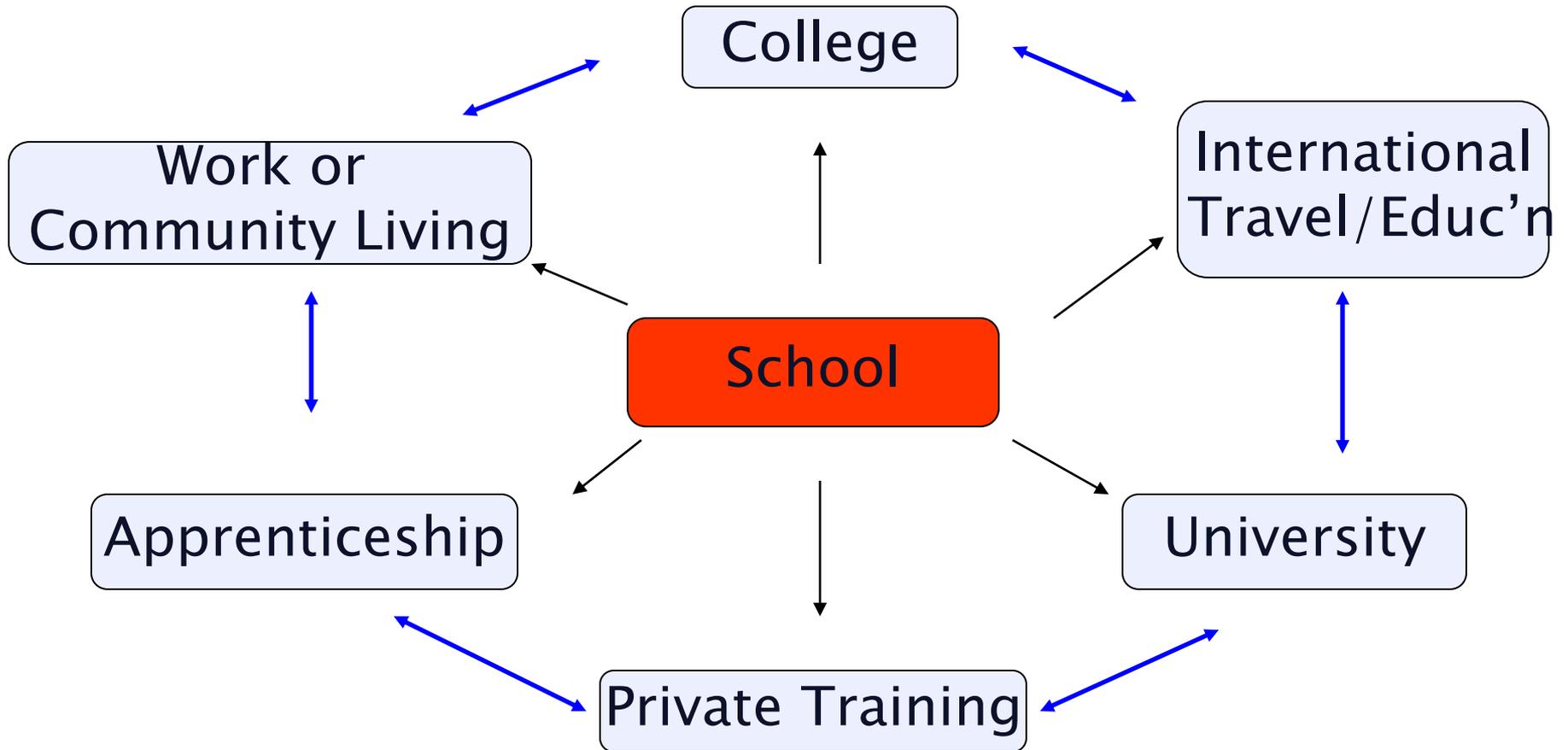




Post Secondary Options and Application Information 2013/2014

**GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
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Pathways to Opportunity



Tips on how to choose a Pathway

- ✓ Strengths and Limitations?
- ✓ How you learn best?
- ✓ Academic interests?
- ✓ What you enjoy?



Workplace

- ▶ Consider Co-op or other workplace experience.
- ▶ Speak with a guidance counsellor.



Travel or International Education

- ▶ Speak to your Guidance Counsellor for resources about studying or travelling abroad.

Apprenticeship

Regulated Apprenticeship Trades in Ontario

1. Construction Sector
2. Industrial Sector
3. Motive Power Sector
4. Service Sector



- ▶ “hands-on” training program for people who enjoy **learning by doing** and who want to work in a skilled trade.
- ▶ Earn while you learn – 90% Work, 10% school

College

WHY might students choose the College pathway?

- ▶ Want specific training, combining academic and applied learning and employment preparation in some of the following areas: **Arts, Education, Health Sciences , Technology, Trades, Business**
- ▶ **WHO is College for?**
 - Hands on learner
 - Students who want targeted training in a specific field, and who would like to begin their career immediately after graduating.

- ▶ **College is a cost-effective option**
 - shorter program lengths
 - lower tuition costs
 - less time in school before you can start working

 - ▶ **Wide program selection**
 - dedicated programs for specific areas that provides specialized knowledge

 - ▶ **Small classes**
 - A low student-to-teacher ratio

 - ▶ **Connected Education**
 - Instructors connect course material to their work experiences and offer the potential of partnerships with business and industry to introduce real-world projects into the curriculum.
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College Averages

- ▶ Based on all Grade 11 & 12 marks including Co-op
- ▶ Averages are usually 65% and above, including prerequisites
- ▶ Some programs prefer a higher grade at the College (C) instead of a mediocre grade at the University (U) level

Joint College/University Programs

Applied Degree Programs

- ▶ Students earn a university degree and a college diploma at the same time. For example:
 - Joint degree and diploma from York University and Seneca college in Creative Advertising and Communication Studies
 - Bachelor of Computing and Network Communications from Brock University with a Telecommunications Technology diploma from Sheridan.
- ▶ Collaborative programs offer the combination of hands-on learning that colleges are known for with the more theoretical approach of university studies.
- ▶ Usually need a minimum of 65% based on 6 “U” or “M” grade 12 courses
- ▶ For transfer agreement information visit the [Ontario Postsecondary Transfer Guide \(ONTransfer.ca\)](https://www.ontransfer.ca).

How to Choose a College Program

- ▶ What interests you?
- ▶ Explore www.ontariocolleges.ca
- ▶ Visit the college open houses
- ▶ Attend Ontario College Information Fair
- ▶ Attend Thornhill SS Post-Secondary Fair
- ▶ Talk with your parents, teachers and guidance counsellors

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How to apply to College

- ▶ Go to www.ontariocolleges.ca “APPLY” section
- ▶ Click “Sign Up Today” and complete ALL required fields to create an account.
- ▶ Complete the application including **5 program choices for \$95**
- ▶ Check your email inbox for a message from ontariocolleges.ca!
- ▶ **Application deadline is February 1, 2014**

University

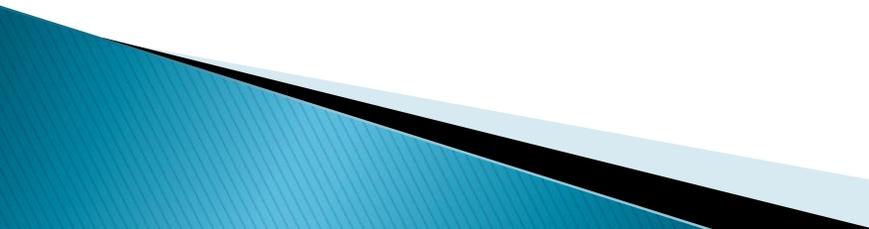
WHY might students choose the university pathway?

- ▶ Specific career goals
- ▶ Passion for academic learning

WHO is university for?

- ▶ Enjoys abstract concepts and theoretical learning
- ▶ Approximately 70%–75% minimum average in 6 “U” or “M” courses including prerequisites

Choosing a University

- ▶ Admission requirements, Standards & Cut-offs
 - ▶ Residence & Housing
 - ▶ Co-op Opportunities
 - ▶ Scholarships & Financial Aid
 - ▶ Student life
 - Orientation Programmes
 - Student Services & Counselling
 - Learning Centres
 - ▶ Planning for a graduate degree
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How to choose a university program?

- ▶ What interests you?
 - ▶ Visit eINFO: www.electronicinfo.ca
 - ▶ Attend the Ontario University Fair
 - ▶ Attend the TSS Post-Secondary Fair
 - ▶ Open houses
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University – Types of Degrees

There are four basic types of Undergraduate University Degrees:

1. B.A. – Bachelor of Arts

Eg. Humanities, English, Psychology and Sociology.

2. B.Sc.– Bachelor of Science

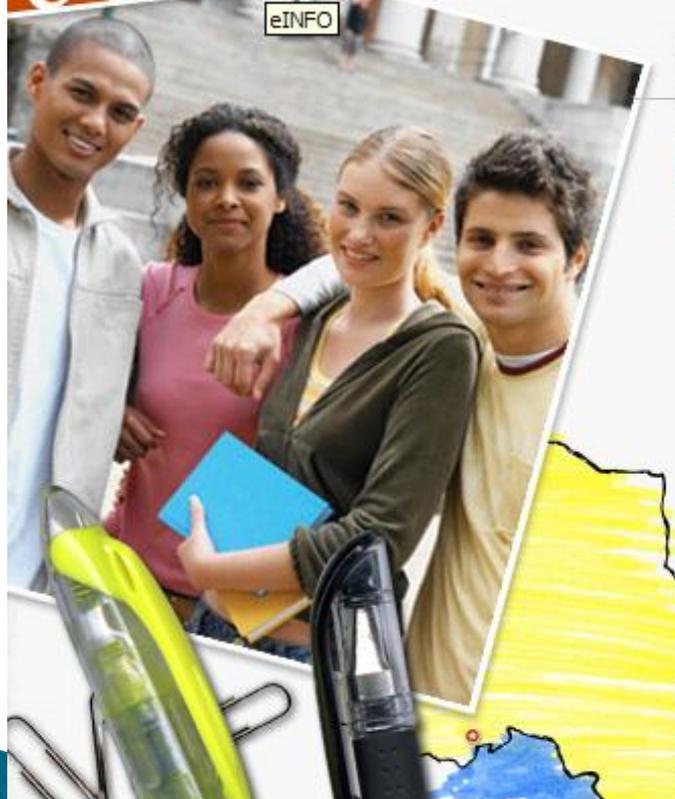
Eg. Biology, Mathematics and Computer Science.

3. B.FA.– Bachelor of Fine Arts

Eg. Visual Arts, Music and Drama.

4. Professional Degrees

Eg. Bachelor of Commerce (Business), Bachelor of Engineering



FIND YOUR UNIVERSITY

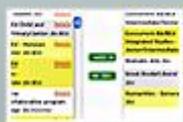
Welcome to e!INFO - a guide to Ontario's universities for secondary school students.

What you'll find in e!INFO

- Select "Find a program" to search for programs, prerequisites and grade requirements using the Program Wizard or the Areas of Study Chart.
- Select "Searchable Scholarships" to browse university scholarships and awards.
- Select "Residences" to view details about each university's residences and meal plans.
- Select "Important Information" to find a wealth of information about campus visits and language requirements, as well as frequently asked questions.
- Select "Map of Ontario" to view university locations.

For additional information about Ontario's universities, visit [Common University Data Ontario \(CUDO\)](#), a portal on the website of the Council of Ontario Universities.

The Program Wizard



For quick results, use the Program Wizard to create a custom search based on keywords and specific criteria.

Areas of Study Chart



Browse all available options with the Areas of Study Chart. Flash version 6 required, version 9 recommended.

PDF Download



For print and offline viewing.

Averages for University

- ▶ 6 “U” or “M” level courses; including prerequisites
- ▶ Some programs have minimum averages
 - i.e. 70% in ENG4U or MHF4U
- ▶ Repeated courses / out of day school courses may be treated differently
- ▶ Conditional offers will state averages that you must maintain

University Application Procedures

www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/

Ontario Universities' Application Centre

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Apply to University...

Please select an application below. If you need help finding the right application, please see the help area.

Looking for Help?

- ✓ Selecting an Application
- ? Common Questions
- \$ Methods of Payment

<p>Undergraduate Application (OUAC 101) Current Ontario Secondary School Students Learn More About OUAC 101</p>	<p>Professional Application Ontario Rehabilitation Sciences Programs Learn More About ORPAS</p>	<p>Professional Application Ontario Faculty Education Learn More About TEAS</p>
<p>Undergraduate Application (OUAC 105) All Other Undergraduate Applicants Learn More About OUAC 105</p>	<p>Professional Application Ontario Law Schools Learn More About OLSAS</p>	<p>Professional Application Ontario Medical Schools Learn More About OMSAS</p>

You will be applying as a "OUAC 101"

University Application Procedures

- **Late November**: Guidance will distribute PIN numbers needed to apply.
- Keep your **PIN number** confidential
- Apply online at **OUAC 101**:
www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/
- Write down the **PROGRAM CODE** found on
electronicinfo.ca
- Prepare your online Application & pay online
- **Application deadline is January 15th, 2014**

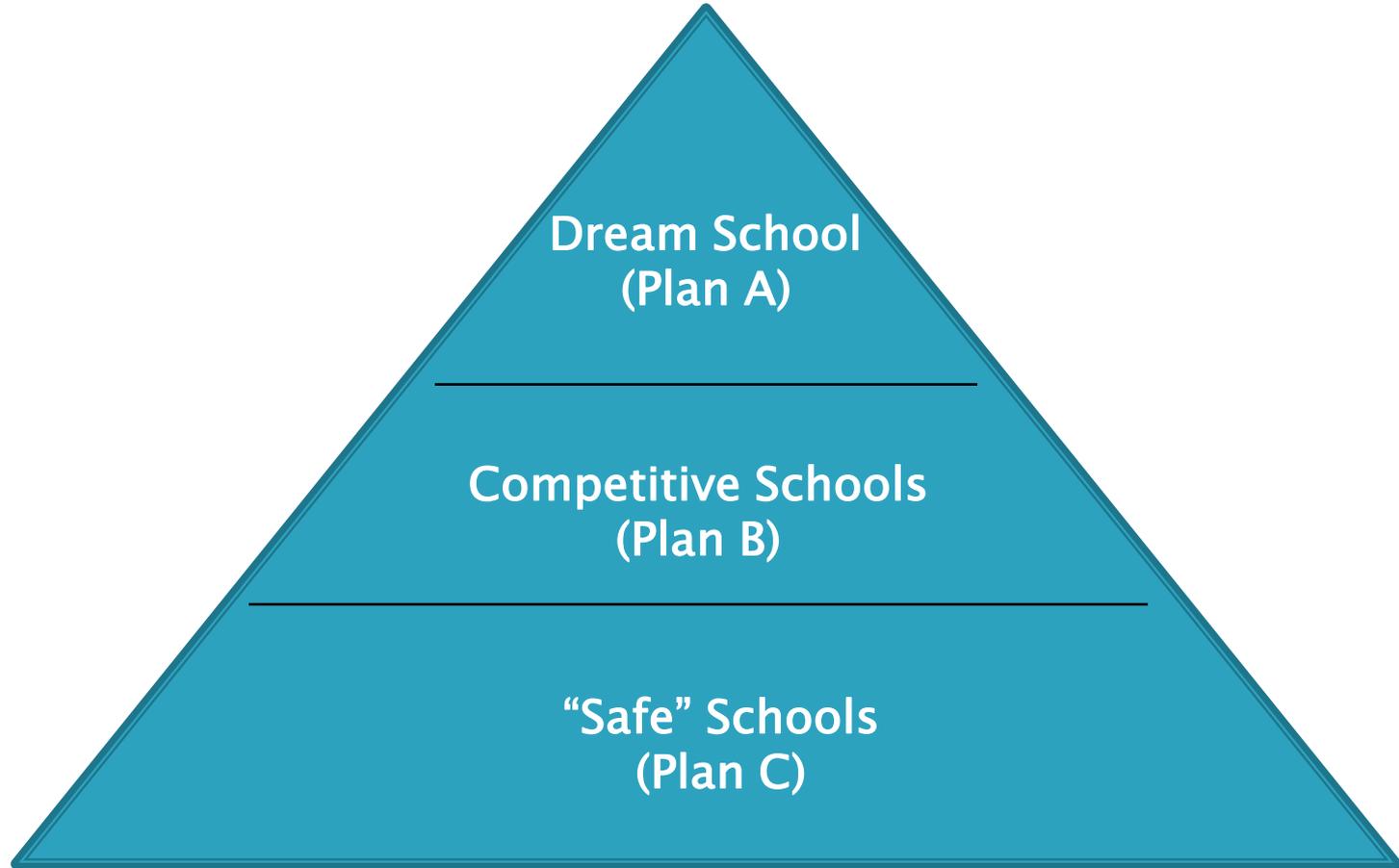
Important Final Step

- **Print OUAC reference number**
(2014-xxx-xxx-x)
- Record your **PIN** and keep it in a safe place;
- ▶ Use your **OUAC Reference Number** and **PIN** to access the on-line “Review and Change Your Completed Application” system.

University Application Fees

- ▶ **\$130 for 3 program choices**
 - For each university/program choice beyond the initial three **\$44** for each program choice
- ▶ Pay online by credit card (VISA, Mastercard or American Express) or Telephone Bill Payment Services
- ▶ All fees are non-refundable

Pyramid Approach to University Applications



Supplementary Applications

- ▶ Optional? – You really should submit it!
- ▶ Meet the deadlines
- ▶ Provide references or proofreaders enough time to support you
- ▶ Make a professional email
- ▶ Official transcripts– you must provide at least 2 days notice

Important Dates for University

Nov 8th	TSS submits electronic student data files to OUAC, including final grades from previously completed Grade 11 & 12 courses and a list of all current year courses in progress
Jan 15th	Last day to apply online
Feb 4th	Last date for students to submit all info to OUAC including program changes and additions
Feb 13th	TSS submits all final first semester Grade 12 marks to OUAC
April 24th	TSS submits Grade 12 semester 2 midterm marks to OUAC
May 29th	Date at which you should receive a response
Jun 2nd	Earliest date to which you must respond to an offer of admission

Out of Province

- ▶ After you have applied to Ontario Universities through OUAC, start the application process for out-of-province universities
- ▶ Complete individual applications for each university. Pay close attention to:
 - Application Fees
 - Application deadlines
 - Programs of study
 - Admission requirements (i.e. personal essay)
 - Scholarship information
- ▶ Verify which of these universities can obtain your high school marks through OUAC (they will ask for your OUAC reference # on your application)

The following out-of-province institutions use the OUAC to collect academic data for Ontario secondary school students:

- ▶ Bishop's University
 - ▶ The University of British Columbia
 - ▶ Concordia University
 - ▶ Dalhousie University
 - ▶ McGill University (Feb 1)
 - ▶ Simon Fraser University
 - ▶ The University of Victoria
 - ▶ The University of Calgary
 - ▶ The University of New Brunswick
 - ▶ St. Mary's University
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U.S. Colleges

- ▶ Make an appointment with Mr. Belman to discuss information and logistics of applying to U.S. colleges
- ▶ Register and write SATs (if you haven't done so already) (register by Oct. 3 for Nov. 2nd test or Nov. 8th for Dec. 7th test)
- ▶ Students interested in applying for early decision must see Mr. Belman ASAP

Additional Questions:

- ▶ **I might take a year off after secondary school (a gap year). Can I defer my acceptance to the following year?**
- ▶ Policies about deferrals vary. Contact the school directly to find out their policy
- ▶ **Will I be considered for Early Admissions?**
- ▶ Universities will review grade 11 marks and sometimes decide to offer an early admission. Otherwise, schools will wait to see your grade 12 marks.
- ▶ Queens University offers early admission if you complete your PSE and supplementary essay (if applicable) by December 1st, 2013

What if I have an "IEP" and I am applying to University or College?

- ▶ Same admission requirements as everyone else!
- ▶ After you have been accepted, YOU will have to contact the school's "Student Support Services Dept." to arrange supports and accommodations (*TSS can not do this for you*)
- ▶ Make sure your psychological assessment has been updated within 3–5 years
- ▶ There will be an information session in 1st semester (date TBA) for students applying to post-secondary with an IEP

ELL/ESL and Newcomers to Canada

- ▶ If you have been attending school in **Canada** or in an **English speaking country** for **less than 3 full years**, you will likely have to complete an English proficiency test. Eg. TOEFL or IELTS
 - ▶ Check with the schools and testing bodies for requirements and deadlines
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Financial Matters

- ▶ Talk with your family.
 - ▶ Entrance Scholarships – grades count!!
 - ▶ Other scholarships eg. Community, business
 - ▶ Bursaries
 - ▶ RESP – Registered Educational Savings Plan
 - ▶ OSAP – Ontario Student Assistance Program
(available in May)
 - ▶ Part-time and summer jobs
 - ▶ **Aim to reduce your debt load while in school!!**
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Private School Credits

- ▶ Private schools must post marks directly onto OUAC
- ▶ Private schools send final transcripts to T.S.S. to be entered onto T.S.S. transcripts for graduation.

Final Thoughts

- ▶ Assume Responsibility for your future!
 - ▶ Create realistic multiple plans (Plan A, B & C)
 - ▶ Apply by winter break!!
 - ▶ Remember deadlines for auditions, interviews or portfolios
 - ▶ **Visit and Tour**
 - ▶ Keep working hard at your studies
 - ▶ Pay attention to Graduation Requirements
 - ▶ Review today's handouts
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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
McGill University	October 22 nd , 2013	12:10 pm Room 114
Ontario College Information Fair	October 21, 2013 (6:30pm to 9pm) October 22, 2013 (10am to 3pm)	Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place
QUIP (Concordia & Bishops)	October 23, 2013 7:00 pm	Langstaff Secondary School
Prep Skills	October 24 th , 2013 7:00 pm	TSS Library
Thornhill Post Secondary Fair	November 7 th , 2013	TSS Gym

Find this presentation on The Thornhill Secondary School Website

www.thornhill.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca



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