30

**REQUIRED  
CREDITS**



8 Planned	0 Earned	8 Total
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[View Progress](#)

# Questions for Prizes!

1. Where can you find out about Volunteer opportunities?
2. What can you do if you are worried about a friend at another high school?
3. When would a guidance counselor have to share your private talks?
4. Where would you find the sports information about teams?
5. How many volunteer hours do you need to graduate?
6. How many credits do you need to graduate?
7. What is our guidance secretary's name?
8. Where do you book appts with your guidance counselor?
9. What rooms can you go to if you are stressed or anxious?
10. How many groups are there for compulsory credits?





**Thanks and Enjoy  
Huron !**