



2024/2025

# *Keswick High School*

**COURSE SELECTION PRESENTATION FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS**

COURSE SELECTION



# Course Selection Information

- Pathway planning & course selection resources are available!

**2024/2025 PATHWAYS PLANNING AT Keswick High School COURSE SELECTION**

**Graduation Requirements**

- 12 Ontario Credits
- 18 Compulsory Credits
- 4 Core Courses:
  - 1 Open-Ended Course
  - 1 Ontario History Course
  - 2 Ontario Learning Credits
  - 1 Ontario Science Course

**Course selections require planning and support!**

Choose wisely! Know your strengths and interests. Consult with teachers, guidance and parents/guardians. Research post-secondary requirements. 'My Pathway Planner' is your research tool.

**GRADE 9 & 10 PATHWAYS**

**APPLIED**  
Applied courses focus on the essential concepts of the discipline. Applied courses develop student knowledge and skills by emphasizing practical, concrete applications of essential concepts of the course and incorporating theoretical applications as appropriate. Applied courses are more experiential and practical in nature. Students with the majority of work completed in class in courses: College, Apprenticeship and Direct to Work.

**DE-STREAMED**  
De-streaming means that school will no longer be offering courses in the applied stream. De-streamed courses will have students from multiple pathways. Research shows that de-streaming results in better outcomes for students and post-secondary success in health, technology, college, apprenticeship and direct to work.

**LOCALLY DEVELOPED**  
Locally developed courses have been developed to meet the needs of students whose skills fall below grade level. It is a special approach to learning using practical examples and concrete objects. Each student's strengths and needs will determine appropriate pathways through secondary school. **Partners:** Some College programs, some Apprenticeship, Direct to Work and Community Living.

**ACADEMIC**  
Academic courses focus on the essential concepts of the discipline and also require higher-level, analytical, creative, design or academic knowledge and skills by emphasizing theoretical, abstract applications of the essential concepts of the course and incorporating practical applications as appropriate. An academic course is delivered at a regular pace, requiring work outside of the class. **Partners:** Health, technology, college, apprenticeship and direct to work.

**Information:** (905) 476-6932, keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca, 100 Biscayne Boulevard Keswick, ON L4P2E2

**Keswick High School 2024-2025 Course Selection**

**COURSE SELECTIONS DUE ONLINE: Friday, February 23rd @ 4:00pm**

Everything is completed online and approved by parent/guardian through email (no paperwork). Course selection information presentations and handouts can be found on the Guidance and Student Success Google Classroom (share code: wvz9w8d) and the KHS website, under the Guidance tab.

**Course Selection Timelines**

**Guidance Presentations** - Guidance to visit Grade 9, 10, 11 classes to provide presentations and info planning.

**Pop-up Guidance** - Guidance will be in the main hall during lunch for pop-up sessions to support any students requiring help with post-secondary research, course selection and pathway planning.

**FINAL DAY TO SUBMIT COURSE SELECTIONS** - Please submit through My Pathway Planner by 4pm on February 23rd.

**Timeline:** JAN 9-11, JAN 15-19, FEB 15-23, FEB 23

**Access My Pathway Planner** (see instructions below). Utilize My Pathway Planner to research post-secondary programs/pathways and their requirements to develop a pathway plan. Engage in informed discussions about appropriate courses with parents/guardians, teachers and guidance counsellors.

**LOCK IN WINDOW:** Period of time during which students "lock-in" their course selections through My Pathway Planner. Once you have reviewed your selections, send an approval email to a parent/guardian for final sign-off.

**TIPS FOR ONLINE COURSE SELECTION IN 'MY PATHWAY PLANNER'**

**STEP 1:** Access the Course Selection tool in 'My Pathway Planner' from the Keswick High School website. Click on the 'My Pathway Planner' icon. Log in using your YRDSB student number and password. Using the left-hand navigation menu, click 'High School' to create a pin.

**STEP 2:** Add courses for next year in the high school planner. Click on '+' to add a course. In the course selection and details screens, explore the available course. The 'Graduation Indicator' will help you keep track of your progress. Click over. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on submit.

**STEP 3:** Review and submit your courses. Check that you have a full course selection and have selected all compulsory courses needed. Prior to submitting, click on the 'review course selections' button and give your selections one final look over. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on submit.

**STEP 4:** Once you have submitted your courses, you will be asked to provide a parent/guardian email. Speak with your parents/guardians about your course selections and please have them click 'approve selection' in the email that was sent to them. This completes course selections.

**Contact:** (905) 476-6933, keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca, 300 Biscayne Boulevard Keswick, ON L4P2E2




# Course Selection Information

- COPIES AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs)
- To support your course selection at KHS, we encourage you to review this presentation, the handouts and any additional information posted to our website, at home with your parent/guardian

The screenshot shows the Keswick High School website. The navigation menu includes: Keswick H.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments & Programs, Students, Parents, **Guidance**, Library, and School Council. The 'Guidance' menu item is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Below the navigation menu, the page content includes a calendar for Monday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 20, a 'Contact Information' section with phone, fax, and email details, and several quick links: Principal's Message, Trustee Message, School News, and teachassist. A 'Tweets from @YRDSB\_KeswickHS' section is also visible at the bottom left of the page content.





# Important Dates



Window for online submission of course selection

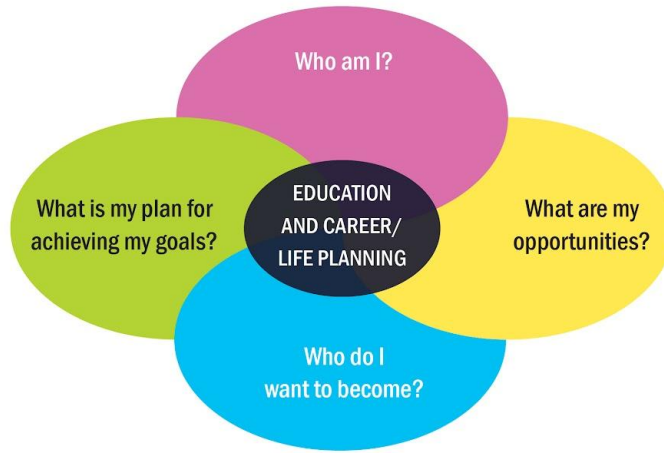
*Students submit online course selections through **My Pathway Planner** during this time*



Online course submission **MUST** be completed by 4pm on February 23rd

***Note: Once submitted, course selection can only be changed by your guidance counsellor***





- INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLANNER
  - HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER
  - COURSE SELECTION TOOL

Completing  
Course Selection

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**PATHWAY**  
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Secondary  
**Keswick High School**



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

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Monday, December 19

Grad Photo Sittings

SPIRIT WEEK - Sports Monday!

9:30am Matinee - Mystery a

12:45pm Sr. Boys Tier 2 Hock

Google Calendar

Tweets from  
**@YRDSB\_KeswickHS**



**KHS**  
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Happy Hanukah to all those who began the celebration this evening.



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My Pathway Planner

Contact Information

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Email: [keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca)  
Bell Times: 9:05 AM - 3:05 PM



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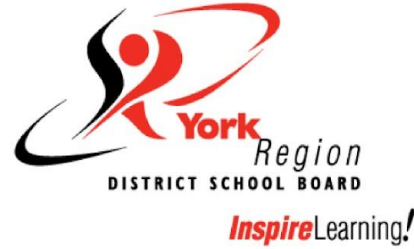
Grades 7 - 12  
Individual Pathways Plan  
and Course Selection




  
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Use your YRDSB student  
number and password  
to log in

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Log in to access  
My Pathway  
Planner

 Grades 7 - 12  
Individual Pathways Plan  
and Course Selection

Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner

Domain:  ▾

User name:  \*

Password:  \*

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*From your Dashboard, access your High School Planner by choosing 'High School' from the left hand navigation menu.*

## Home

Dashboard Tasks Classes Goals Portfolios

### Complete your IPP Tasks

64%

Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.

[View All Tasks](#) [Show Prizes](#)

High School + Plan  
Plan Courses for Grade 9

100 points

High School Progress

### Official High School Plan

30 credits until graduation

PORTFOLIOS  
Tell your story





**KESWICK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**COUGARS**  
*Completing Course Selection*

my **PATHWAY** planner

Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Course	+ Course
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
Issues in Canadian Geogra... CGG1D1 • 1 Credit	+ Civics/Career Studies	+ Course	+ Course
Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Visual Arts AVI1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Introduction to Business BBI1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Repertoire	Alternates + Alternate + Alternate		

**Five compulsory credits (civics/careers are each a 0.5 credit)**

**You must select a minimum of two alternates for your electives**

8 Planned 0 Earned

View Progress

High Skills Majors

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Pathway Eligibility

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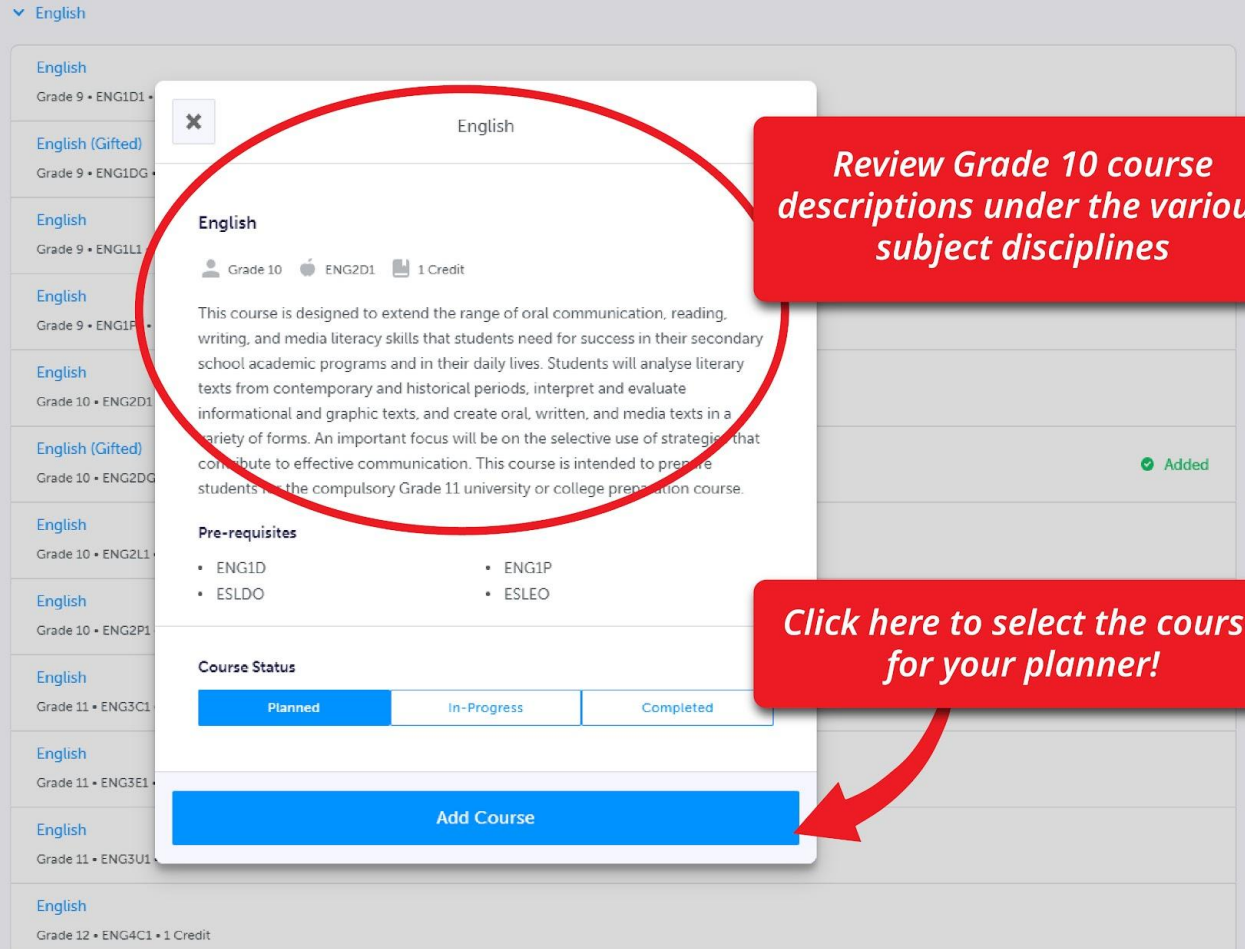




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The screenshot shows a list of English courses on the left and a modal window for the 'English' course (Grade 10 • ENG2D1) on the right. The modal window contains the following information:

- English**
- Grade 10 • ENG2D1 • 1 Credit
- Description: This course is designed to extend the range of oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret and evaluate informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the selective use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. This course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 11 university or college preparation course.
- Pre-requisites**
  - ENG1D
  - ENG1P
  - ESLDO
  - ESLEO
- Course Status**

Planned	In-Progress	Completed
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- Add Course** (button)

A red circle highlights the modal window, and a red arrow points from a callout box to the 'Add Course' button.

*Review Grade 10 course descriptions under the various subject disciplines*

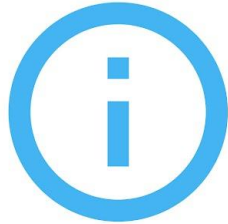
*Click here to select the course for your planner!*





**ISSUE NOTE: MISSING PREREQUISITE OR SUBJECT MISMATCH**

*Please indicate in the comment prompt your reason. For example, planning to take the required course in summer school*



**GUIDANCE MESSAGE:**

*Please review these important notes from Guidance informing the selection of these courses*

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✖ 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](#)

Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	+			
English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	English ENG2D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	<div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>16/30</p> <p>REQUIRED CREDITS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>16 Planned</td> <td>0 Earned</td> <td>16 Total</td> </tr> </table> <p><a href="#">View Progress</a></p> </div>	16 Planned	0 Earned	16 Total
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Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	Principles of Mathematics MPM2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Course				
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	Science SNC2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				
Core French FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	Canadian History Since W... CHC2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				
Issues in Canadian Geogra... CGC1D1 • 1 Credit	Civics & Career Studies CIVCAR • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				
Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	Communications Technol... TGJ2O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				
Visual Arts AVI1O1 • 1 Credit	Visual Arts AVI2O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				
Introduction to Business BBI1O1 • 1 Credit	Individual, Family and Soc... HIF2O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course				

**Graduation Indicator**

16/30  
REQUIRED CREDITS

16 Planned    0 Earned    16 Total

[View Progress](#)

**Pathway Eligibility**

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*Use the 'Graduation Indicator' to track your credits. Click on 'View Progress' for a complete review.*







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### Graduation Progress

The graduation indicator reveals how many credits count towards the compulsory credit total

	16 Planned	0 Earned	30 Required
<b>Compulsory</b> <span style="float: right;">0/18 Credits</span>			
	Planned	Earned	Required
✔ 4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)	2	0	2/4
✔ 1 Credit in French As a Second Language	1	0	1/1
✔ 3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit at the grade 11 or grade 12 level)	2	0	2/3
✔ 2 Credits in Science	2	0	2/2
✔ 1 Credit in Arts	1	0	1/1
✔ 1 Credit in Health and Physical Education	1	0	1/1
✔ 0.5 Credit in Civics	0.5	0	0.5/0.5



  
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*Review and submit  
your courses by  
February 23rd*

Review Courses

 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

*Click here to submit your  
course selection*

**Submit Course Selections**

 Your plan has the following issues: Missing Prerequisites, Missing Mandatory Alternate

**1** Review Course Selections

 ENG2D1  
English

 MPM2D1  
Principles of Mathematics

**2** Add Comments

Add comments you would like to include

*If you have submitted with  
an alert message or plan  
on taking summer school,  
please explain your course  
planning in the 'Add  
Comments' section*



### Submission Details

- ! Email your parent
- 1 Step 1  
Add Courses

### Success

Your course selections have been submitted. A paperless approval email will be sent to your parent/guardian.

**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. This approval is not required for students over the age of 18.

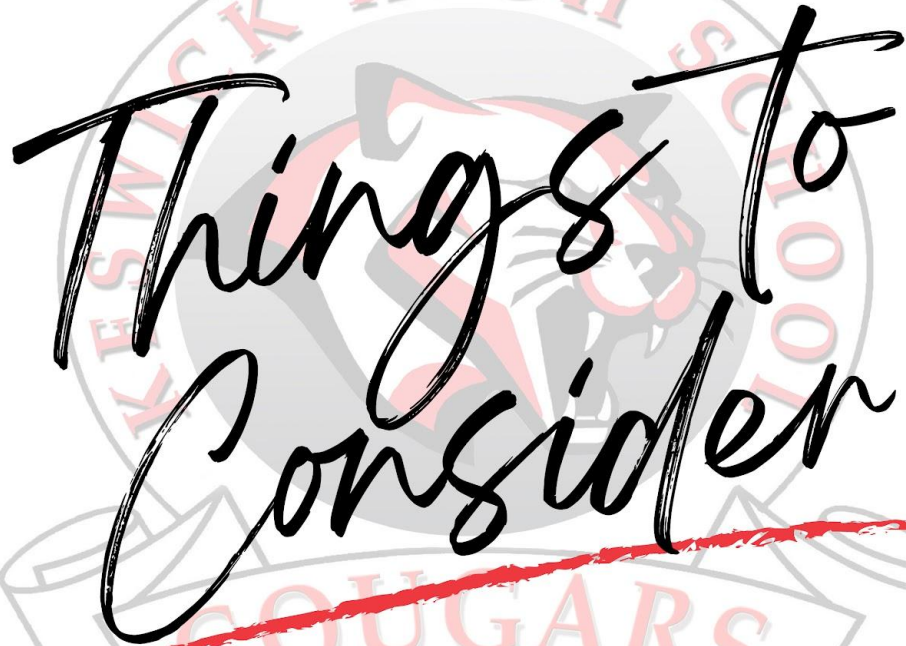
Parent/Guardian Email

[Send Approval Email](#)

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Sheet or send a





# Things to Consider





# Diploma Requirements



**12**  
12 Optional Credits



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement



**2\***  
2 Online Learning credits

**18**  
18 Compulsory Credits



Ontario Secondary School Diploma



40 hours of Community Involvement

\*Online Learning Graduation Requirement Opt-out - Students have the choice to 'opt-out' of the online learning graduation requirement. Please speak with a guidance counsellor to learn more.



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Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
Exploring Canadian Geogr... CGC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Civics/Career Studies	+ Course	+ Course
Building the Entrepreneur... BEM1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Dance ATC1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Repertoire	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

*If you would like to "Opt-out" of the two Online Learning credits click on this option*



  
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## High School

Plan Courses

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1 Results Found

Online Learning

Online Learning

Grade 10-12 • OLO



Online Learning Opt-Out

### Online Learning Opt-Out

Grade 10-12 OLOPTO 0 Credits Open

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school. The requirement is intended to support students in their familiarity and comfort with working and learning in an online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other transferable skills that will help prepare them for success after graduation.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of this requirement. Students 18 years of age or older can also opt out of the graduation requirement.

To opt out of this requirement, add this course to your selections. To learn more about the online learning requirement, click this link: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/scho...>

#### Guidance Message

By submitting this Online Learning Opt-Out with your course selections, or approving this selection as a parent/guardian, you confirm that:

- Having reviewed the benefits of the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning through the school, I would like to opt my child/myself out of this requirement.
- Upon receipt of this request, the student will not be required to earn online learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Students will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement, and will continue to complete all other graduation requirements.

To learn more about the online learning requirement, click this link: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/scho...>

#### Course Status

Planned

In-Progress

Completed

Add Course

*Review the Graduation requirement in full and option to "Opt-out".*

*Click here to add the "Opt-out" as part of your course selection!*





Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENL1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Online Learning Opt-out	+ Online Learning Opt-out	+ Online Learning Opt-out
Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
Physical Education	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
Art	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)	+ Civics/Career Studies	+ Course	+ Course
Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset BEM1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Dance ATC1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Repertoire	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

*If you would like to choose Online Learning courses as part of course selection, click on an elective course slot.*







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- > First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies
- > French As A Second Language
- > Guidance and Career Education

**Find the "Online Learning Courses" discipline. Click to open.**

- > Mathematics
- > **Online Learning Courses**
- > Online Learning Opt-out
- > Personalized Alternative Education
- > Science
- > Social Sciences and Humanities



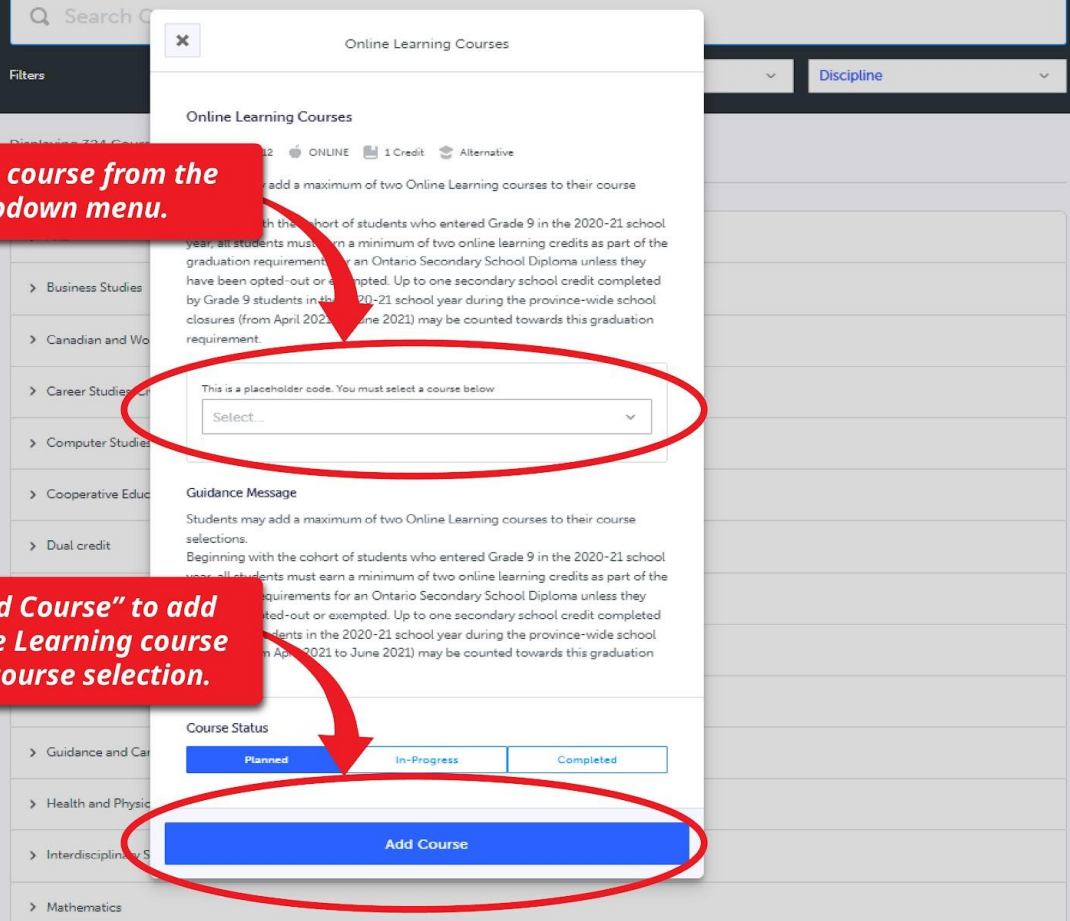
# Completing Course Selection

## my PATHWAY planner

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Select a course from the dropdown menu.

Click "Add Course" to add the Online Learning course to your course selection.



Search

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Discipline

### Online Learning Courses

12 ONLINE 1 Credit Alternative

add a maximum of two Online Learning courses to their course

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 2020 to June 2021) may be counted towards this graduation requirement.

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 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 2020 to June 2021) may be counted towards this graduation requirement.

#### Course Status

Planned In-Progress Completed

Add Course





# Diploma Requirements



## Compulsory Credits

4  ENGLISH

3  MATH

2  SCIENCE

1  GEOGRAPHY

1  FRENCH

1  PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1  HISTORY

1  CIVICS & CAREERS

1  ART

1 **GROUP 1** - Social Science, Canadian & World Studies, English or French as a Second Language, Co-op

1 **GROUP 2** - Phys. Ed, Arts, Business Studies, Co-op, French as a Second Language

1 **GROUP 3** - Science, Tech, Computer Studies, Co-op, French as a Second Language

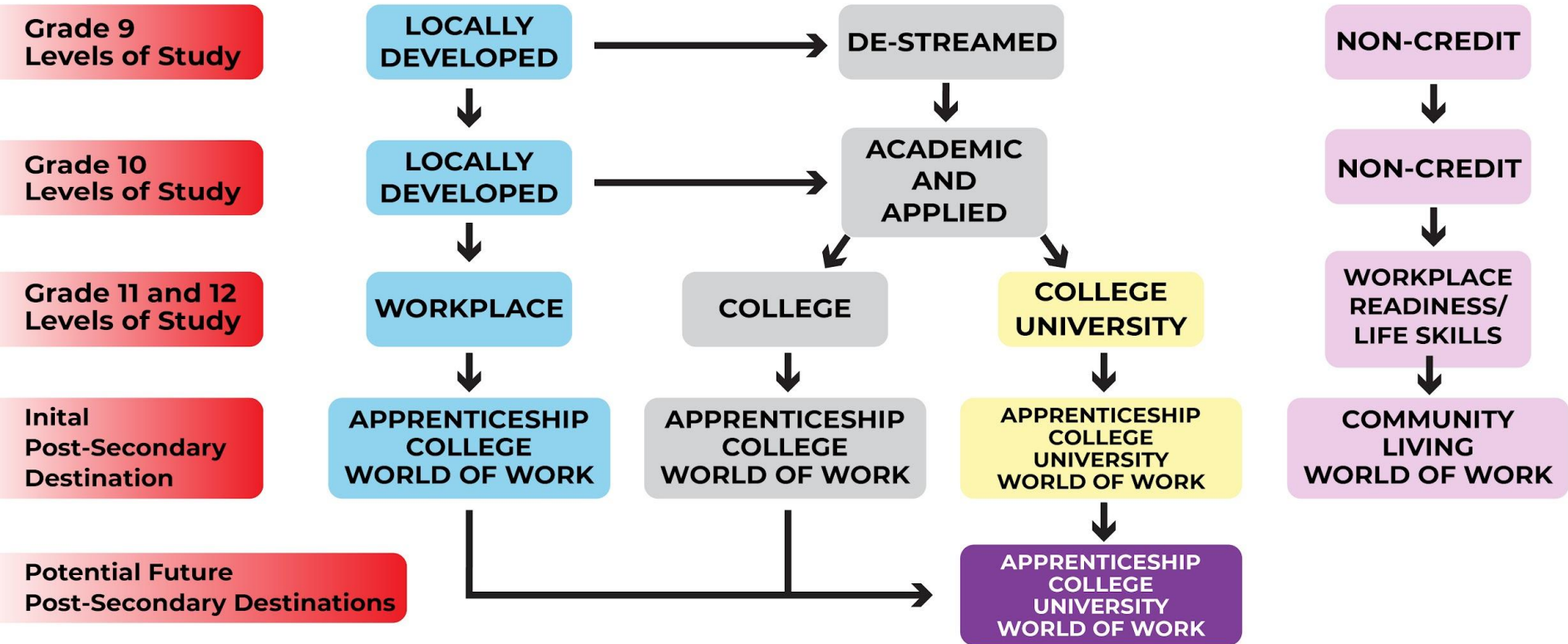
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COMPULSORY    OPTIONAL    OSSD

Each Grade 10 student must take 5 compulsory credits and 3 optional credits

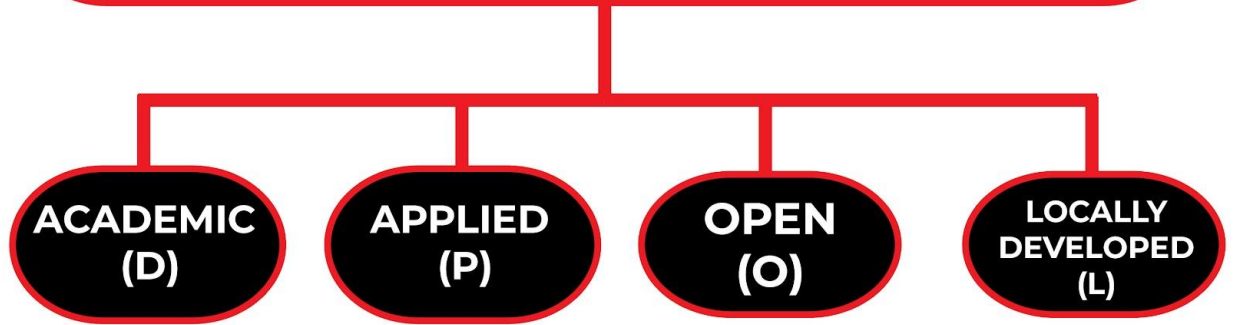
# PATHWAYS FOR SUCCESS

Secondary School and Beyond: Apprenticeship, College, University and the World of Work





# COURSE PATHWAY OPTIONS FOR GRADE 10



It is important for students, and parents/guardians to remember that course and post-secondary pathways are changeable and flexible.

Students may choose all of the same course pathways or a combination



Choose  
Courses  
Wisely



- Courses you request for next year will influence your post-secondary options
- Student course requests determine what courses, and how courses are timetabled at KHS
- We want you to be successful in your program



- ***BEP201 - Launching and Leading a Business - Open \*NEW 2024/25***

This course introduces students to the world of business and what is required to be successful, ethical, and responsible in today's economy. Students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to be an entrepreneur who knows how to respond to local and global market opportunities. Throughout the course, students will explore and understand the responsibility of managing different functions of a business. This includes accounting, marketing, information and communication technology, financial management, human resources, and production.

**Prerequisite:** None

- ***PAF201 - Healthy Living and Personal and Fitness Activities - Open \*NEW 2024/25***

This course enables students to further develop the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices now and lead healthy, active lives in the future. Through participation in a wide range of physical activities, students develop knowledge and skills related to movement competence and personal fitness that provide a foundation for active living. Students also acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to healthy development and learn how their own well-being is affected by, and affects, the world around them. Students build their sense of self, learn to interact positively with others, and develop their ability to think critically and creatively

**Prerequisite:** None

# Planning and Support



- You have the next month to research, consult and plan
- Consult with teachers, guidance and parents
- Research post-secondary eligibility requirements
- Remember there are many pathways to the destination of your dreams

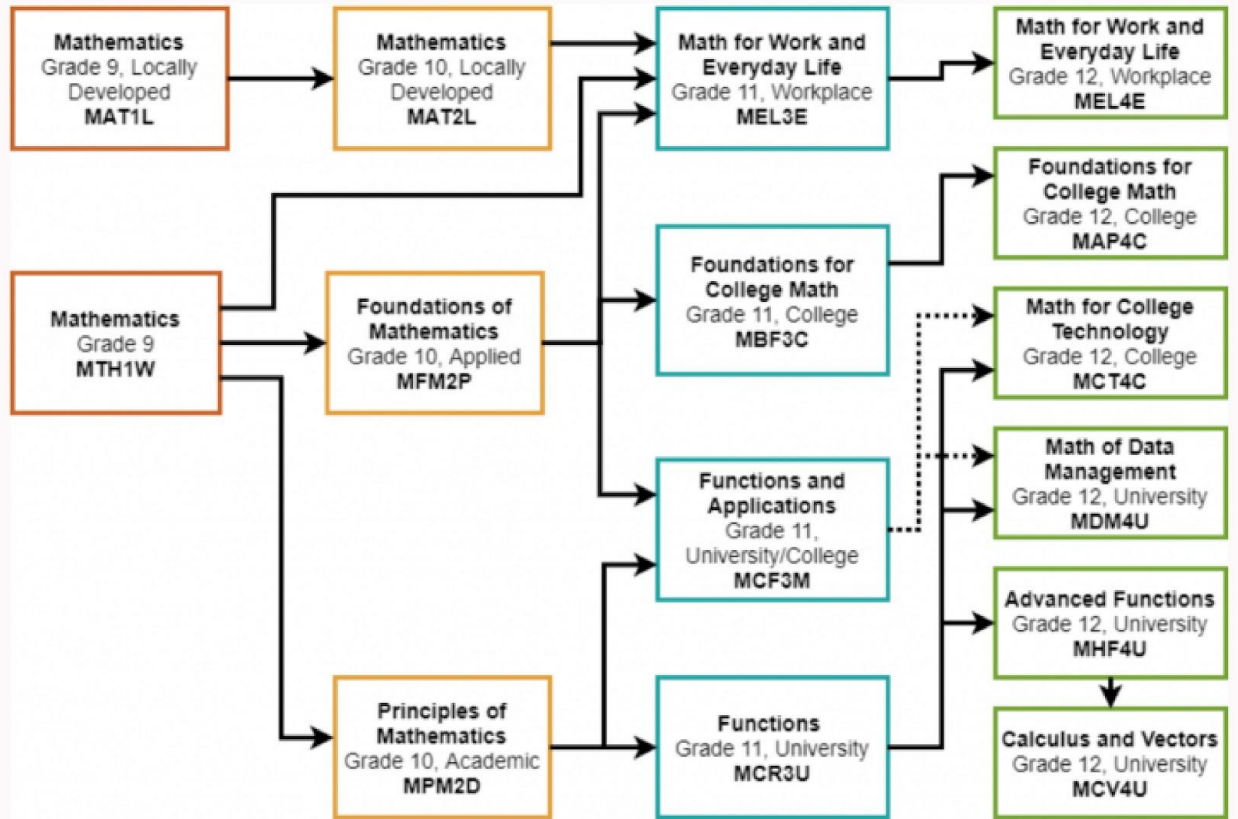
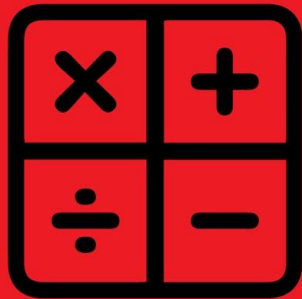
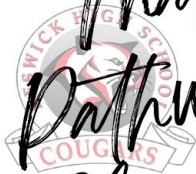


# Prerequisite Planning

- Many Grade 11 & 12 courses have prerequisites
- Prerequisites are identified for each course in the KHS calendar and in My Pathway Planner
- Planning backwards (with the end in mind) is essential
- Colleges, universities, the Ontario apprenticeship board, trade unions and other post-secondary institutions also have eligibility requirements for their programs



# Math Pathways Planning





# Course Selection Tips



## Diploma

### PREPARING FOR THE DIPLOMA PATHWAY AT COLLEGE

- The most commonly required courses for admission to college diploma programs are Grade 12 English (ENG4C), Grade 12 Math (M4S4E) and Grade 11 or 12 Science (SBD2, S4C4C)
- Most college diploma programs require college (C) preparation courses to meet specific course admission requirements
- Clarify check Math requirements Some college programs require Grade 12 Mathematics for College Technology (MCT4C) for which the prerequisites is MCF3M (not MSP3C). Speak with a guidance counsellor if this is the case.
- Many students take the college diploma pathway as a stepping stone for transfer to the university or college degree pathway [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
- College admission requirements can vary a great deal from college to college even when the program titles are the same
- Repeat your research for every college program you are considering to be certain you will meet their specific admission requirements [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

#### STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

- Students with exceptional learning needs, learning disabilities and/or Individual Education Plans (IEP) can find support information for both colleges and universities at [www.transitionresourceguide.ca](http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca)

#### COURSE SELECTION TIPS

- Students entering Grade 11 must select 8 courses
- Students entering Grade 12 should sign up for a full timetable (8 courses)
- If your college program (e.g. social work) requires documented experience, take co-operative education courses and/or volunteer if possible
- If you are planning on applying to college or your destination is a college diploma, take college program prerequisite courses at the college (C) level whenever possible (e.g. ENG4U) rather than ENG4U, unless your college program factors in a grade differential weighting when making admission decisions (note: the majority of colleges do not do this).
- Take courses for which you have the prerequisite credit as well as the academic preparation



Dual Credit Courses allow Grade 12 students (while they are still in secondary school), to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a post-secondary college program.

Students may earn credits toward the OSSD through courses delivered by publicly funded colleges in Ontario that are participating in the ministry approved dual credit program. As well, SHSM and OYAP students may receive some industry-specific certification in Dual Credit courses. Students can earn up to four optional credits through college delivered dual credit courses.

Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor to learn more or visit: [www2.yrdsb.ca](http://www2.yrdsb.ca) > Schools & Programs > Secondary School > School Programs & Opportunities > College Delivered Dual Credit Courses

## Degree

### PREPARING FOR THE DEGREE PATHWAY AT UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

- University admission usually requires a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses (the number of accepted M courses depends on the university program)
- Check specific program requirements for each university
- Science program requirements vary greatly depending on the university
- If you wish to apply to a Bachelor's Degree program at college, you must meet university admission requirements
- If you wish to apply to a joint College/University program (e.g. nursing) you must meet university admission requirements
- When researching university programs consider the following: admission averages cut-off marks and program enrolment numbers, additional admission offers
- Universities often consider Grade 11 U and M courses for conditional offers of admission
- [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) "My Pathway Planner"

#### COURSE SELECTION TIPS

- Students entering Grade 11 must select 8 courses
- Students entering Grade 12 are recommended to sign up for 8 courses and at least 7 Grade 12 U or M courses
- 12 U English (ENG4U) is a requirement for most University Degree and College Degree programs
- Select Social Science courses in addition to Math and Science in case you change your program choice
- Take courses for which you have not only prerequisites, but also the academic preparation
- Consider attending spring open houses at the universities and colleges which are often held over March Break



Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM Programs at KHS:  
Business,  
Transportation/Technology

#### What is it?

SHSM is a two-year program designed to help students develop specialized skills in various careers. It is career-focused learning which allows students to explore, identify and refine their career pathways while working toward their OSSD. Students complete a package of sector specific certifications, sector-partnered experiences and course requirements include a two-credit co-op.

#### For Whom?

Grade 11 & 12 students, in any pathway, who are interested in exploring a field of study related to occupations in the Business, or Technology sectors.

#### Why should students consider it?

This additional qualification is recognized by Colleges and Universities across the province. It enhances the student's understanding of the field of study they are interested in pursuing. Students can earn an SHSM certificate upon graduation.

#### Sector related occupation examples include:

- ##### Business
- Accounting
  - Banking
  - Economist
  - Conference and Events Planning
  - Marketing
  - Retail
  - Human Resources

- ##### Transportation/Technology
- Pilot/Flight Engineer
  - Machine Operator/Inspectors
  - Aerospace Engineer
  - Urban and Land Use Planner
  - Small Engine/Equipment Repair
  - Motor Vehicle Body Repair
  - Construction Millwright
  - Automotive Service Technician
  - Heavy Equipment Operator
  - Industrial Engineering



# Course Selection Tips



## Apprenticeship

## APPRENTICESHIP & WORKPLACE



Apprenticeship is a proven hands-on training program for people who enjoy "learning by doing" and who want to work in a skilled trade. About 90% of apprentice training is provided in the workplace by employers. The remainder involves theoretical classroom instruction, which is usually given at a local community college, or provided through another approved training organization. Apprentices receive training while they earn a wage. The length of time that is required to complete an apprenticeship varies from trade to trade.

**Accelerated OYAP**  
Students can earn high school credits, register as an apprentice, complete part or all of the "Level One" apprenticeship schooling in a specific trade, and earn hours toward their apprenticeship training. YRDSB currently offers Level 1 Apprenticeship programs for: Auto Service Technician, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanics, Cook, Electrician, Plumber, Child Development, Baker, General Carpenter and Drywall.

Upon graduation, individuals are to find an employer willing to sign them on as an apprentice. Having prior experience through a co-op placement or summer employment, could assist in securing an apprenticeship.

For further information:  
**"My Pathway Planner"**  
[www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)

Schools & Programs >  
Secondary School Programs & Opportunities >  
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

[www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario](http://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario)



YRDSB school-to-work transition offerings are specialized programs that prepare students for employment or self-employment. These programs include both in-school and work-based experiences, including job shadowing/ job twinning, work experience, co-operative education, and in-depth skills training, and require the involvement of employers in their development and delivery. These programs may provide advanced standing or additional certification for students in apprenticeship and skills certification programs.

The following resources provide information and support for students preparing for the workplace:

**"My Pathway Planner"**  
[www.esdc.gc.ca](http://www.esdc.gc.ca)  
[www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario](http://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario)  
[www.jobskills.org](http://www.jobskills.org)  
[www.gttl.ca](http://www.gttl.ca)



For all four of the pathways discussed in this guide, consider the co-op program to help get you there. Actual experience in a program can help you gain insight into why you are heading straight to work. Consider the many reasons for participating in a co-op program:

- Gives students a competitive edge
- Confirms career choices
- Builds a network of career related references
- Helps develop career focused essential skills
- Could lead to a part-time or full-time job

For further information on all four pathways opportunities gained through co-op, please speak with Mr. Rob Heath, RNS Head of Community Based Education (Co-operative Education).

### COURSE SELECTION TIPS

- Strong math skills are required for some of the skilled trades (e.g. electrical, automotive service technician). Check carefully, you may require MCTC. Please see your guidance counsellor if this is the case.
- If there is a skilled trade you are interested in, you should investigate co-op opportunities (e.g. construction sector may require you to consider a 4 credit co-op in Grade 11, in order to participate in the accelerated OYAP program in second semester Grade 12).

## Workplace



- The YRDSB Policy that encourages students to meet their OSSD graduation requirements 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
- Speak to your guidance counsellor if you are unable to complete your secondary school education plan in four years, as some expectations may apply



# Community Involvement Hours

- Make a commitment to get your 40 hours completed as soon as possible
- See the bulletin board inside the Guidance Office to learn about current volunteer opportunities



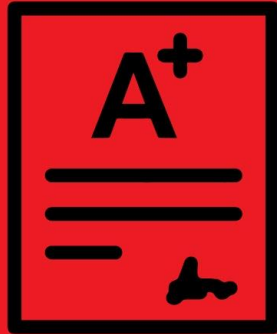
**NeighbourhoodNetwork**  
Building Better Communities Together

- Register online with the Neighbourhood Network to be notified about local volunteer opportunities:  
**[neighbourhoodnetwork.org](http://neighbourhoodnetwork.org)**





# Full Disclosure



- The Ontario Student Transcript provides a record of a student's overall achievement in high school
- Only successfully completed Grades 9 & 10 courses appear on your transcript
- **ALL** Grade 11 and 12 course attempts will appear on your transcript



Future  
Program  
Planning



# Scholarship Planning



- Visit [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- Visit [studentawards.com](http://studentawards.com)
- Visit [scholartree.ca](http://scholartree.ca)
- Visit [grantme.ca/platform/scholarships](http://grantme.ca/platform/scholarships)
- Visit [seekingscholarships.com](http://seekingscholarships.com)



- Registration occurs in April/May
- Students registering for summer school will require guidance counsellor consultation and approval
- Student will register through My Pathway Planner

