



2025/2026

Keswick High School

COURSE SELECTION PRESENTATION FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS

COURSE SELECTION



Course Selection Information

- Pathway planning & course selection resources are available!

2025/2026

PATHWAYS PLANNING AT
Keswick High School

KESWICK HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION

Entered Fall 2023 or before

12
12 Credit Units

18
18 Credit Units

2*
2 Credit Units

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

Financial Literacy Requirement - Starting in September 2025, students who entered High School in the fall of 2024 must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of this compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics course.

Entered Fall 2024 or after

13
13 Credit Units

17
17 Credit Units

2*
2 Credit Units

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

APPLIED

Applied courses focus on the essential concepts of the discipline. Applied courses develop students' knowledge and skills by emphasizing practical, concrete applications of essential concepts of the course and incorporating theoretical applications as appropriate. Applied courses are most often found in the sciences, health, and business fields. Students with the majority of work completed in these fields may be eligible for direct entry into post-secondary programs.

DE-STREAMED

De-streaming means that schools will no longer be offering courses in the applied stream. The intended concept and focus of these students from multiple pathways research shows that de-streaming results in better outcomes for students and post-secondary providers. Research shows that de-streaming results in better outcomes for students and post-secondary providers. Research shows that de-streaming results in better outcomes for students and post-secondary providers.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED

Locally developed courses have been developed to meet the needs of students whose skills fall below grade level. It is a graded approach to learning using practical and relevant content. Locally developed courses are designed to meet the needs of students whose skills fall below grade level. It is a graded approach to learning using practical and relevant content. Locally developed courses are designed to meet the needs of students whose skills fall below grade level.

ACADEMIC

Academic courses focus on the theoretical concepts of the discipline and also require related concepts, students develop conceptual knowledge and skills by emphasizing theoretical, abstract applications of the essential concepts of the course and incorporating practical applications as appropriate. Academic courses are most often found in the sciences, health, and business fields. Students with the majority of work completed in these fields may be eligible for direct entry into post-secondary programs.

TIPS FOR ONLINE COURSE SELECTION IN 'MY PATHWAY PLANNER'

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STEP 2: Add courses for next year in the high school planner. Click on the 'Add a course' button. In the course selection and details screen, explore the available courses. The 'Finalization Indicator' will help you keep track of your progress. Click 'View progress' for a list of specific graduation requirements.

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

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2025-2026

COURSE SELECTION

K25
Years

COURSE SELECTIONS DUE ONLINE: Friday, February 21st @ 4:00pm

Course Selection Timelines

Guidance Presentations - Guidance to visit Grade 9, 10, 11 classes to provide presentations and information sessions.

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

FINAL DAY TO SUBMIT COURSE SELECTIONS - Please submit through My Pathway Planner by 4pm on February 21st.

JAN. 8 - JAN. 10

JAN. 13 - JAN. 17

JAN. 10 - FEB. 13

FEB. 13 - FEB. 21

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

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Course Selection Information



- COPIES AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: 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 top navigation bar includes links for Keswick H.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments & Programs, Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. The 'Guidance' link is circled in red. A large red arrow points from this circle to the '2022-2023 School Year Calendars' section, which displays the September 2022, February 2023, and March 2023 calendars. The website also features a 'Contact Information' section with the school's address, phone, fax, email, and bell times. There are also links for the Principal's Message, Trustee Message, School News, and teachassist.





Important Dates



February

13



February

21

Window for online submission of course selection

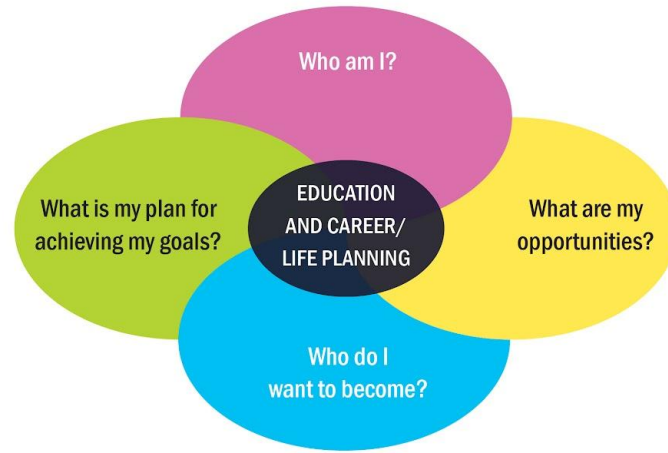
*Students submit online course selections through **My Pathway Planner** during this time*

February

21

Online course submission **MUST** be completed by 4pm on February 21st

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

my
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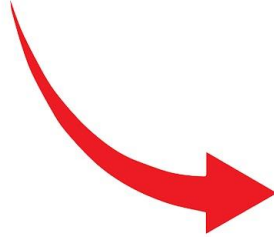
The screenshot shows the Keswick High School website. At the top, there is a header with the school's name and logo, and a navigation bar with links like 'Keswick H.S.', 'School Information', 'News & Events', etc. A red banner across the middle says 'Visit www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs'. On the left, a calendar for Monday, December 19, lists events like 'Grad Photo Sitzings' and 'SPIRIT WEEK'. Below the calendar is a tweet from @YRDSB_KeswickHS about Hanukkah. On the right, there is a 'Contact Information' section and a 'Principal's Message' section. A red arrow points from the 'My Pathway Planner' text to a 'my PATHWAY planner' logo in the bottom right corner, which is circled in red. The logo includes the text 'Grades 7 - 12 Individual Pathways Plan and Course Selection'.



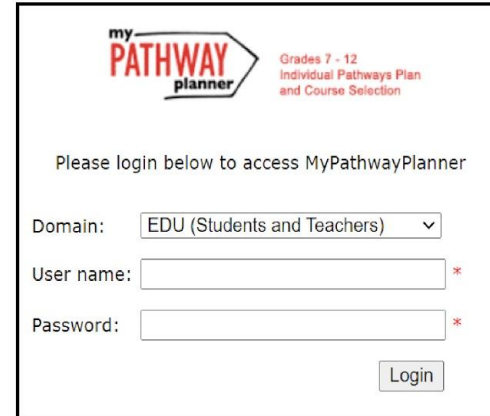

*Completing
Course Selection*



*Use your YRDSB student
number and password
to log in*



*Log in to access
My Pathway
Planner*

The login form for 'my PATHWAY planner'. At the top left is the logo 'my PATHWAY planner' with 'my' in small black font, 'PATHWAY' in large red font, and 'planner' in small black font. To the right of the logo is the text 'Grades 7 - 12 Individual Pathways Plan and Course Selection'. Below the logo and text is the instruction 'Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner'. The form contains three input fields: 'Domain:' with a dropdown menu showing 'EDU (Students and Teachers)', 'User name:', and 'Password:'. Each field has a red asterisk to its right. At the bottom right of the form is a 'Login' button.

Completing
Course Selection

my
PATHWAY
planner

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Home

High School

Work

Money

Guides

Favourites

Notifications

0

0

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

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

High School Progress

Official High School Plan

30 credits until graduation

PORTFOLIOS

Express your story



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Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
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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

Learn More

Pathway Eligibility

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College
 Community Living
 University
 Workplace





English

Grade 9 • ENG1D1 •

English (Gifted)

Grade 9 • ENG1DG •

English

Grade 9 • ENG1L1 •

English

Grade 9 • ENG1P •

English

Grade 10 • ENG2D1 •

English (Gifted)

Grade 10 • ENG2DG •

English

Grade 10 • ENG2L1 •

English

Grade 10 • ENG2P1 •

English

Grade 11 • ENG3C1 •

English

Grade 11 • ENG3E1 •

English

Grade 11 • ENG3U1 •

English

Grade 12 • ENG4C1 • 1 Credit

English

English

Grade 10 ENG2D1 1 Credit

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

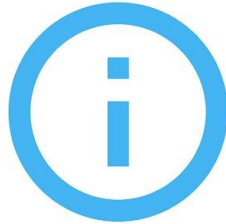
Review Grade 10 course descriptions under the various subject disciplines

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

 *Completing
Course Selection*

my
PATHWAY
planner

✖ 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	
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

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

Pathway Eligibility

Last Updated

Dec 19, 2022, 10:56 a.m.

Refresh Eligibility



Graduation Progress

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

Graduation Progress

16 Planned	0 Earned	30 Required
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Compulsory

0/18 Credits

	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



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

!

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

1

Review Course Selections

✓

ENG2D1
English

✓

MPM2D1
Principles of Mathematics

✗

ENG3D1
Prerequisite Missing

2

Add Comments

Add comments you would like to include

Click here to submit your course selection

Submit Course Selections

Review and submit your courses by February 21st

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.

Back to High School



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

Send Approval Email

Print or send a



Diploma Requirements

FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENT

Starting in September 2025, students must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of their compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics course.

TECH AND STEM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will also need to earn 1 credit from a STEM-related course group:

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory)
- Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory)
- Tech Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory)

ONLINE LEARNING REQUIREMENT

Online Learning Gradation 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.



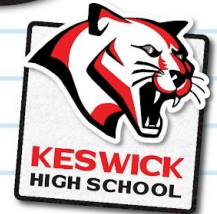
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Healthy Active Living Edu... PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Civics/Career Studies	+ Course	+ Course
Building the Entrepreneur... BEM1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
Dance ATC1O1 • 1 Credit	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Repertoire	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

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

Search

Filters

1 Results Found

Online Learning

Online Learning

Grade 10-12 • OL



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 gaining 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".

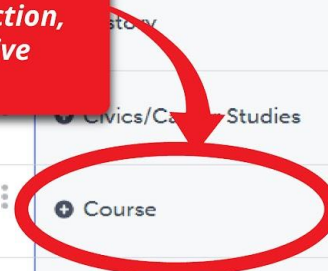
Click here to add the "Opt-out" as part of your course selection!





Grade 9 Current Year	Grade 10 Next Year	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
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Mathematics MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	+ English
Science SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Course
Physical Education	+ Science	+ Course	+ Course
History	+ History	+ Course	+ Course
PPL1O1 • 1 Credit	+ 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.





Completing
Course Selection

my
PATHWAY
planner

> 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



Select a course from the dropdown menu.

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

Online Learning Courses

Online Learning Courses

Displaying 734 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

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Course Status

Planned In-Progress Completed

Add Course



Diploma Requirements

Compulsory Credits

4  ENGLISH

3  MATH

2  SCIENCE

1  GEOGRAPHY

1  FRENCH

1  TECHNOLOGICAL
EDUCATION

1  PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1  HISTORY

1   CIVICS & CAREERS

1  ART

1 **STEM GROUP -**
Business, Computer Studies,
Cooperative Education,
additional Math, additional Science,
additional Tech

17 + **13** = **30**
COMPULSORY OPTIONAL OSSD

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

Make a commitment to get your 40 hours completed as soon as possible but starting no earlier than July 1st, 2025.

Register online with Neighbourhood Network to be notified about local volunteer opportunities OR visit the Guidance office to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



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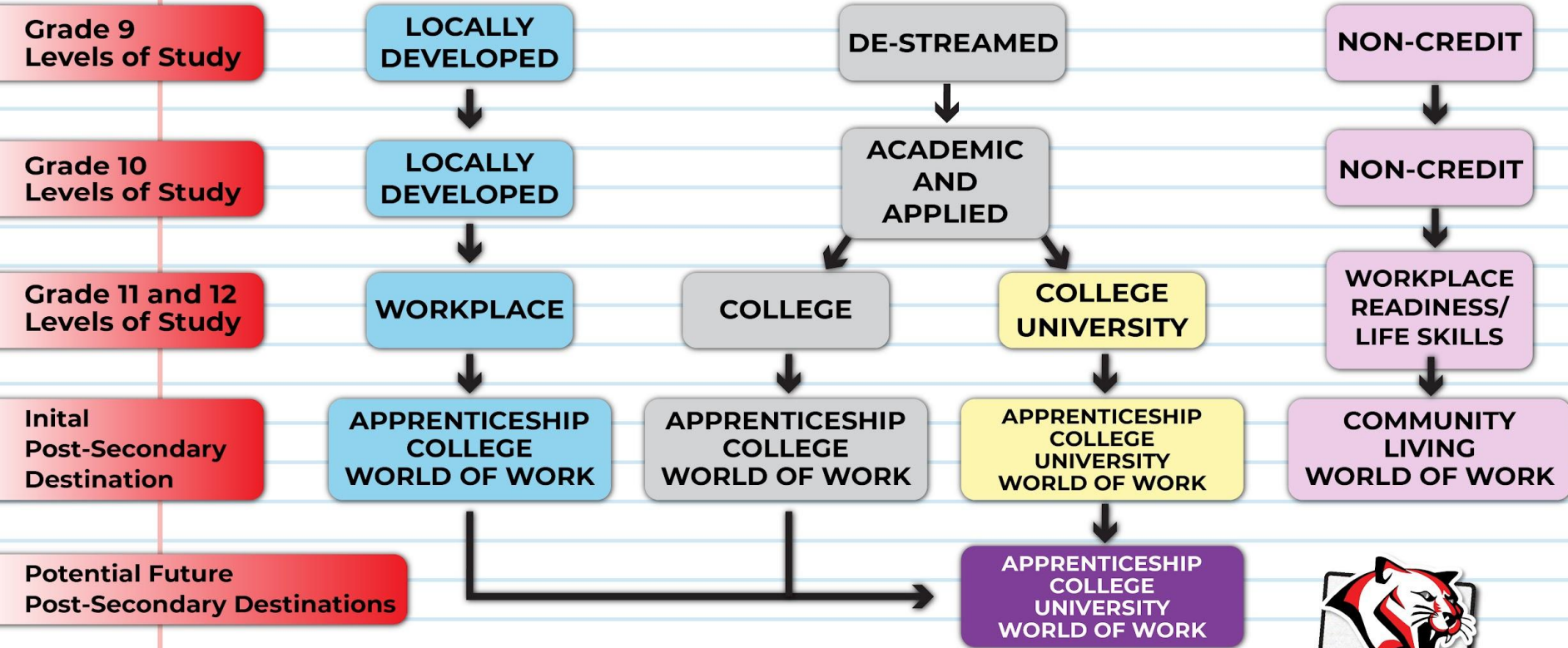


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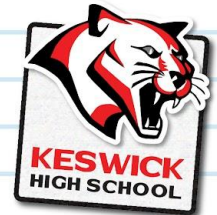
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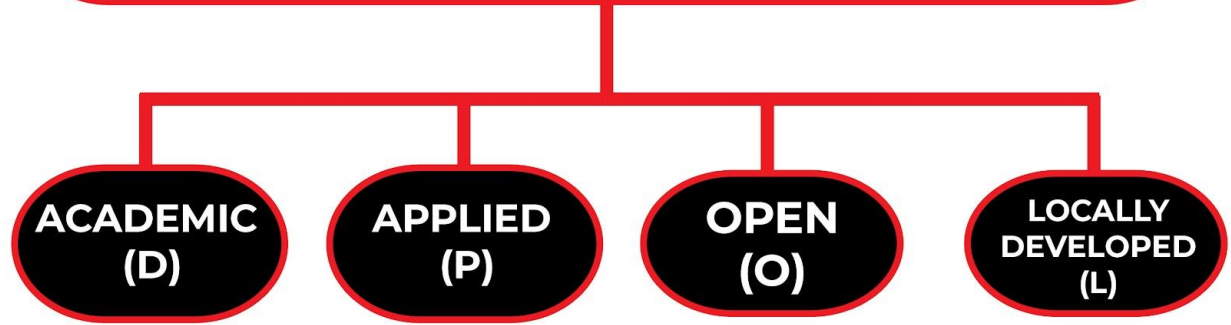


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COURSE PATHWAY OPTIONS FOR GRADE 10



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



- **ADA201 - Drama - Open - *NEW 2025/26**

This course provides opportunities for students to explore dramatic forms, conventions, and techniques. Students will explore a variety of dramatic sources from various cultures and representing a range of genres. Students will use the elements of drama in creating and communicating through dramatic works. Students will assume responsibility for decisions made in the creative and collaborative processes and will reflect on their experiences.

Prerequisite: None



- 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

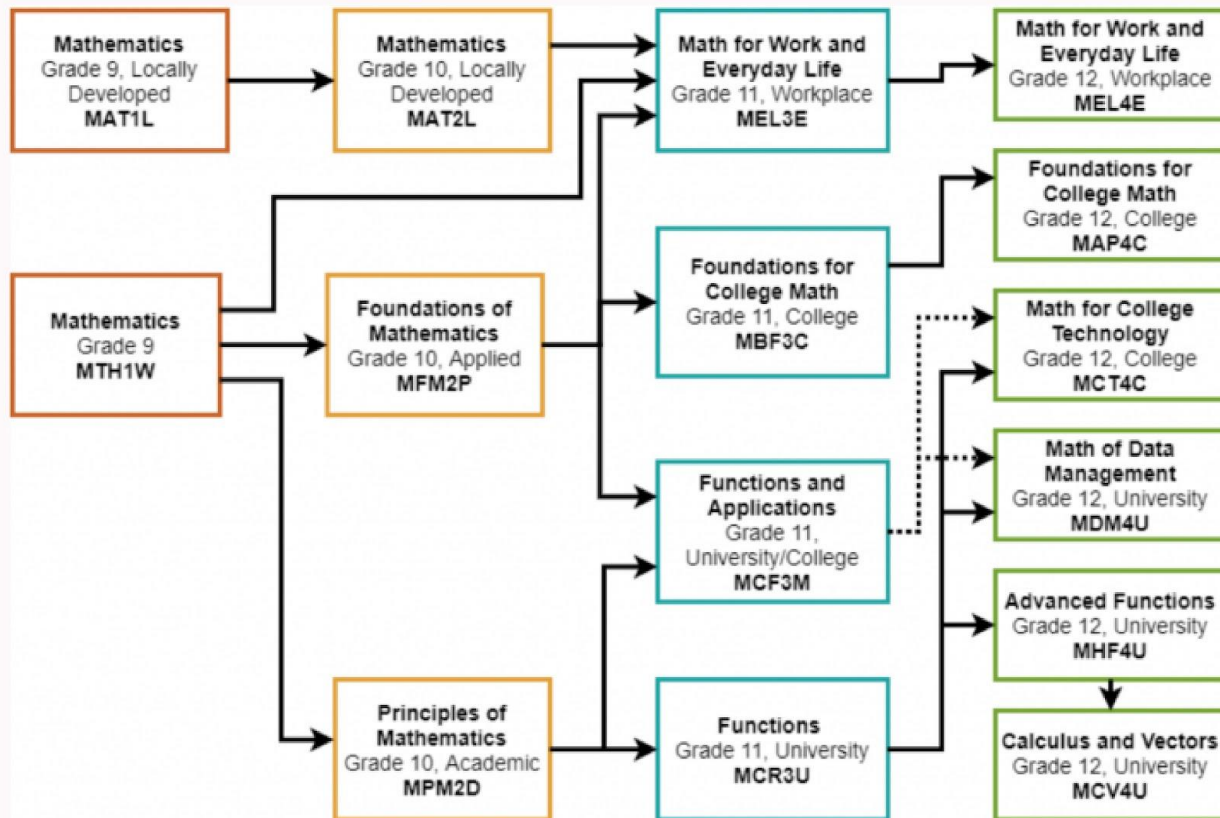
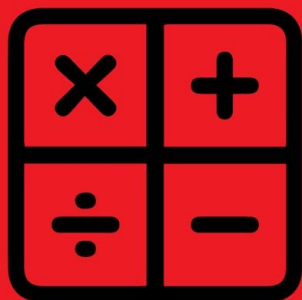


Prerequisite Planning



- 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 (MA4C), and Grade 11 or 12 Sciences (SBD1, SCH4C).
- Most college/diploma programs require college (C) preparation courses to meet specific course admission requirements.
- Carefully check Math requirements! Some college programs require prerequisite Grade 12 Mathematics for College Technology (MCT4C) for which the prerequisite is MCF3M (not MIP3C). Speak with a guidance counselor 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.ontransfer.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 credit admission requirements. 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

☒ 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. ENG4C 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 counselor to learn more or visit: 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 enrollment numbers, additional admission criteria
- Universities often consider Grade 11 U and M courses for conditional offers of admission
- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca 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



www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/guidance

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 apprenticeship 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

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

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

www.jobskills.org

www.gtti.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 real workplace is a great way to gain insight into 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, KHS 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 MCT/C. 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).

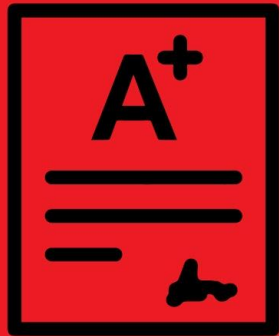
Workplace





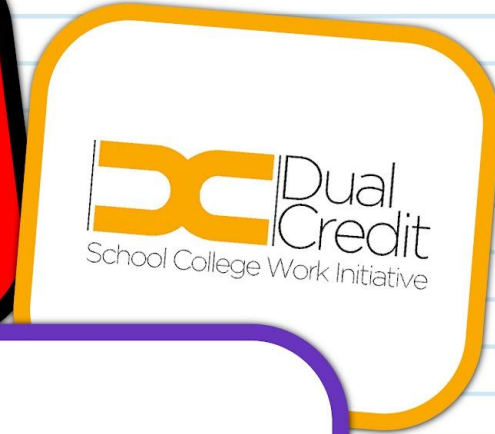
- The YRDSB Policy that encourages students to meet their OSSD graduation requirements within four years
- If needed, you may earn up to 34 credits within five years
- While enrolled in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits
- Speak to your guidance counsellor if you are unable to complete your secondary school education plan in four years, as some expectations may apply





- 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

Experience Programs



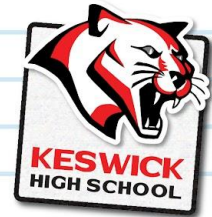
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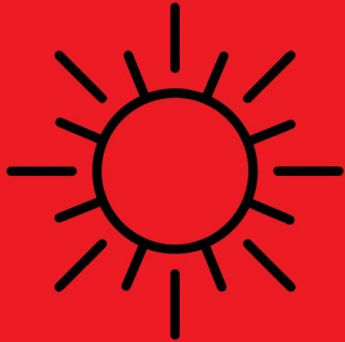
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Scholarship Planning



- Visit www.scholarshipscanada.com
- Visit studentawards.com
- Visit scholartree.ca
- Visit grantme.ca/platform/scholarships
- Visit 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

