Course Selection for Students Entering Grade 12

Course Selection Process and Timelines

Course selection material is now available on the <u>SDSS Guidance Website</u>

2024/25 Course Selection runs from Thurs. Feb. 15, 2024 to Fri. Feb. 23, 2024

Online Course Selection due by 4:00 pm on Friday, February 23, 2024

Please know that:
- your course selection determines which classes run next year
- you will need to **submit your course selection AND parent/guardian approval email on time** to receive equal consideration for the courses you have selected

Alternates matter! Please choose wisely!

IMPORTANT Course Selection Information!!

- Make informed and careful decisions when selecting your courses now
- An opportunity to make changes to your selections will occur after March break

Timetable change requests in September 2024 will be restricted to students who:

- attended summer school
- have an incomplete timetable
- are making post-secondary or career pathway changes
- are missing a prerequisite course for their post-secondary or career pathway

SDSS Course Selection Department Fair

Get information to make good choices !!

Thursday, February 15th during lunch

- Get support for your course selection decision making process
- Meet with various departments to get information about courses and/or programs offered
- Each department will be available in a specific classroom to answer all of your questions

SDSS Course Selection Department Fair

Department	Room	Department	Room
Alternative Education	**Port 5**	Health & Physical Education	**Gym**
Art	**1057 & 2000**	History	**2021**
Business	**2034**	Math	**2040**
Co-operative Education	**1068**	Moderns	**2024**
English		Science	**2063**
Family Studies	**1022 & 1023**	Student Services	**2014**
Geography	**2026**	Technology	
Guidance	**1003**		

Graduation Requirements

30 Compulsory & Elective School Credits

Be sure to check the "Graduation Indicator" on <u>My Pathway Planner</u> to ensure your course selection includes:

- all compulsory courses that you have not yet achieved (especially your Group 1, 2, and 3 required credits)

- the courses that support (or are required for) your post-secondary program

34 Credit Threshold

- Students may earn a maximum of 34 secondary school credits within 5 years of high school

  - Students may achieve more than 34 credits in their first 4 years of high school

  - Students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) are exempt from the threshold

  - English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are not included in calculating the credits

- Once a student reaches the 34 credit threshold, they may earn credits through online learning, night school, summer school, adult day school, etc.
- Repeated courses count **twice** towards the threshold
- More information on the 34 credit threshold can be found here.

Community Involvement

- 40 community hours are needed to graduate

- Best to finish before the end of Grade 10

- Prior to doing an activity, ensure that it is **eligible** (see back of activity sheet) and get it pre-approved through Guidance

- Opportunities are advertised in the Guidance office, on Instagram (@sdss_guidance), on the [SDSS Guidance Website](#) and the [SDSS Guidance Google Classroom](#)

Literacy Requirement

- An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) graduation requirement

- An after school literacy course is available to help you prepare for the test

- If you have written the test at least once prior to grade 12 but have not been successful, we recommend that you complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC4O1) to meet this graduation requirement

- Speak to a guidance counsellor as soon as possible to discuss your options!

Online Learning Graduation Requirement

- Students must earn **two asynchronous Online Learning credits** to graduate

- This should not pose a barrier to graduation since you may choose to **opt out** of this graduation requirement

- The **opt out process is incorporated into the student course selection process.** Students may also contact the main office to opt out of this requirement during other times in the school year

- Students can choose to opt back into the online learning graduation requirement should their decision change

Grade 12
Course Offerings @ SDSS

Grade 12 Compulsory Courses*

	College	University	Workplace
English	ENG4C1	ENG4U1	ENG4E1

In order to fulfill the requirements of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), students must achieve one Grade 12 credit in English

* *When selecting your Grade 12 elective courses, ensure you fulfill Groups 1, 2 and 3 requirements (see the "Graduation Indicator" on My Pathway Planner)*

Grade 12 Elective Courses*

- Accounting
- Advanced Functions
- Applied Design
- Biology
- Business Leadership
- Calculus
- Canadian & World Issues
- Chemistry (university only)
- Communications Technology
- Computer Science
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Construction Technology
- Data Management
- Drama

- Economics
- Equity & Social Justice
- Exercise Science
- Fashion
- French
- Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- Health Science
- Healthy Active Living (Female/Co-ed)
- History vs. Hollywood
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Development Throughout a Lifespan
- International Business
- Law
- Learning Strategies (students with IEP)

- Music
- Nutrition & Health
- Personal and Fitness Activities (Female/All Gender)
- Philosophy
- Physics (University/College)
- Recreation & Healthy Active Living Leadership
- Repertoire (Band)
- Tech Design
- Transportation Technology
- Visual Arts
- World History
- World Politics
- Writer's Craft

Grade 12 Course Selection

- Students must be enrolled as full-time

  (must take at least 3 courses per semester)

- Select at least 7 courses next year + 2 alternates

- One spare is permitted if you have achieved at least 23 credits

- To choose a spare, leave one of your courses blank

- **Pick alternates wisely as they may be used in creating your timetable !!**

Specialty Programs @ SDSS

Cooperative Education

- Allows students the opportunity to earn credits through experiential learning in a workplace setting

- Options include:
  - Teaching Assistant (COOP1), Half Day (COOP2) or Full Day (COOP4)
  - HPA:High Performance Athlete Program (Sem 1 - HPA11, Sem 2 - HPA21)
  - OYAP/Accelerated OYAP: Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (COOP4)
  - Militia Co-op (COOP4)

- Applications are due with your course selection and can be found under the **"Course Selection Resources"** tab on My Pathway Planner

- The Co-op Department will contact students who select Co-op for interviews in May

- Questions? See Mrs. Hewitt in Room 1068

Cooperative Education

Co-operative Education (Grade 11/12)

1-credit TA Co-op	COOP1	In school TA Co-op	X	any 1	by application
2-credit Co-op	COOP2	Half day (am OR pm)	X	any 2	by application
4-credit Co-op	COOP4	Full day (am AND pm)	X	any 2	by application
HPA Co-op	HPA1/HPA2	High Performance Athlete Program	X	Any	by application

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

- This program combines in-school courses with experiential learning through cooperative education and sector based certifications

- Opportunities for ALL pathways (university, apprenticeship, college)

- Indicate your interest on *My Pathway Planner* under the SHSM Planner tab located on the right hand side under the graduation indicator

- [Applications](#) for SHSM should be completed with your course selections in February

- At SDSS we offer SHSM programs in **Health & Wellness** and **Business**

- For more information, visit the [SHSM Website](#)

Dual Credit

- This program allows students the opportunity to attend college while still in high school

- The government covers the cost of tuition, transportation and books

- Students earn a college credit AND an associated high school credit
  - Interesting courses related to careers in Hospitality, Technology, Business, Law, Design/Art, Skilled Trades, Healthcare, Media, & Social Sciences are available through this program

- Available to students in Grade 11 (Semester 2 only) and Grade 12
- For more information and to access the program application, please visit the Dual Credit Program Student Site

Dual Credit (Grade 11/12)

Dual Credit	YYY4X1	Semester 1 College-delivered Dual Credit course	by application
Dual Credit	YYY4X2	Semester 2 College-delivered Dual Credit course	by application

Post-Secondary Planning

Post-Secondary Planning

**College and University application process begins in the fall!
Guidance will inform you of the process, and will support you on your journey.**

What can you do to prepare?

- Set realistic post-secondary goals that are well-suited to YOU!
- Research admission requirements for apprenticeships, college and/or university programs
- Create a post-secondary education plan that includes several options
- Develop questions for Guidance counsellors and/or college and university reps
- Attend (in person and/or virtual) post-secondary fairs or apprenticeship events
- Visit college and university campuses and/or apprenticeship workplaces & websites

Post-Secondary Planning - Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship Program and Admission Information: www.careersintrades.ca and www.ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades

- Requirements for Apprenticeship programs:
  - Most trades require a high school diploma
  - Some require or prefer strong knowledge of math and science
  - Must acquire employment with a company/journeyperson to begin apprenticeship training
- Notes:
  - OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) allows grade 11 or 12 students to start apprenticing for a skilled trade while they are in high school
  - Pre-apprenticeship programs through high school, colleges, trade schools and the Ontario government allow students to explore skilled trades prior to starting an apprenticeship
  - Employment for apprenticeships can be found through networking (family, friends, etc), trade unions, training institutions, employment offices and/or websites such as Monster.ca, indeed.com and apprenticesearch.com.

Post-Secondary Planning - College

College Program and Admission Information: www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Requirements for College Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma programs:
  - High school diploma
  - Grade 12 College English for most programs
- Requirements for College Degree programs:
  - High school diploma
  - 6 Grade 12 U/M courses are required
- Notes:
  - Admission averages are varied by school and program dependent (check the website)
  - Programs may have prerequisite courses
  - Programs may require supplementary information (i.e. portfolio, interview)
  - Some schools may require an English Proficiency Test for those students who first language is not English

Post-Secondary Planning - University

University Program and Admission Information: www.ontariouniversititesinfo.ca

- Requirements for University Degree programs:
  - High school diploma
  - 6 Grade 12 U/M courses are required
  - Minimum 70% average
- Notes:
  - Many programs will have a much higher admission average
  - Some programs require as many as 5 specific Grade 12 U (University) courses as prerequisites
  - Some universities have a maximum number of "M" level courses that they will accept as part of the top 6 marks
  - Some programs may require supplementary information (i.e. portfolio, interview)
  - Some schools may require an English Proficiency Test for those students who first language is not English

My Pathway Planner

My Pathway Planner

Log in to *My Pathway Planner* using your GAPPS username and password.

My Pathway Planner: Dashboard

- On your Dashboard, select **High School** to access your course planner.

Online Learning Requirement Opt-Out

- Click on **+ Online Learning Opt-Out** button.

- Review the Board's message, scroll down and click **"Add Course"**

- You will notice an "Online Learning Opt-Out" course has been added to your planner

My Pathway Planner: Choosing Courses

- To add courses to your high school plan, click on **"+ Course"** to select from the courses offered at SDSS.

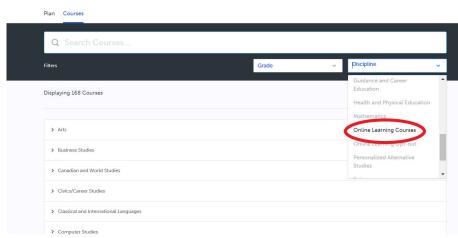- Detailed instructions are also available in the Course Selection Guide.

My Pathway Planner: Choosing Courses

My Pathway Planner: Adding Online Courses

- To add courses to your high school plan, click on **+ course**

- Select **"Online Learning Courses"** as the Discipline

- Choose a course from the drop-down menu

- Scroll down and click **"Add Course"**

My Pathway Planner: Adding Online Courses

- Courses are delivered online using an entirely asynchronous model

- They are NOT teacher-led classes at a specified time each day

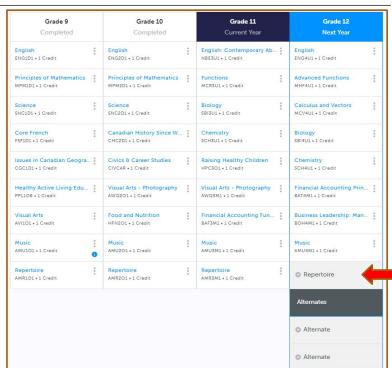- You may take a maximum of 2 online courses across your grade 11 and 12 year

✕   Online Learning Courses

Online Learning Courses

👤 Grade 11-12   🍎 ONLINE   📖 1 Credit   🎓 Alternative

This course is a placeholder for asynchronous Online Learning. When you choose this option, you will be prompted to choose an Online Learning course from a drop-down menu. These courses are delivered entirely online using an asynchronous model; they are not teacher-led classes at a specified time each day. These asynchronous Online Learning courses count towards the Online Learning requirement for students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. Students may add a maximum of two Online Learning courses to their course selections.

This is a placeholder code. You must select a course below

Select... ⌄

My Pathway Planner: Adding Repertoire

- Select all other courses you would like for next year <u>before</u> selecting Repertoire

Repertoire MUST be added as your last credit

My Pathway Planner: Prerequisite Courses

- Many courses have a prerequisite (a prior course needed to enter the course selected). When selecting courses, please ensure you have completed or are completing any prerequisite course(s).

  <u>Example</u>: Grade 12 University Data Management (MDM4U1) requires Grade 11 University Functions (MCR3U1) OR Grade 11 Mixed Mathematics (MCF3M1).

- If you select a course and are missing the necessary prerequisite, a <u>red exclamation mark</u> will appear next to the selected course

- Use *My Pathway Planner* to plan ahead. You may select Grade 12 courses for post-secondary planning purposes, but **only** your Grade 11 course selections will be submitted in February.

My Pathway Planner: Summer School

In February:

- pick a replacement elective course for the course you would like to be taking at summer school
- complete the **"Summer School Intention Form"** (click on **"Course Selection Resources"** box at the top right)

In the spring:

- you will need to officially <u>register for summer school</u>

Detailed instructions related to course replacement based on your summer school intention can be found in the <u>Course Selection Guide</u>.

Reminders

- Grade 12 students must choose a minimum of 7 course + 2 alternates
- Choose your alternates wisely as they may be used to create your timetable
- Course Selection information is available on the [SDSS Guidance Website](#) and the [Guidance Google Classroom](#)
- Visit us at our Pop-Up Shop from **Fri. Feb 16 - Thurs. Feb 22** in the atrium to ask questions regarding course selections
- Book a Guidance appointment through Teach Assist for course selection support beginning **Mon. Feb. 12**
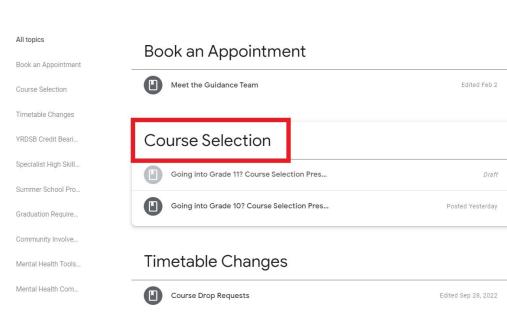
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Course Selection Resources

Staying Informed

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