



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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COURSE SELECTION VERIFICATIONS

Course selection verifications for the 2024-25 school year were sent to students' gapps emails on Monday, March 25.

Carefully review your course requests for accuracy. If you notice any errors or require changes be sure to:

- 1) Print the verification form.
- 2) Cross out the course(s) you wish to change.
- 3) Neatly print the new course(s) you wish to add.
- 4) Have your parent/guardian sign and date the verification form.
- 5) Submit your signed form to the Guidance office **no later than TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd.**

Please keep in mind that this is the **last** chance to make any changes to your requested courses before the timetabling process begins. We will make every effort to provide students with a school timetable that matches their original requests. Alternate courses, however, may need to be used in order to resolve scheduling conflicts.

VOLUNTEER FAIR!

The Markham YMCA will be hosting a volunteer fair for students on their lunch break on **Wednesday, April 3**. If you are need in hours this would be a fantastic opportunity to see what's available. The YMCA are looking for volunteers in their Child, Youth and Family programs and other Health and Fitness programs during the week and weekends.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INTERVIEWS

Parent/Guardian Interviews will be held on **Thursday, April 4** from **6:00pm — 8:00pm**. If you would like to book an appointment with your alpha counsellor, please contact them directly.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

The Guidance office has been getting numerous requests for copies of report cards and proof of enrollment documents.

Please note that it is the student's responsibility to download/print all report cards when they received access to the link.

If you require proof of enrollment documents, or similar, please provide the Guidance office with a copy of the request from the organization (ie. Canada Revenue Agency). The Guidance office requires a minimum of 2—3 days to prepare documents once the request has been made.

Please check our guidance website for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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Summer School

Summer school registration is scheduled to open on April 9th in myBlueprint.

Acceleration Courses (18 days)

- For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.
- Students are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.
- Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are based on enrollment and teacher availability.
- Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session.
- Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

Online Learning

- Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format.
- Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other.
- Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher.
- The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Tuesday, July 2 to Thursday, July 25

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

In-Person Learning

- Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 26

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Maple HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS and Sutton DHS

Note: Summer school in-person learning is NOT being offered at MDHS this year.

**** For additional information, please visit the YRDSB summer school link ****

www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities



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STUDENTS 18+ YEARS OF AGE

AGE OF CONSENT FORM

When a child turns 18, they are legally considered an adult. With this change, ALL communication from the school, regarding your child will cease, AUTOMATICALLY, unless your child has completed, signed, and returned the Age of Consent Form. **This form can be obtained from the Attendance Office.** Failure to do so will mean that you will not receive ANY information from the school anymore including, but not limited to: information about your child's attendance and achievement, information about school closures, changes to the timetable or schedule, any information about Graduation (including the date and web address). **It is imperative that if your child has turned 18 or will turn 18 before the end of this school year, they need to complete the Age of Consent Form.** Teachers, Administration, and the school as a whole are unable to share any information with you if this has not been completed. The completed form is to be returned to the Main Office.

INTERSESSION DUAL CREDITS

Registration for the SPRING intercession dual credit courses are now Open! These courses:

- Run TWO days a week, typically last week of April to middle of June
- Are great for students requiring 1 credit to graduate
- Are great for students who may be failing a course and this can give them a chance for a fresh start

The links and QR codes are the same:

FLYER: www.yrdsb.cc/dualcreditflyer



APPLICATION: www.yrdsb.cc/dualcreditapp





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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

APPLY TO SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

What is SHSM?

A Specialist High Skills Major lets students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).



Why consider SHSM?

- ◆ Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- ◆ Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- ◆ Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- ◆ Explore and refine career goals
- ◆ Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- ◆ Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers
- ◆ Participation in the training and field trips is **free**.

Specialist High Skills Major: 5 Required Components

