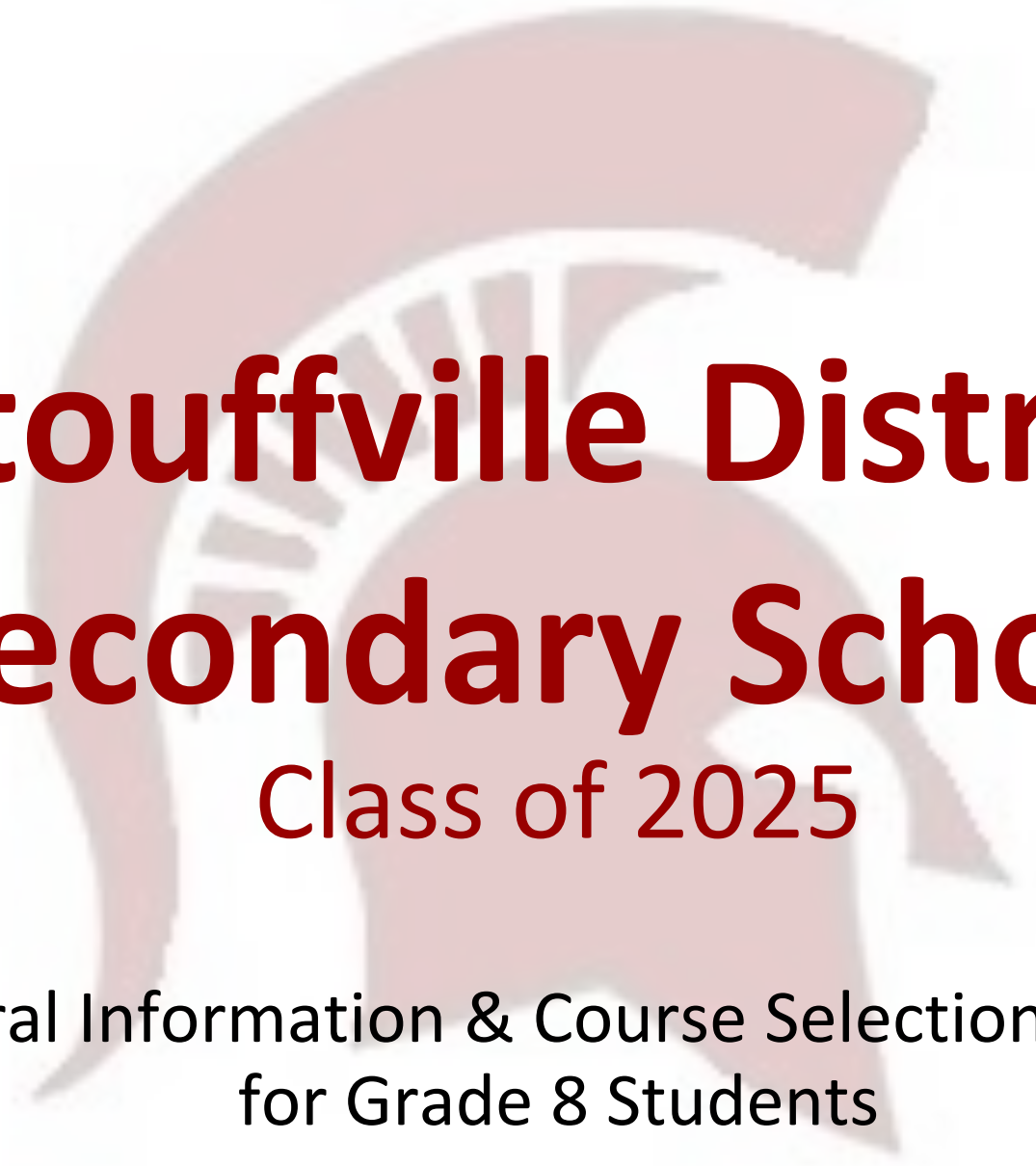




Stouffville District Secondary School

Class of 2025

General Information & Course Selection Process
for Grade 8 Students



Grade 8 Information Night

- Virtual presentation
- Link will go live **Thursday, December 3, 2020**
- Posted to [Stouffville Guidance Website](#) and [YRDSB Grade 8 Information Night page](#)
- Overview of high school programs & requirements
- Virtual tour of the school



Future Spartans

Please join our **Future Spartans** google classroom where we will share important information with you so you are well prepared when you arrive at SDSS in September 2021 (code: kej33ae).

Future Spartans (Class of 2025)

Class code kej33ae 

Meet link [Generate Meet link](#) 

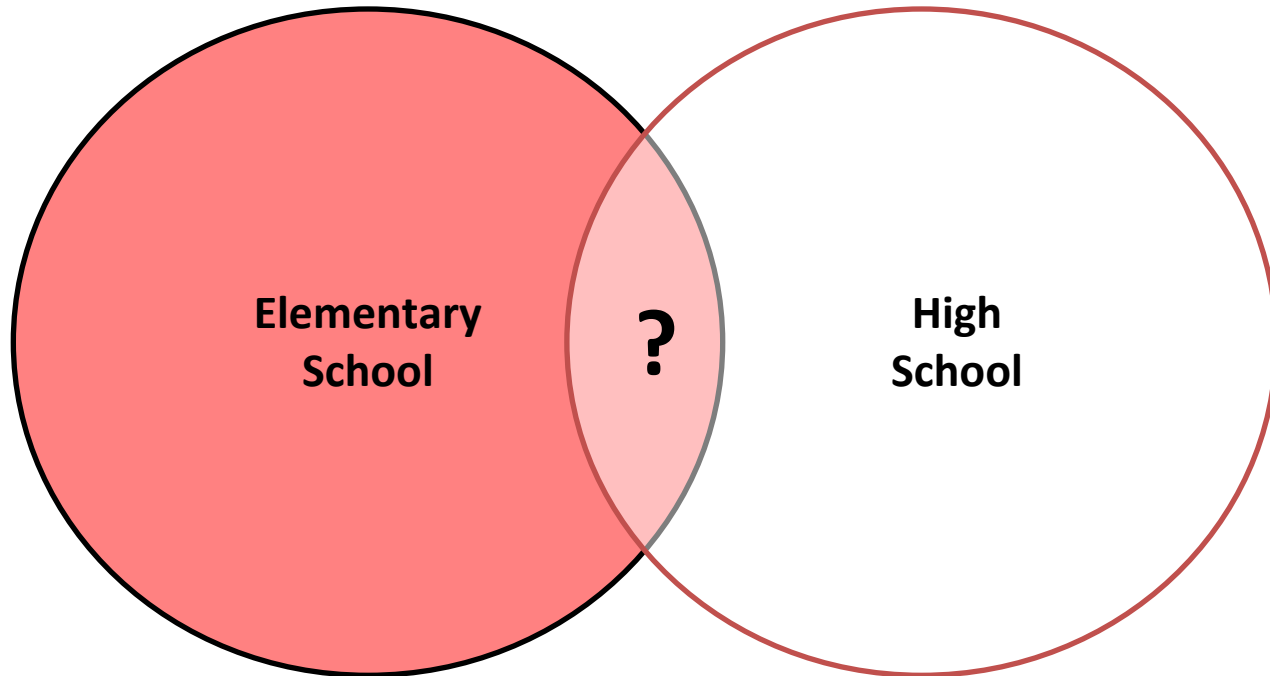


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Brainstorming Question

- What do high school and elementary school have in common?





Brainstorming Question

- How is Stouffville District Secondary School different from your elementary school?

**Elementary
School**

**High
School**



So, what's different?

- No recess
- Larger school (approximately 1200 students)
- Expecting 300+ Grade 9 students next year
- Semester system – 2 semesters per year
- 4 courses (and teachers) per day
- 75 minute classes
- 1.5 hour final exams
- Credit system = 30 credits in 4 years
- Cafeteria and other specialized facilities (hospitality, autoshop, woodshop, etc.)



Exploring SDSS



Welcome to Stouffville District SS

Name:

Grade School:



When is the literacy test written?

How does SDSS prepare students for the Literacy Test?

Types of Courses @SDSS

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VOLUNTEER

How many community services hours do you need to graduate?

Registration due @SDSS

Course Selection due @SDSS



What do you need to graduate?

# credits	Subject Area
	English
	Mathematics
2	
	Canadian History
	Canadian Geography
1	
	Art
	French
0.5	
	Civics
+3	Group Credits
	Other Credits



Total credits required to graduate?

Click [here](#) to access this activity. You will need to Make a Copy for yourself to fill in.



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MINUTES



4K VIDEO

10 MINUTES

RELAXING MUSIC

RELAXING MUSIC



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TIME IS UP!



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**QUIZ
TIME!**



Quiz Time!

The SDSS school mascot is a(n)...

- A. raven
- B. viking
- C. wildcat
- D. spartan





Quiz Time!

Which of the following is NOT one of the course types offered in Grade 9?

- A. Academic
- B. Applied
- C. Closed
- D. Open





Quiz Time!

When choosing your courses, you should consider:

- A. Strengths
- B. Interests
- C. Work habits
- D. All of the above





Types of Courses

Grades 9 & 10

Academic (D)

- A more theoretical/analytical approach
- Utilizes abstract thinking
- More independent learning
- Faster pace
- 2019/2020 maximum class size is 29





Types of Course

Grades 9 & 10

Applied (P)

- A more hands-on approach
- More time to complete homework during class
- Slower paced
- Less theory
- 2019/2020 maximum class size is 22





Types of Courses

Grades 9 & 10

Open (O)

- An opportunity to explore an area of interest for all students
- Suitable for all students
- 2019/2020 maximum class size is 29





Types of Courses

Grades 9 & 10

Locally Developed (L)

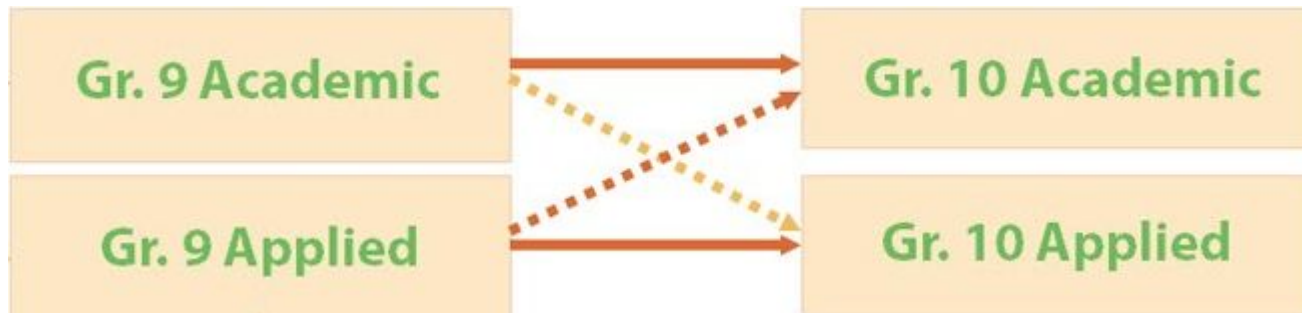
- Courses for students who have not yet attained the prerequisite skills to be successful in Grade 9 Applied
- English, Math, Science
- 2019/2020 maximum class size is 16





Switching Course Types

- Yes, it may be possible.
- Parents/students should consult with a guidance counsellor.





Quiz Time!

To graduate, I need ____ hours of community involvement.

- A. 10
- B. 20
- C. 30
- D. 40





Diploma Requirements (OSSD)

18 Compulsory Credits

+ 12 Optional Credits

30 Total Credits (110 hours each)

+ 1 Literacy requirement

+ 1 40 Hours of Community Involvement





Quiz Time!

To graduate, I must complete _____
English credits.

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 8





Quiz Time!

To graduate, I must complete 3 credits in which subject area?

- A. Mathematics
- B. Arts
- C. Science
- D. Technology Studies





Compulsory Credits

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade, max. 3 ESL credits)
- 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 in Gr. 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in the Arts (music, visual arts, drama)
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 1 credit in Canadian history
- 1 credit in Canadian geography
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 0.5 credit in civics (Grade 10)
- 0.5 credit in career studies (Grade 10)



Compulsory Credits

Plus ... one from the EACH of the following:

Group 1: **ONE** additional credit in English, or French as a Second Language, or a Native, Classical or International Language, or a Social Science and Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance & Career Education, or Co-op Education *

Group 2: **ONE** additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or Business Studies, or the Arts (music, visual arts, drama), or French as a Second Language, or Co-op Education *

Group 3: **ONE** additional credit in Science (grades 11 or 12), or Technological Education (grades 9-12), or Computer Studies or French as a Second Language, or Co-op Education *

- *a maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits;*
- *French as a second language can count as a Group 2 or Group 3, not both*



12 Optional Credits

- Allows students to explore areas of interest
- Various opportunities available







Quiz Time!

You must submit your course selection online through My Pathway Planner by...

- A. Monday, February 3, 2021
- B. Friday, December 20, 2020
- C. Monday, February 24, 2021
- D. Monday, January 6, 2021





Course Selection

In order to meet graduation diploma requirements, it is strongly recommended that students take the following subjects in Grade 9:

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. Geography
5. French
6. Health & Physical Education
7. Elective 1
8. Elective 2



Course Selection

Students can choose 2 elective credits from the following:

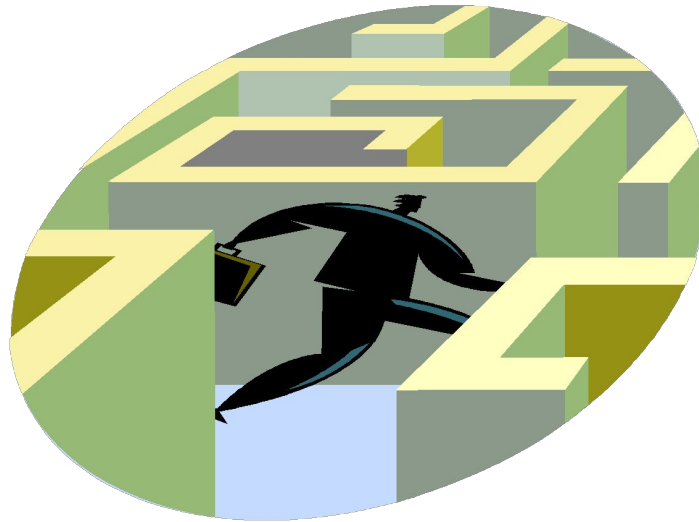
1. Drama
2. Exploring Family Studies
3. Exploring Technology
4. Hairstyling
5. Information & Computer Use in Business
6. Learning Strategies
7. Music
8. Visual Arts

Note: If a student chooses to not take an Arts course (Music, Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts) in Grade 9, it is strongly recommended that they take one in Grade 10



Remember...

- Pathways are flexible
- On your high school journey, your interests, skills and strengths will develop and mature





Supports and Programs





Special Education

Identified students can receive the following classroom support:

- Learning Strategies classes
- Monitoring/in-class resourcing
- Accommodations
- Student transition plan to post-secondary education, work and/or community living





ESL Support Program

- Students new to Canada may need help to develop the level of proficiency in English required for success at school.
- ESL courses are offered from Level A – E.



Specialist High Skills Major (Grades 11 & 12)

Specialist High Skills Majors (Grades 11 & 12)

- Health and Wellness
- Allows students to concentrate their interests in specific employment sectors
- Students participate in a co-op placement, specialized courses, industry-related certification trainings and field trips



Sports at SDSS

Fall

Basketball—Girls
Cross-Country
Golf—Boys
Golf—Girls
Rugby 7's —Boys
Rugby 7's—Girls
Varsity Field
Hockey—Girls
Volleyball—Junior Boys
Volleyball—Senior Boys

Winter

Badminton—Junior
Badminton—Senior
Basketball—Junior Boys
Basketball—Senior Boys
Varsity Hockey—Boys
Varsity Hockey—Girls
Volleyball—Junior Girls
Volleyball—Senior Girls

Spring

Rugby 15's - Varsity Girls
Rugby 15's - Junior Boys
Rugby 15's - Senior Boys
Varsity Soccer —Girls
Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee - Co-ed
Varsity Baseball—Boys
Varsity Lacrosse—Boys
Varsity Lacrosse—Girls





Clubs at SDSS

Artists Club

Athletic Council

Breakfast Club

Computer Gaming Club

DECA

Dixieland Band

Dungeons & Dragons

Eco Team

Empowering Student
Partnership

Equity & Inclusivity Club

Games Room

Gay Straight Alliance

HOSA

Improv Team

Math Club

Me to We Club

Music Council

Muslim Student
Association

Presidents' Council

Prom Committee

Robotics (Jr. & Sr.)

Science Club

Small Music Ensembles

Student Network of
Leadership

Spartan Swing

Starbooks Cafe Book Club

Student Council

Tamil Student Association

Tech Club

Well-Being Team





Transfer Policy

- Students mapped to Stouffville District Secondary School who are interested in attending a different high school must register at their YRDSB home school (SDSS) and submit their registration package and transfer form to their home school by **Friday, February 5, 2021**
- Transfer forms are available in the Guidance Department in all YRDSB secondary schools



Dates to Remember

Grade 8 Virtual Information Night

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Registration Form/Transfer due to Grade 8 teacher:

Friday, February 5, 2021

Registration Forms forms due to SDSS:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (tentative)

Course Selections opens

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Course Selection due in My Pathway Planner:

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 4:00 pm