Life is a journey, not a destination.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
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.*
## A Guide to Course Selection

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Students should collaborate with parents, teachers, guidance counsellors, student success/support teachers and administrators.

Students should do an honest self-assessment, matching their ability with their interests and aptitudes.

Choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles.

Remember there are many pathways to initial post-secondary destinations.
Be Strategic

- Choose your courses wisely - This is more important than ever!!!!

- Prerequisite vs. Recommended

- Make sure that you are going to be happy taking these courses. If you enjoy them, you will do better!
Do your Research

- Backwards plan - look at possibilities
- use websites such as ontarioccolleges.ca and Ontario Universities Info
- Talk to teachers & Guidance counselors → Be 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
IPP on myBlueprint

Complete your IPP Tasks

Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.

Ensure Your Plan Meets All Requirements

High School + Plan

Create/Review a Budget (minimum 10 income/expenses)

Home + Goals

Add 2 Goals

Who Am I

Complete 1 Compatibility Survey

Post-Secondary

Favourite 1 Opportunity

Money + Budgets

Home + Portfolios

Add 1 Box and Write a Reflection

100 points

100 points

100 points

100 points

50 points

Who do I want to become?

What are my opportunities?

What is my plan for achieving my goals?

EDUCATION AND CAREER/LIFE PLANNING

Who am I?
New courses 2020-2021

GPP3O1 - Leadership and Peer Support
- Open to those students interested in Teen Titans & other leadership groups at Tommy as well as working with elementary schools.

We no longer have AVI3M1 & AVI4M1
Replaced by:
AWM3M&4M1 - Drawing and Painting
AWP3M&4M1 - Sculpture
Planning Courses

Plan in advance:
Be aware that we have a few courses that are offered EVERY OTHER YEAR i.e. SCH4C1- College Chemistry- Sept 2021
SPH4C1- College Physics - Sept 2020

Have a Backup Plan!
Pathways Planning for Secondary Students
Helping Students to Graduate Within Four Years

What you NEED TO KNOW!

34 CREDIT THRESHOLD

What is the 34 CREDIT THRESHOLD and how does it apply to me?

Did you know that...?
- You need 30 credits to meet Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduation requirements. Most students will complete these credits within four years. If needed, you may earn up to 34 credits within five years.
- While enrolled in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits.
- After secondary school, going beyond the 34 credit threshold is possible with:
  - E-learning
  - Night School
  - Summer School
  - Independent Learning Centres
  - Adult Day School

34 Credit Threshold does not apply...
- If you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- If you are not enrolled in secondary school
- To English as a Second Language (ESL) core language courses and/or English Literacy Development (ELD) core language courses

For more information about the full Graduation Requirements and 34 Credit Threshold, visit www.yrdsb.ca/students or contact your school’s guidance department.

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scan to visit the website
SHSM
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Health and Wellness
Art & Culture
Business-Information &
Communication 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
DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Take a First Year College Course While You’re In High School!
- Take a college course **on a college campus** 1 day a week

- 2 for 1 → Earn a credit that counts toward your high school diploma **AND** a college diploma or certificate

- All free! (tuition, books, transportation, materials, etc.)
Who’s It For? Senior students who are...

- looking for something more from their high school experience
- behind in credits or at risk of not graduating
- in a SHSM program
- want to explore a career option
- like hands-on courses
- plan to go to College

*Typically not for students who are doing well and university bound*
Affiliated Colleges

Seneca
@York U.
King City
Markham
Newnham

Humber
North Campus

George Brown
Casa Loma
St. James
Waterfront

Georgian
Ashtonbee
Story Arts
What type of courses are offered in Dual Credit?
Creative Skills:

- Culinary
- Baking
- Sewing
- Make-Up
- Skin Care
Hospitality/Service:
- Food Theory
- Dining Room Management
- Flight Attendant
- Customer Service
Science & Technology:

- AutoCAD
- Forensics
- Aeronautics
- Sprinklers
Business:
- Business Admin.
- Marketing
- Personal Finance

Law:
- Criminal Justice
- Police Foundations
- Law Enforcement
Mechanical Trades:

- Welding
- Electrical Installations
- Workplace Practice
- Home Renovations
- Machining
- CNC Programming
Art & Design:
▸ Design/Digital Design
▸ Animation
▸ Digital Storytelling
▸ Video Camera Work & Editing
▸ Advertising Layout & Design

Health Care:
▸ Anatomy & Physiology for Practical Nursing
▸ Healthy Lifestyle Management
▸ Physiology of Fitness
▸ Gerontology
▸ Animal Behaviour

AND MANY MORE!
Signing Up is EASY!

→ Meet with your Guidance Counselor

→ Select “Dual Credit” Holding Code during Course Selection period

→ Select specific course later (courses become available in May but sign-up can happen throughout the year *based on availability)
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

• This program is for students going to university, college, apprenticeship or work.
• Allows students to earn grade 11 or 12 credits in a workplace setting while exploring a career of their choice.
• Two co-op credits can be counted towards the compulsory groups.

See a Co-Op Teacher in the Co-Op Office, Room 107
The High Performance Athlete Program is for students who:

- Train at an elite level, minimum 10-15 hours per week
- Compete at the Provincial or National Level
- Are away often for tournaments or competitions
- Require an accommodated schedule due to training constraints (i.e. need to train during Period 4 to get extra time at training facility, need Period 1 to rest due to late evening training times, etc.)

Please speak to the Co-op or Guidance Department if interested in joining the HPA Program.
The OYAP program – students earn high school credits and hours towards their apprenticeship in a trade.

For more information, contact a Co-Op teacher in the Co-Op Office, or speak to a Guidance Counsellor in the Guidance Department
College Admission Guidelines

- High school diploma required
- English- ENG4C/U1 - for all Diploma Programs
- Other requirements may require MAP4C1, SBI3C1, SCH4C1 or SPH4C1
- Additional requirements may include an interview, portfolio, audition, English Entrance Test, Math test, portfolio, etc.
- Degree Programs will require 6 U or M courses
- Consult specific college programs for entrance requirements
- Check out: www.ontariocolleges.ca
University Admission Guidelines

• High school diploma required
• English – ENG4U1
• Check out: https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/ for information about the different universities and their programs & prerequisites
• Universities **may** consider Gr. 11 and 12 ("U" and "M") courses for admission &/or prerequisites
• Schools are looking more at "**consistency**" between grade levels

*NEW- OUAC application will ask students to identify any courses taken outside of regular day school and institution attended*
How do you complete online course selection?
Go to www.yrdsb.ca

Log into My Pathway Planner using your gapps login, click on View Courses and then into High School Planner to add courses.
Go to: High School
Select your courses

“+” will add course to your planner

Your courses are Not Submitted

Step 1 Add Courses  Step 2 Review Courses  Step 3 Submit Courses

Grade 9 Completed
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- French as a Second
- Geography
- Health and Physical
- Course

Grade 10 Completed
- English
- Principles of Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Civics/Careers
- Course

Grade 11 Completed
- English
- Mathematics
- Course
- Course
- Course
- Course

Grade 12 Completed
- English
- Foundations for College
- Business Leadership
- Families in Canada
- Advanced Learning Strategies
- Computer Science
- Course
- Course
- Course
- Course
- Course

SHSM Planner
Your school offers 3 Specialist High Skills Majors

Pathway Eligibility
- Apprenticeship: 2
- College: 0
- University: 0
- Workplace: 0
Alternate courses

You must choose 2 Alternate courses after your 8 courses

- Choose these in the same way you choose the Elective courses
- Your Alternates **WILL** be used if your Elective courses do not work in your timetable – **CHOOSE WISELY!!!**
What if you want to take summer school?

• If you **PLAN** on taking a compulsory course at summer school, you can delete this course in myBlueprint (opt out) and choose the course that you want to take next year instead.

• When you submit your courses, there is a comment box. Please indicate that you are planning to take summer school in this box or we will not be able to override your missing prerequisite.
What if you want to take summer school?

- Register for summer school in the spring (April/May) on myBlueprint when Summer School and eLearning registrations are opened on the Board Website (www.yrdsb.ca).

- If you do not end up taking summer school (and you have taken the course off of your course requests), it is **your responsibility** to ensure it is back in your timetable for the next school year.
Not returning next year?

Especially for Grade 12 Graduating Students, this is for you . . .

Complete this step!
Not returning next year

Step 1: Click on Not Returning

Step 2 - select reason and hit confirm
Click the “submit” button on myBlueprint between February 12-24, 2020

Print your selections and have them signed by your parent or guardian.

Hand in signed form to your homeroom teacher by February 25, 2020
Teen Titans!!

Teen Titans is a mentorship group supporting the transition of grade 9 students, in part by promoting good mental health.

We are looking for students that are:

- Enthusiastic
- Motivated
- Comfortable outdoors and with energetic activities i.e. Camp Tommy, Grade 9 Day etc...
Many students find being a Teen Titan a very rewarding experience.

Being a Teen Titan also shows commitment and leadership and looks great on post-secondary Supplementary Applications.

For all those interested in applying for the 2020/2021 school year, join the classroom 6knbs7s and fill in the application by Wednesday Feb 26th, 2020 at 2:30pm.
QUESTIONS?

▸ Please book an appointment with a guidance counsellor