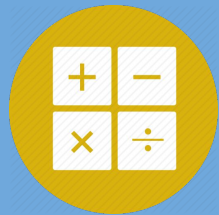




COURSE SELECTION & PATHWAY PLANNING

TOMMY DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL



Today's Agenda

- **Pathway planning**
- **Course selection process**
- **Navigating MyBlue Print**
- **Question & Answer**



DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

18
COMPULSORY
CREDITS

12
OPTIONAL
CREDITS

OSSLT
(ONTARIO
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
LITERACY TEST)

40
COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS

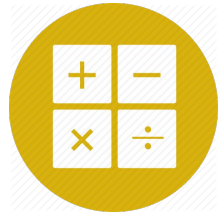
18 COMPULSORY CREDITS



4 English Credits
(including Grade 12 U/C/E English)



1 Physical Education Credit



3 Mathematics Credits
(at least 1 in Gr. 11 or 12)



1 Canadian History Credit



2 Science Credits



1 French Credit



**1 Canadian
Geography Credit**



1 Arts Credit



**0.5 Civics Credit
0.5 Careers Credit**

AND...

COMPULSORY CREDITS

Group 1

1 additional credit in English, or French as a Second Language, or a Native Language, or a Classical or an International Language, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance and Career Education (including Learning Strategies), or Cooperative Education*

Group 2

1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or Business Studies, or the Arts (music, art, drama, dance), or French as a Second Language or Cooperative Education*

Group 3

1 additional credit in science (grade 11 or 12) or technological education (grades 9-12), or French as a Second Language or Computer Studies or Cooperative Education*

ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY

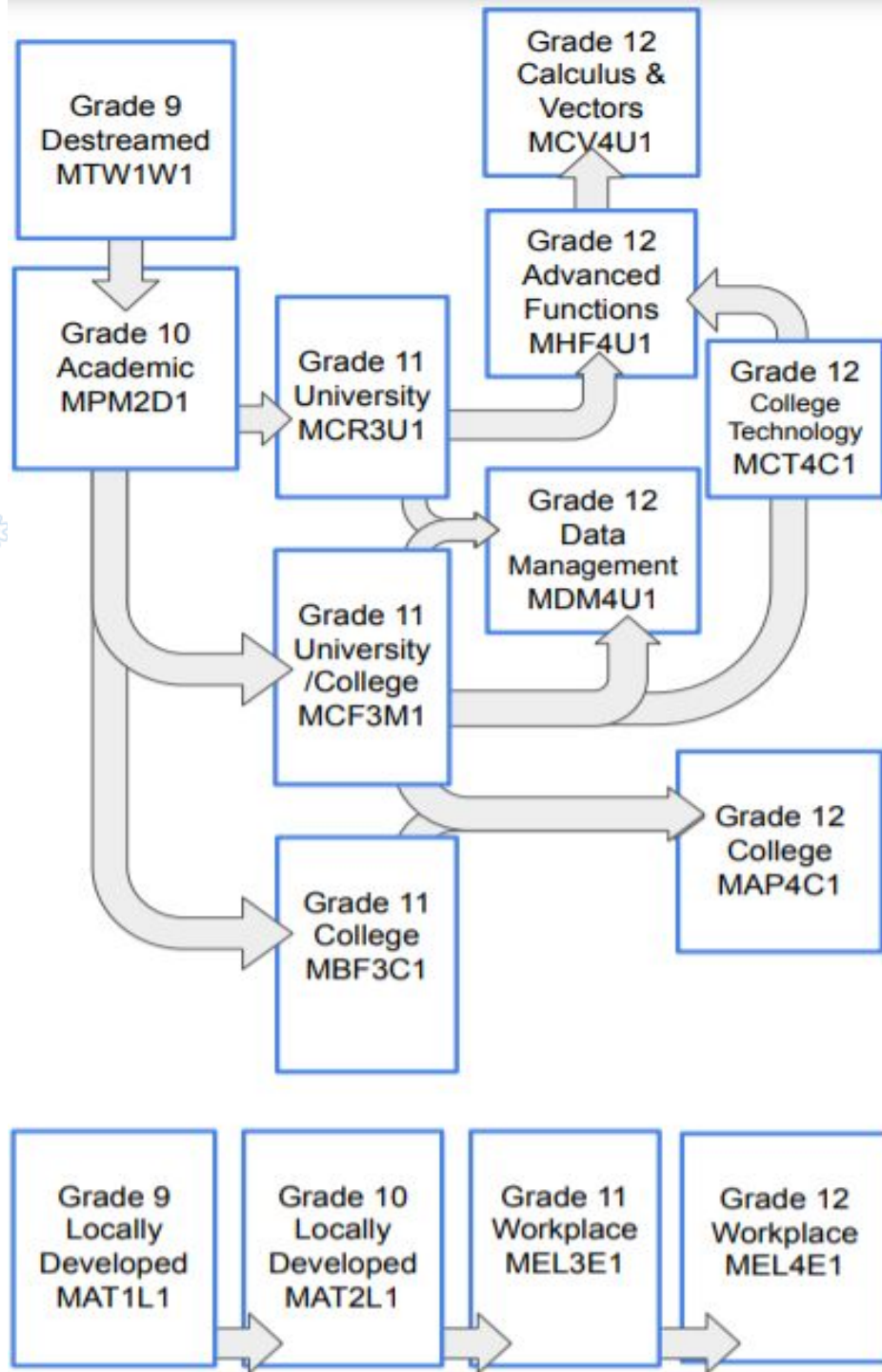
Course Planning Overview

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Compulsory Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Phys Ed <input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Civ/Car	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Math	<input type="checkbox"/> English
Electives	2 additional electives (Art credit recommended)	3 additional electives	6 additional electives	6-7 additional electives
Total Courses	8	8	8	7

Be Strategic

- Help your child choose your courses wisely! This is more important than ever!!!!
- Make sure that they are going to be happy taking these courses they are selecting.
- You child must select 2 alternates! We may have to add these courses if they have a conflict! **They must select their electives and alternates wisely!**

Math Pathways





ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

- A Diploma requirement. Administered in March of the grade 10 year
- A test based on language and communication (reading and writing) expectations of curricula up to and including grade 9
- Accommodations, deferrals and exemptions may be appropriate for some students
- If standard not met in first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or the Grade 12 Literacy Course



- A diploma requirement
- Encourages civic responsibility, promotes community values and reinforces importance of volunteerism
- Complete 40 hours before graduation
- **Can start in summer of grade 8**
- Student responsibility to keep record of activities
- Guidelines and forms will be provided to help track community involvement
- A great way to explore career interests
- **GET PRE APPROVAL!!!!**



Type	Approach	Considerations
DESTREAMED	A mixture of a step-by-step approach with critical thinking strategies and practical applications. (Class Max of 25)	Working at or above grade level Grade 9 subjects: Math, Science & English.
ACADEMIC	Theoretical and independent approach to learning with a focus on critical thinking skills. (Class Max 29)	Working at or above grade level
APPLIED	Hands on learning. Smaller classes 22 maximum.	Working at or above grade level. Applied grade 10 English and Science.
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	Guided approach to learning using practical examples and concrete objects. (Class Max 16)	Working below grade level in Math, English, Science, Geography & History
OPEN	An opportunity to explore an area of interest for all students (Class Max 28)	Available to all students. All grade 9 and 10 electives are open. In grade 11 and 12 most gym and coop credits are open.

Backwards Planning

- Have your child backwards plan- looking at all pathways and possibilities. Start with the end in mind.
- Students are successful when their interests and aptitudes align.
- Explore websites such as ontariocolleges.ca and [Ontario Universities Info](#)
- For university **programs that require prior university studies look [here.](#)**
- College programs may also require advance diplomas in order to apply.
- Encourage your child to talk to teachers & Guidance counselors so that they are informed!

Other Helpful Websites

Ontario Colleges <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home>

Ontario College/University Transfer Agreements
https://www.ontransfer.ca/index_en.php

Ontario Universities' Application Centre <http://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Researching Ontario Universities Info
<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>

Apprenticeship Search <http://www.apprenticesearch.com/>

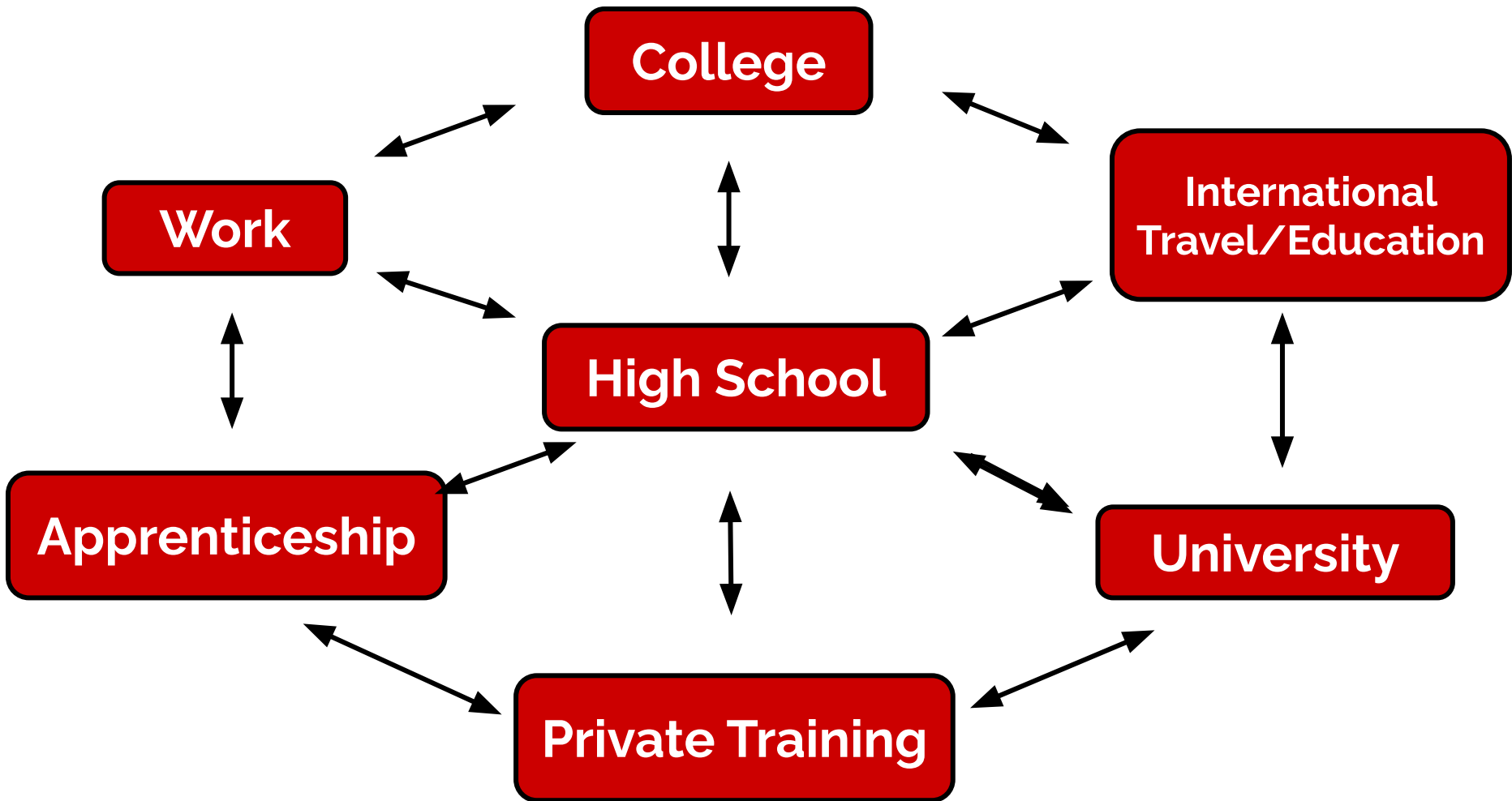
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program <http://oyap.com/splash/>

College of Trades <http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/>

Ontario Skills Passport

<http://www.skills.edu.gov.on.ca/OSP2Web/EDU/Welcome.xhtml>

Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are Flexible



**How do you
complete online
course selection?**

my **Blueprint**

Go to www.yrdsb.ca



The image shows a screenshot of the York Region District School Board website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (Home, About Us, Board of Trustees, Schools, Programs & Services, Students, Parents, Community), and a search bar. A large banner in the center says "Choose YRDSB Register Now!". To the right, under "Online Tools", the "my PATHWAY planner" link is circled. A large black arrow points from this link to a separate login page for the MyPathwayPlanner. The login page has fields for Domain (set to EDU), User name, and Password, with a Login button.

my PATHWAY planner

Grades 7 - 12
Individual Pathways Plan
and Course Selection

Please login below to access MyPathwayPlanner

Domain:

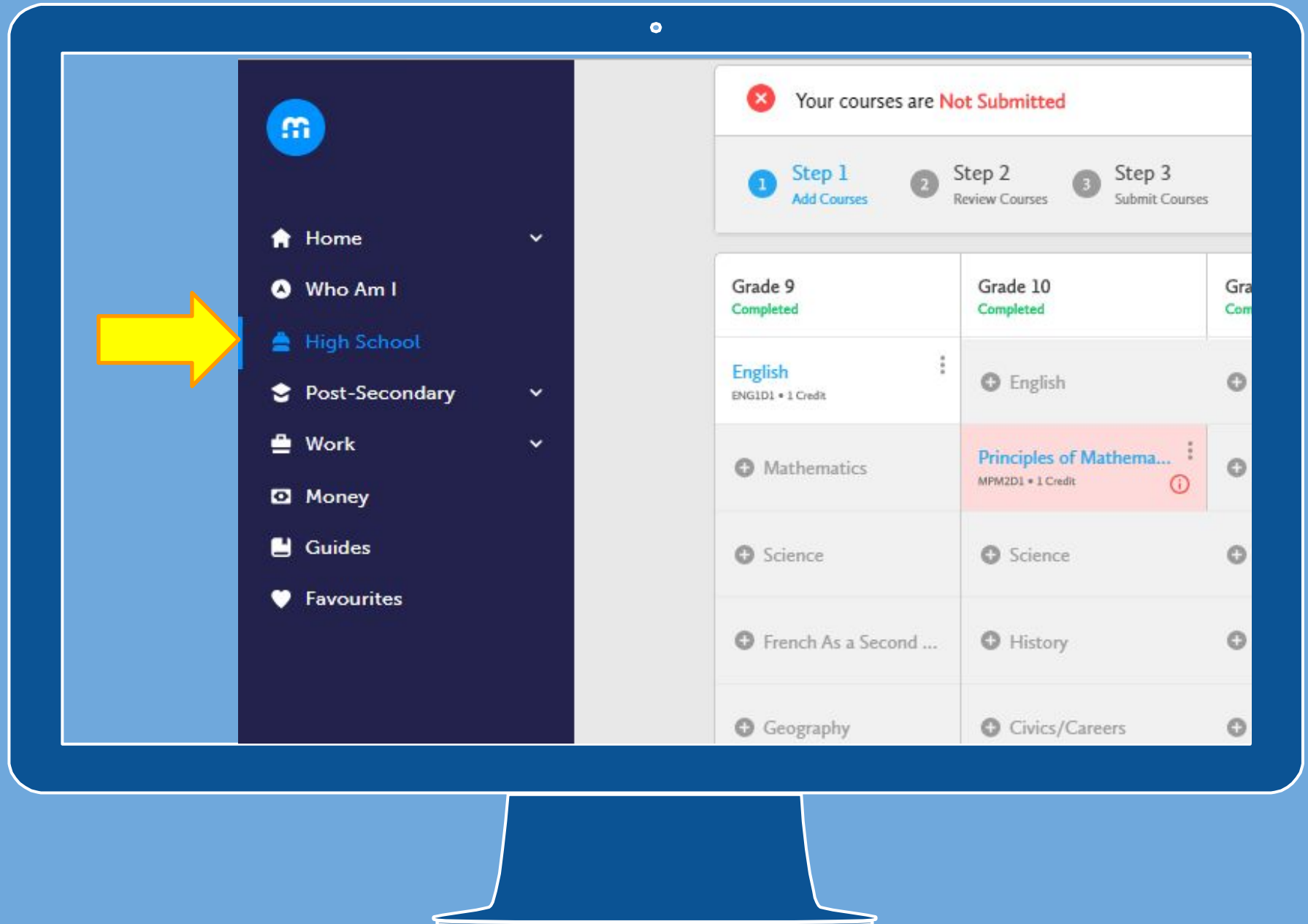
User name:

Password:


Login

Your child must log into My Pathway Planner using their gapps login, click on View Courses and then go to High School Planner to add courses.


Go to: *High School*



Select Your Courses



- Home
- Who Am I
- High School
- Post-Secondary
- Work
- Money
- Guides
- Favourites

 Your courses are **Not Submitted**

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Review Course Selections

Grade 9 Completed	Grade 10 Completed	Grade 11 Completed	Grade 12 Completed
English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	+ English	+ English	English ENG4C1 • 1 Credit
+ Mathematics	Principles of Mathema... MPM2D1 • 1 Credit	+ Mathematics	Foundations for Colleg... MAP4C1 • 1 Credit
+ Science	+ Science	+ Course	Business Leadership: ... BOH4M1 • 1 Credit
+ French As a Second ...	+ History	+ Course	Families in Canada HRS4C1 • 1 Credit
+ Geography	+ Civics/Careers	+ Course	Advanced Learning Str... GLE4O1 • 1 Credit
+ Health and Physical ...	+ Course	+ Course	Computer Science ICS4U1 • 1 Credit
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course

Planned ————— 8

Earned ————— 0

Required ————— 8/30

Total Credits ————— 8

View Progress

SHSM Planner

Your school offers 3 Specialist High Skills Majors

Learn More

Pathway Eligibility

Apprenticeship ————— 2

College ————— 0

University ————— 0

Workplace ————— 0

“+” will add course to their planner

Alternate Courses

Your child must choose 2 alternate courses after selecting their 8 courses.

- They will choose these in the same way they choose their elective courses
- Your child's alternates **WILL** be used if your child's elective courses do not fit in their timetable.

CHOOSE WISELY!!!

	Grade 11 Next Year	Grade 12 Plan Ahead
	+ English	+ English
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	+ Course	+ Course
Phys...	+ Course	+ Course
since...	+ Course	+ Course
(F...	+ Course	+ Course
ema...	+ Course	+ Course
mer...	Alternates	
	Financial Accounting F... BAF3M1 • 1 Credit	
	+ Alternate	



Plan Ahead for These Courses

Be aware that we have a few courses that are offered **EVERY OTHER YEAR** i.e.

SPH4C1- College Physics - Sept 2024

SCH4C1- College Chemistry- Sept 2023

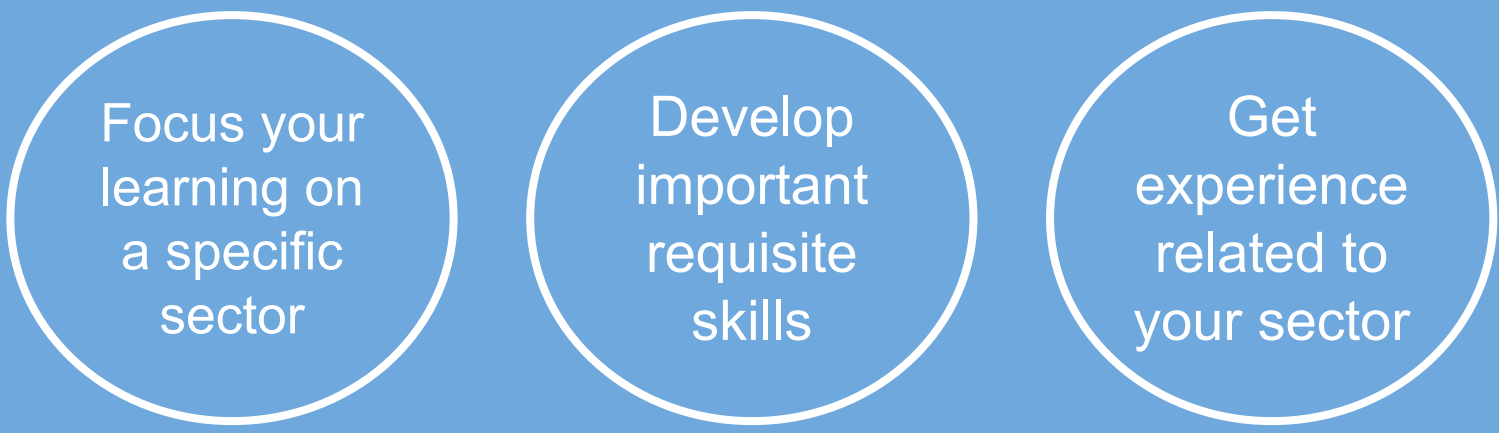
If your child need one of these courses and it is not being offered, have a backup plan!

Not sure what to do? Reach out to your child's guidance counsellor.

SHSM

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Health & Wellness, Art & Culture, Business & Communication Technology, **Skills Trades- Construction & Transportation Technology (Pending)**



Focus your
learning on
a specific
sector

Develop
important
requisite
skills

Get
experience
related to
your sector

**For more info, go to the YRDSB website
or speak to a Guidance Counsellor or COOP Teacher**



**IN ORDER TO APPLY
TO SHSM YOUR CHILD
MUST:**

- **SELECT SHSM ON
MYBLUE PRINT**
- **FILL IN THE FOLLOWING
FORM:**

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

Dual Credit

- What Is It? - How Does it Work?

- take a first year college course one day/week
- 2 for 1 → Earn a college credit that can count toward a diploma or certificate + a bonus high school credit
- Spare on your TDSS timetable
- All free! (tuition, books, transportation, materials, etc.)

Is Dual Credit Right for You?

Dual Credit is a good fit for Gr.11 or 12 students who...

- Want to explore a career option
- Plan to go to College
- Are looking for something different from what's offered in high school
- Are behind in credits or at risk of not graduating
- Are in a SHSM program
- Like hands-on courses

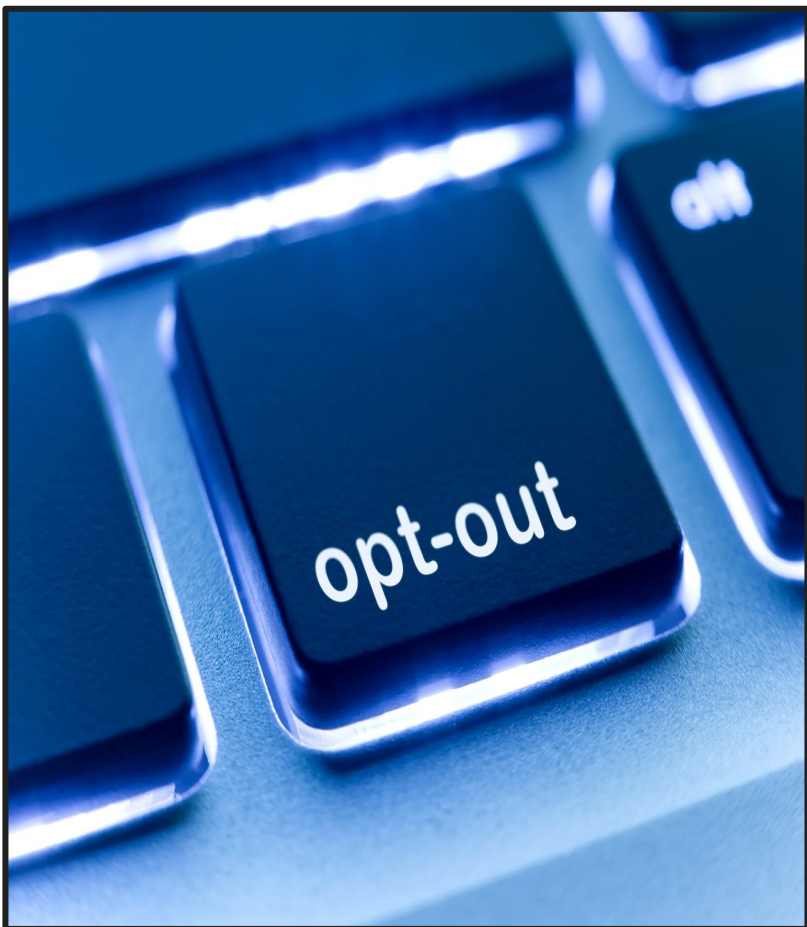
NOT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE UNIVERSITY BOUND

Signing Up is EASY!

- Select “Dual Credit” Holding Code during Course Selection
- Select specific course later (Sem 1 courses usually become available in May; Sem 2 courses in November)
- More details [here](#):

Contact Mr. Scire in Guidance if you have any further questions





HOW TO OPT OUT/IN OF ONLINE COURSES

Please note that there is **NO** direct teacher instruction for online courses. This is an asynchronous model.

For additional information click [here](#). The courses that are going to be offered have yet to be communicated.

Important Deadlines

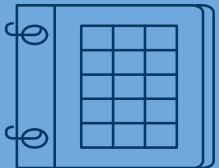
Course selection opens 9 a.m. on:

February 16, 2023

Course selection closes a 4:00 p.m. on:

February 24, 2023

Your course selection will be parent approved electronically. You must input your parents email address and have them approve you course selection prior to the 24th.



Grade 11 Lunch & Learns for February & March

Day & Time	Topic	Location
Monday February 13, 2023 @ 11:00	Selecting Courses for your post secondary destination	Lecture Hall
Tuesday February 21, 2023 @ 11:00	Out of Province and International Applications	Career Centre
Tuesday February 28th, 2023 @11:00	Student Athletes/ NCAA and Canadian University Considerations	Career Centre
Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 11:00	Programs that require Supplemental Application and or Portfolio: Engineering, Computer Science, Visual Art and Education etc.	Career Centre
Tuesday March 21, 2023 @ 11:00	Skilled Trades	Career Centre

Grade 12 Lunch & Learns

Tuesday, October 11th	Scholarships + Application Research
Tuesday, November 1st	Post Secondary Application
Tuesday, November 8th	Supplemental applications/portfolios
Tuesday, January 10th	Online presence (information will be posted)
Tuesday, February TBD	OYAP presentations/Skilled trade
Tuesday, March 28th	How to accept your offer
Tuesday, April 25th + Wednesday, April 26th (after school)	Budgeting, OSAP & Financing Postsecondary

Course Selection process

The courses that are selected in February are just options.

- Submitting their courses on the very first day will not mean that your child has a greater chance of getting into those courses.
- Once your child submits their courses you will receive an instant email notification asking you to approve their course selection. Without your response to this email their course selection is considered incomplete.
- Once courses are submitted we determine how many sections and teachers are needed.
- The master timetable is built in May

Course Selection

- Courses are not offered in every period. Sometimes we have limited interest in courses and they are only offered once in the year or even every other year.
- If there is low enrollment we collapse classes and look at putting students into their alternative courses. Please encourage your child to select wisely including their alternative courses.
- Once the master timetable is created the student timetables are generated electronically.
- If there is a conflict we reach out to your child to discuss.
- We create waitlists and monitor throughout the year.



Can't my child get into a class?

- If there are more students than spaces available during timetabling.
- If they haven't selected the course during course selection and there is no availability.
- If there is a conflict with a compulsory course that they need.
- If they are on a waitlist but other students do not drop the course.

Making the right choices is critical during course selection to ensure that your child is able to get the courses that they want and need.\, this includes their alternates.



How can my child change their courses?

1. Students will have an opportunity to change their course selection in March prior to timetabling beginning.
2. In the fall students can request a timetable change for first semester. It is often harder to make a change at this time in that the school has been fully timetabled. Waitlists will exist. A link to an electronic timetable change form will be sent to all students the week prior to the start of school along with their timetable. They submit this form and we work through the changes in order of priority.
3. Students have the rest of first semester until the end of January to make 2nd semester timetable changes.



Check Us Out @ bit.ly/tdssguidance

Type address in URL. Your child must be logged into their gapps account to access.

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Please click on the drop down tab menu on the top left hand corner of this page to learn more about TDSS' programming and guidance services and supports.



Questions?