

What Course Type do I Choose?

How do I choose between Academic, Applied & Locally developed Courses?

You will be asked to select a type of study (Academic, Applied, Locally Developed) for your grade 9 compulsory courses (English, French, Geography, Math and Science). Read the information below to decide which is best for you. We encourage you to discuss your choices with your Grade 8 teachers and with your parents and/or guardians.

- ❖ Think about your interests, achievements, and post secondary goals!
- ❖ Think about the learning style that best suits the way that you learn.
- ❖ Remember pathways are flexible, there are many ways to reach the same goal!
- ❖ Think about where you will be most successful.
- ❖ Remember that not all your courses have to be the same type!

Academic Courses "D"

- Emphasis will be on theory and abstract thinking as a basis for future learning
- Focus on learning the essential concepts of a subject and explore related materials.
- Incorporate practical applications as appropriate
- Good for an independent learner with good learning skills
- Pacing is fairly fast (new concepts can be presented daily)
- Daily homework completion

Applied Courses "P"

- More opportunities to experience hands-on applications of the concepts
- Focus on the essential concepts of a subject
- Develop students' knowledge and skills through practical applications
- Student should be starting to be independent learner
- Pacing is moderate (new concepts are presented every few days)
- Workload is moderate with some homework required

Essential Courses "L"

- Emphasis will be on helping student to improve their skill
- Focus on learning the most essential concepts of a subject
- You will receive additional resources and teacher support
- Pacing is matched to the individual learner
- Work completion is supported with classroom assistance
- Prepare students for success in the Grade 11/12 workplace preparation course

Open Courses "O"

- Focus on learning concepts and skills designed to prepare students for further study in a subject area
- These courses are designed for all students based on interest
- Will learn a variety of skills that will help direct students to a destination of their choice