

**Huron Heights
Secondary School**
Grade 8 Presentation
for
January 2025

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TODAY'S GOALS

- Review OSSD (Ontario Secondary School) requirements
- Provide information on course types so you can make informed decisions
- Help you prepare for and get excited about student life at Huron
- Assist you as you begin course requests
- Answer questions about courses and student life

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General Information about Our School

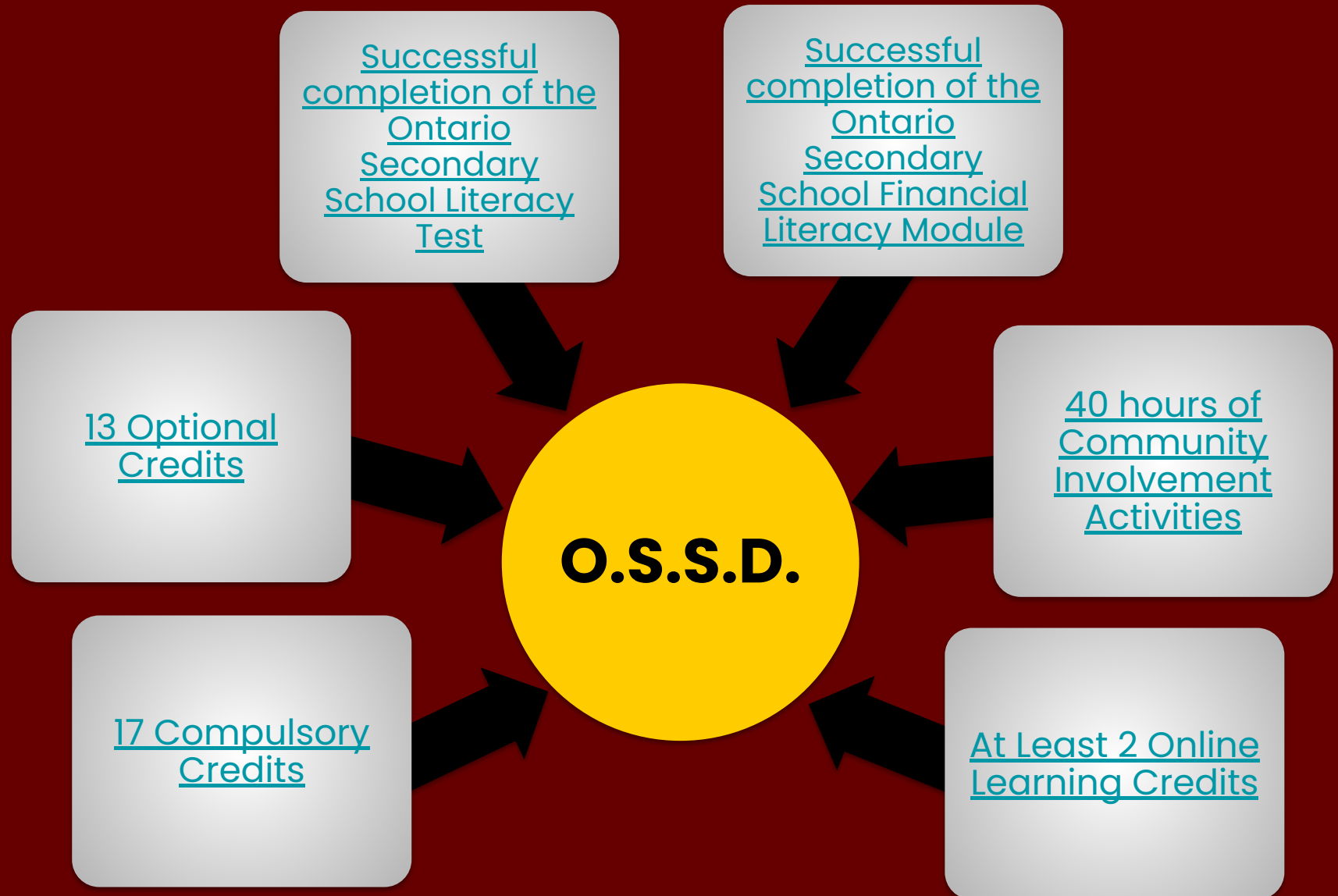
- Current School Population 1300 students
- Semestered School
- Semester 2 starts in February
- Exams in January and June
- Regional Arts Program- ARTS HURON
- Regional French Immersion program
- Largest Technology Program in York Region
- 5 period day – 4 classes and 1 lunch period (P4)
- Start Time 9:10am & Dismissal Time 3:45pm
- LUNCH – time – off site – no recess



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**What do I need to
Graduate?**

Ontario Secondary School Diploma(O.S.S.D.)



17 Compulsory Credits

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- 4 credits in English (**1 credit per grade**) - ESL courses can count for 9-11
- 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**) **NEW** (code starts with T, 4th digit -1 or 2)
- 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 **NEW**

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NEW!

S.T.E.M.-Related Course Group and Tech Requirement

Compulsory STEM-related course group

Of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete **ONE** from the following group:

- Business studies
- Computer studies (grade 10)
- Cooperative education
- Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- Technological education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

Compulsory Tech course in either grade 9 or 10

Huron has the largest Tech department with the most variety.

All grade 9 Tech courses (except Aesthetics TXJ10) are HALF CREDIT courses – you get to try out TWO in one semester!

We offer courses in:

- Welding
- Precision Machining
- Construction
- Transportation
- Technological Design
- Hospitality (gr 10 full credit)
- Aesthetics and Hair (grade 9 full credit)

REVIEW:

Name 3 Tech
courses that Huron
offers

13 Optional Credits

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- You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar
- Course selections are based on what you want to explore, your interests and your post secondary plans
- Optional credits may include up to 4 *Dual Credits*

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL



What do you need to graduate from high school?

(This applies to students entering Grade 9 after September 2024)

30 Credits: 19 Compulsory Credits and 11 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**
- 1** credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)
- 0.5** credit in Career Studies
- 0.5** credit in Civics

Plus ONE compulsory credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

Group 3

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

In addition, students must complete:

- ☒ 11 optional credits ▼
- ☒ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ☒ The provincial literacy requirement
- ☒ Earn at least two credits through Online Learning ****

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) may be counted toward the 4 compulsory credits in English. The fourth credit 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.

**** Cooperative Education can qualify as one French Immersion credit if students are working with a French speaking community partner in a two credit Co-op program.

***** Families who wish to opt out their child from the Online Learning graduation requirement should speak to their child's school. Graduation requirement should indicate this choice through the Course Selection on "My Pathway Planner."

▼ The 11 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved Dual Credit courses.

Δ Students' achieving an OSSD Red Seal Specialist High Skill Major (SHSM) diploma will have additional requirements based on their particular program.

◊ In addition to the compulsory Technological Education credit in Grade 9 or 10.

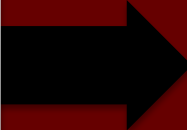
French Immersion Students

Compulsory credits are comprised of the following:

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

Online Learning

**2 Credits
must
be Online
Learning**




- Students must earn at least **TWO** online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- You wouldn't be expected to take an online course until grade 11
- These courses are completely asynchronous, meaning **there is no teacher instruction.**
- **Opting out of the requirement is also possible.**
- **Opt out in My Pathway Planner**
- Learn more at our [YRDSB Public Page](#)

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Literacy Test (OSSLT)

**Successful
completion of
the Ontario
Secondary
School Literacy
Test**




- Administered twice during your Grade 10 year
- 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 (OLC4O1)

NEW– Financial Literacy Requirement

NEW!

**Successful
completion of the
Ontario Secondary
School Financial
Literacy
Requirement**



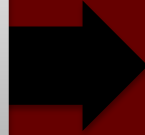
New for **September 2025-2026** school year, in your Grade 10 Mathematics course you will write a financial literacy assessment.

- financial literacy graduation requirement as part of your compulsory **Grade 10 mathematics course**.
- You will need to achieve a **mark of 70%** or higher to pass

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40 hours Community Involvement

**40 hours of
Community
Involvement**



You can find the
volunteer form [Huron
Heights' website](#)

- ☐ You need to get **APPROVAL FROM GUIDANCE** or Admin before doing your hours at that specific location
- ☐ There are [ELIGIBLE and INELIGIBLE activities](#) listed on the Board website and on the [PDF form](#)
- ☐ After approval, Fill out form and get it signed by your supervisor
- ☐ You should be keeping a file with report cards and volunteer hour sheet

- ☐ [Neighbourhood Network](#) website is a great resource

Volunteer board outside of guidance

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40 hours Community Involvement

When you complete this form:



You will receive a populated form via email that looks like this

PRINT, HAVE IT SIGNED, and bring it to Guidance. It will not be recorded until we receive a hard copy.

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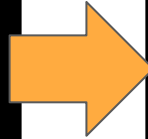
REVIEW:

- ☐ When can you start your Community Service Hours?
 - ☐ How many do you need before graduation?
 - ☐ What must you do before you start your hours?
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Online Graduation Requirements– Opt Out

2 Ways to Opt Out

1. During Course Selection time any year of highschool
2. Paper Copy that will need to be signed by your parent/guardian



Grade 10 Current Year	Grade 11 Next Year	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
+ Online Learnin...	+ Online Learnin...	+ Online Learnin...

GRADE 9 Compulsory Courses

Courses	De-streamed (W)	Locally Developed (L)	Open (O)
English	ENL1W1	ENG1L1	*ESLAO1/ESLBO1/ ESLCO1/ESLDO1/ ESLEO1
Mathematics	MTH1W1	MAT1L1	
Science	SNC1W1	SNC1L1	
Geography	CGC1WF or CGC1W1		

* Student's taking ESL courses should choose 2 English credits for grade 9.
Could include ESLEO1 & ENL1W1

Other Compulsory Courses

Courses	Academic (D)	OPEN (O)
Technological Education	N/A	TAS1O1/TAS2O2/TAS1O3/ TXJ1O1
Arts	N/A	ADA1O1/AMI 1O1/ AVI1O1/ATC1O1
Health and Physical Education (HALE)	N/A	PPL1O8/PPL1O9/PPL1O1/ PPL1OF
French	FSF1D1 or FIF1D1	FSF1O1

Grade 9 French

****Mandatory Course from grades 4–9**

- If a student has an IEP and has completed French instruction in elementary school, they must take Grade 9 Academic French
- Students who have not been enrolled in regular French instruction in elementary school or have fewer than 600 hours of French instruction, may wish to complete the beginner French course – FSF101
- A student who is new to Canada may also qualify to study FSF101 (no prior French instruction)
- If students are in Learning Strategies and the Arts Huron Program, then these students may choose to take French/Physical Education/Geography in their Grade 10 year

REVIEW:

**Who is eligible to
sign up for FSF101?**

What you need to know...

Bring Your Own Device

Purpose of the Program:

The purpose is to *IMPROVE* student learning and engagement and to teach students how to be critical thinking *CREATORS WITH* technology rather than passive *CONSUMERS OF* technology.

Overview of Program:

- A 1:1 Program is a teaching and learning environment in which each participating student and teacher has access to a personal computing device on a direct and continuous base for *educational purposes*.
- *Students do not share their technology with other students* but take ownership over their own device.




Laptop



Chromebook



Tablet



Cell phones are not a primary device and are not to be used during class time

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Huron has it all...

WE ARE HURON

ARTIST

ATHLETE

TECHNOLOGY

ACTIVIST

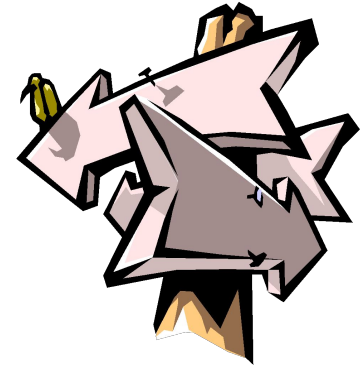
ACADEMIC

**SKILLED
TRADES**



Opportunities at Huron

- Alternative Education
- Exploring Opportunities Program
- Cooperative Education
- Social Justice Certificate
- Special Education
- Specialist High Skills Majors
- Dual Credit
- Arts Huron



Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

- Specialized program for students interested in pursuing a career in Manufacturing, Health and Wellness, Construction, Transportation, Hospitality or Arts and Culture
- Provides students with certifications and opportunity for work experience (must complete Co-op application and be accepted into program)
- Students will receive a specialized diploma when they graduate that will be recognized by workplace, colleges and universities

Huron Athletics

FALL

Girls Basketball
Boys Volleyball
Boys Soccer
Rugby 7's
Cricket
Cheerleading
Golf
Cross Country
Tennis
Football

WINTER

Girls Volleyball
Boys Basketball
Girls Hockey
Boys Hockey
Badminton
Curling
Rock Climbing
Ski & Snowboard
Wrestling

SPRING

Track and Field
Girls Rugby
Boys Rugby
Baseball
Slo-Pitch
Boys Lacrosse
Ultimate Frisbee
Mountain Biking
Girls Soccer

Sport is for EVERYONE. Huron is one of the only schools in York Region to run almost every sport in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association!)

Huron Councils/Student Groups/Clubs

Athletic Council
Book Club
Chess Club
Drama Club
Healthy Schools
Improv Club
Music Council
Film Club
Fitness Club
Outdoors Club
Peace Club
Dungeons and
Dragons Club



STEAM CLUB



Peer Mentors
President Arts
Council
PRIDE/GSA
STEAM Club
Student Council
Tech Crew
Visual Arts
Council
Youth Alive

Skilled Trades @ HURON

- Largest Technology Department in the YRDSB
- Over 40 sections (classes) that are related to skilled trades
- 6 different Skilled Trade Disciplines including: Aesthetics & Hairstyling, Construction, Hospitality, Precision Machining, Transportation, Welding
- 30+ OYAP Students Registered or planning for semester 2 at Huron
- 1/3 of COOP Students requesting a Skilled Trades Placement



TECH... We've Got you Covered



The Arts at Huron

We offer more courses in the Arts that any other school in York Region.

Students may be involved in either the Mainstream Arts Program or in Arts Huron Regional Arts Program.

Both programs offer students rich hands on experiences including: field trips, workshops, performance and exhibition opportunities, & arts community

Programs include:
Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts



Arts in Action



Arts Huron Program

- Students apply through the on-line application and are admitted through an audition(\$20.00)
- Students take 7 courses in their major and 1 other art course within 4 years
- curriculum fee of \$150.00/per year
- See Huron's website for complete details



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Course Codes & myBlueprint

HOW TO READ A COURSE CODE

Every course in an Ontario Secondary School has a six-character course code.

E N L

**3
Letters
Identify
Subject**

The first letter represent the course's subject area:

A - The Arts
B - Business Studies
C - Canadian & World Studies
E - English, English Development, English As a Second Language
F - French
G - Guidance & Career Education
H - Social Sciences & The Humanities
K - Alternative (Non-Credit)
L - Classical, International & Indigenous Languages
M - Mathematics
N - First Nations, Métis & Inuit Studies
P - Health & Physical Education
I - Computer Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies
S - Science
T - Technological Education

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**Number
Reflects
Grade/
Level**

Grades

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

W

**Letter
Shows
Course
Type**

Course Types

W - Destreamed
D - Academic
P - Applied
L - Locally Developed
O - Open
U - University
C - College
M - University/College
E - Workplace
N - Non-Credit

1

**A
Number
to
Distinguish**

**A Course
Program or
Different
Sections**

[Choose My Courses - Reading Course Codes](#)

Decode the Code

PPL108

SNC1W1

TXJ101

NBE3U1

BEM1O1


ENG2D1

REVIEW:

What is the code?
(three
things)

CGC1W1

Pathway Planner



Secondary
Huron Heights Secondary School

Staff: --Select an Application--
Students: --Select an Application--

ENHANCED BY Google

Wednesday, January 17
Gr. 9 Math EQAO Sem. 1


Thursday, January 18
Gr. 9 Math EQAO Sem. 1

Thursday, January 25
Arts Huron Auditions for Incoming
Semester 1 Final Evaluations

Friday, January 26
Arts Huron Auditions for Incoming
Semester 1 Final Evaluations

Monday, January 29
Arts Huron Auditions for Incoming

+ Google Calendar



Community Supports

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Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

Submit

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.


Announcements

Grade 9 Day - Student Assembly 2023-24


 [Grade 9 Day - Student Assembly 2023-24.pdf](#)

Grade 9 Day - Parent Information Session 2023-


Contact Information
[40 Huron Heights Dr., Newmarket](#) L3Y 3J9
Phone: (905) 895-2384, (647) 795-7540
Fax: (905) 895-8912
Email: huron_heights.ss@yrdsb.ca
Bell Times: 9:10 AM - 3:45 PM




Principal's Message




Trustee Message



School News



School Cash Online



my PATHWAY planner

Grades 7 - 12
Individual Pathways Plan
and Course Selection

my PATHWAY planner

Pathway Planner



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myBlueprint

Log in:



Grades 7 - 12
Individual Pathways Plan
and Course Selection

Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner

Domain: ▾

User name: *

Password: *

Login

High School Planner

*Track your Progress
through High School*

Home

Who Am I

High School

Continuing Education

Post-Secondary

Work

Money

Guides

Favourites

My High School Plan

15 credits until graduation



Earned Credits **15**

Planned Credits **8**

Total 23/30

Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENL1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Online Learning O...	+ Online Learning O...	+ Online Learning O...
Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
Issues in Canadian Geo... CGC1D1 • 1 Credit	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
Healthy Active Living E... PPL1O8 • 1 Credit	+ Civics/Career Stud...	+ Course	+ Course
Visual Arts AVI1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

Graduation Indicator

8/30

REQUIRED
CREDITS



8

Planned

0

Earned

8

Total

View Progress

Course Selection

*In order to meet **graduation diploma requirements**, it is **strongly recommended** that students take the following 6 subjects in grade 9:*

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. English | De-streamed or ESL (need 2) |
| 2. Mathematics | De-streamed |
| 3. Science | De-streamed |
| 4. Geography | De-streamed |
| 5. French | Academic or Open (600 hours rule) |
| 6. Health & Physical Education – Open | |

*Locally Developed Courses are available for select students - you should only select LD after a discussion with your teacher

Course Selection continued...

You choose two courses from any of these areas:

Arts

- a) Visual Arts (Open or Native Studies- under First Nations)
- b) Dance
- c) Drama
- d) Music (+Repertoire)– Instrumental or Vocal

Business

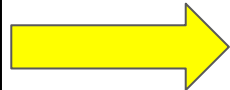
Social Sciences (Introduction to Family Studies)

Technological Studies – Mandatory Credit in Grade 9 or 10

- i. Woodworking, Welding, Precision Machining, Tech Design, Transportation/Auto, Comm. Tech – **all half credits**
- ii. Hairstyling & Aesthetics– **one full credit**

Selecting Courses... Be Strategic!

Grade 9 Next Year	
English ENL1W1 • 1 Credit	⋮
Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	⋮
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	⋮
Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	⋮ i
Exploring Canadian ... CGC1W1 • 1 Credit	⋮
Healthy Active Living... PPL1O9 • 1 Credit	⋮ i



Geography/English/Math/Science-
Destreamed (Locally Developed Available
for some)



French- Academic or Open (Beginner)



Three Options: PPL1O1; PPL1O8; PPL1O9

Select 2 Electives and 2 Alternates

The diagram shows a form with two main sections. The top section is titled 'Course' and contains two rows, each with a plus icon and the word 'Course'. A yellow arrow points from this section to the list of elective courses. The bottom section is titled 'Repertoire' and contains a dark grey bar labeled 'Alternates', followed by two rows, each with a plus icon and the word 'Alternate'. A yellow arrow points from this section to the instructions for selecting alternatives.

Choose Two Elective Courses:

Select Grade 9 - Multiple Options will appear:

- Arts Huron
- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Dance
- Dramatic Arts
- Music
- Social Sciences - Food and Nutrition
- Special Education - GLE101
- **Technological Education - 4 options**
- Visual Arts

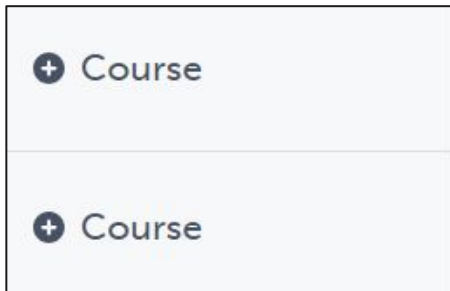
Once all eight courses are completed, a ninth box will appear - ONLY fill in if you are taking AMR102 (band) or AMJ101 (choir)

Choose 2 Alternatives - select carefully -

- if choose Tech courses in electives also choose a third tech half credit in alternates

Learning Strategies

Students with an IEP may be recommended to take Learning Strategies




Course can be found
under Guidance
Discipline
Course Code:
GLE101




***This course will be with your SERT and can help support your other classes.

REVIEW:

STEP 5: Click **Submit Course Selections** to submit courses to your school








Review Courses

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

Step 1  Step 2  Step 3 

Submit Course Selections

1 Review Course Selections

	ENGL00 English	Full District
	MATH01 Foundations of Mathematics	Full District
	SCIE00 Science	Full District
	GLSD01 Learning Strategies I - 200% for Students in Secondary School	Full District
	AFCS00 Arts	Full District
	PHLS00 Healthy Active Living Education	Full District
	HTNG01 Food and Nutrition	Full District

Scroll to the bottom to add comments

1 Add Comments (Optional)

Add Comment -
do not use

Submission Details

! Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

1 Step 1
Add Courses

Send Approval Email

Success

Your course selections have been saved.

Note: Speak to your Counselor for more information.

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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

How to be Successful in High School

Every student deserves a good outcome:

- Be an Active Participant
- Plan Ahead- but don't be afraid to change the plan
- ATTENDANCE is key!!
- Take advantage of your opportunities while in high school

Useful Info and Tips

- Practice [how to use a combination lock](#) – Huron supplies the locks and you need to know how to use our kind.
- You will get a timetable in August – check your email. (GAPPS Account)
- You pay your registration fees through SchoolCash Online (parents create account)
- The first day of classes is JUST grade 9's.

Important Dates

- **Transfers:**

Friday, Jan 31, 2025 – Transfer Forms due to your Elementary school– Your teacher may request these are submitted to them at an earlier date.

Monday, Feb 10, 2025 – transfer acceptance – will receive call

- **Arts Huron:**

January 30, 2025 – Arts Huron Decision Emails Sent

February 3, 2025 (by 8 a.m.) – Must notify us of your decision
re: Arts Huron Acceptance

- **Course Selections:** Feb 13th – Course Selections open
Feb 21st – Course Selections must be
Submitted in your Pathway Planner

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**Stay Connected
Huron Heights Guidance
Google Classroom Code:**

c57mh6x

The Come Up Program

Unique program offered to self-identifying Black students in YRDSB.

Potential to earn a civics and careers credit in summer before grade 9.

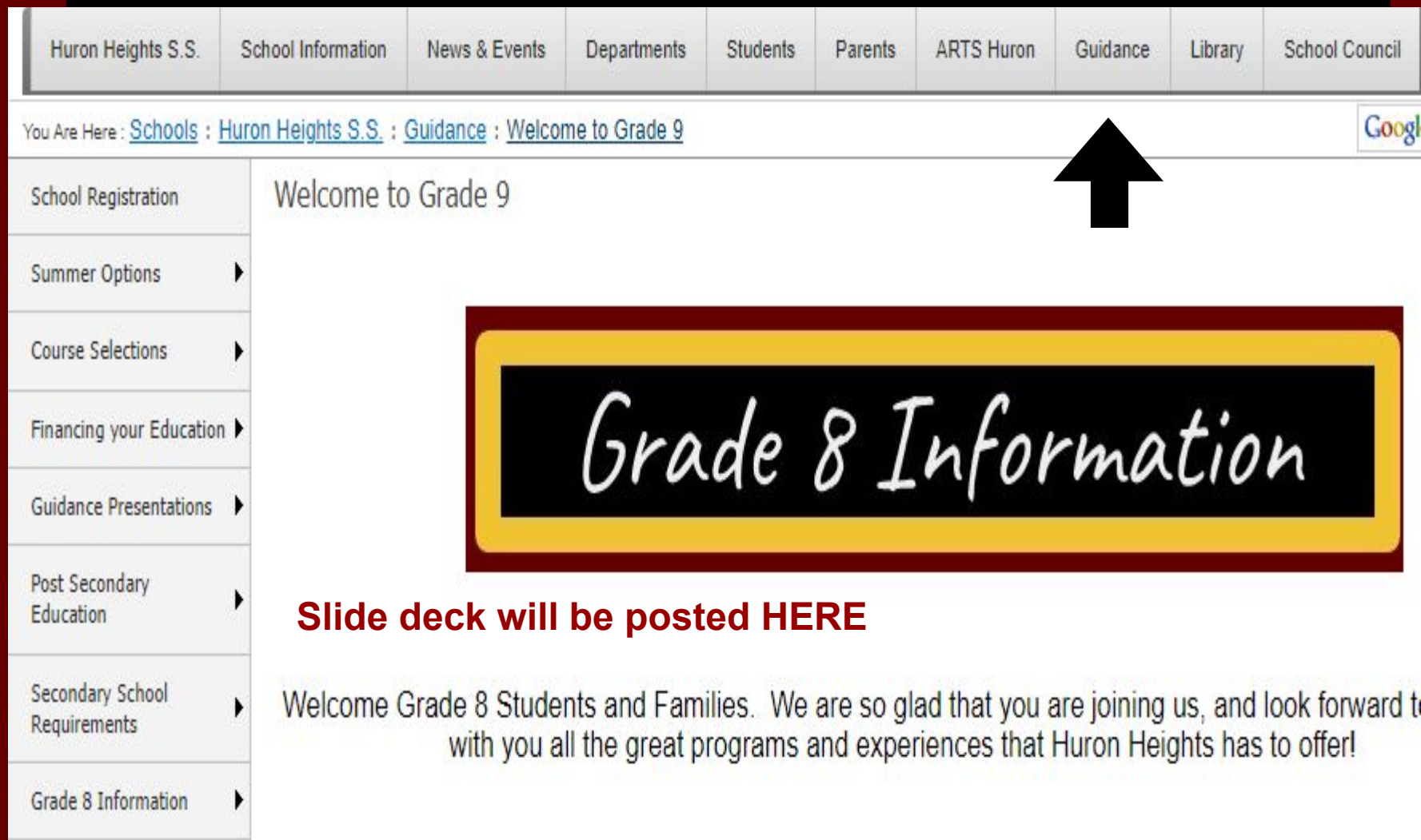
Potential to earn gr. 10 history credit during summer before grade 10.

Month of July - full day - camp like (guest speakers, field trips and lunch)

Registration information will come out in April 2025 on YRDSB's home page

[Last Year's Flyer \(reference only\)](#)

Huron Heights Website



The screenshot shows the Huron Heights website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Huron Heights S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Students, Parents, ARTS Huron, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: You Are Here : [Schools](#) : [Huron Heights S.S.](#) : [Guidance](#) : [Welcome to Grade 9](#). A large black arrow points to the 'Guidance' link in the breadcrumb trail. On the left is a sidebar menu with items: School Registration, Summer Options, Course Selections, Financing your Education, Guidance Presentations, Post Secondary Education, Secondary School Requirements, and Grade 8 Information. A large box with a yellow border and a black background with white text reads 'Grade 8 Information'. Below this box, the text 'Slide deck will be posted HERE' is displayed in red. At the bottom of the main content area, a welcome message for Grade 8 students and families is visible.

Huron Heights S.S. School Information News & Events Departments Students Parents ARTS Huron Guidance Library School Council

You Are Here : [Schools](#) : [Huron Heights S.S.](#) : [Guidance](#) : [Welcome to Grade 9](#)

School Registration

Welcome to Grade 9

Summer Options ▶

Course Selections ▶

Financing your Education ▶

Guidance Presentations ▶

Post Secondary Education ▶

Secondary School Requirements ▶

Grade 8 Information ▶

Grade 8 Information

Slide deck will be posted HERE

Welcome Grade 8 Students and Families. We are so glad that you are joining us, and look forward to
with you all the great programs and experiences that Huron Heights has to offer!

Links for Further Details

OSSD Explanation:



Thank You and Good Luck!

Don't hesitate to to ask questions!

You will have a counsellor based on your last name.

Emails are on the Huron Heights Website
Under the Guidance Tab and the Staff
Directory