

GRAD COUNSELLING

Fall 2019

What are we doing today?



FIRST
Check your
graduation
status

SECOND Pathway planning

Grad status review



To get your OSSD, you need

30 Credits (18 compulsories and 12 electives)

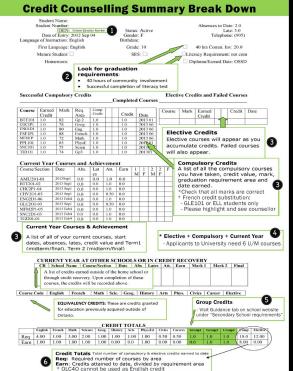
40 hours of community service

Passed the OSSLT

- Do you need any substitution credits (ex. French?) or equivalency credits?
- Are your summer/night/private school credits correct?
- Have you met your SHSM requirements?
- If you are earning a certificate (ex. French Immersion), do you meet all the requirements?

Credit counselling Summary Credit Counselling Summ Suder Name: Student Name: Student

Review all components and make note of errors and concerns.





CCS - to do



Take your CCS home to review and complete the following:

- Highlight your <u>Community Involvement hours</u>; write in your plan to complete them if less than 40 hours. Note: We will no longer but putting in more than 40 hours. If you have more, please keep them on file for future uses (ex. supplementary applications or awards)
- Highlight your <u>OSSLT results</u>; write in how you plan to achieve this.
- Highlight any missing compulsory credits or errors from external credits. Book an appointment with guidance asap to correct this.
- Write your <u>intended program(s)</u> and <u>schools</u> at the bottom of the sheet.
- Sign it and get your parent/guardian to sign it.

CCS = Pin



- You need a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to begin applying for Ontario Universities.
- OUAC PINS are generated by Trudeau in October.
- Hand in your completed CCS to get your PIN.

WHAT IF YOU DON'T COMPLETE YOUR CCS?

(Gasp! The horror!)

then you get your PIN **after** those that did complete their CCS! (you still get yours...you just have to waaaiiiiitttttt)

SHSM Completion

Missing Credits?
Book an appointment
with guidance to
make any possible
changes for courses
in sem 2.

Missing Coop?
Book an appointment with guidance to (you can either DROP the SHSM program OR enroll for second semester.)

Missing Certificate,
Reach Aheads,
Experiential Learning?
Check your gapps
account for
opportunities to earn
these certificates.

Google classroom (code: s6rbnp)

External Credits

Will go on transcript automatically from our board (YRDSB):

- Night school
- Summer school
- Language course

Needs to be added by the external provider and verified by you:

- Another public school board, ex. TDSB, YCDSB
- Private school → report cards from private schools must be MAILED or walked in SEALED and STAMPED; they (not our Guidance department) must upload your course and mark to OUAC; must be done by early/mid-June for grad purposes and final mark transmission.

Coming back after grade 12?

You can earn as many credits as you like within your four years of high school. After that, credits may be earned through Continuing Education, NOT in day school.



EXCEPT...

- If you have an IEP the 34 credit threshold does not apply to you, OR,
- Have taken ELL courses as these do not count towards the 34 credit threshold.
- See http://www.yrdsb.ca/Students/IPP/Pages/34-Credit-Threshold.aspx

Graduation Ceremony June 25, 2019

- Must check that your name is on the Grad List when posted...see Main Office ASAP if it's not
- You will receive information in April about tickets, gown etc; this is done through the main office
- Sign up for Grad Pictures in November outside the cafe; pics start end of November.
- Brief assembly giving info about the ceremony in June no worries!

Pathway planning

There are options other than university! Do what is right for YOU!

Apprenticeship
College
Gap Year
Work

Our paths can change direction, seem uncertain at times or be indirect...but we all get to where we are supposed to be. Plan your pathway with insight to your skills, realism as to where you are in life right now, financial considerations, short vs long term goals and confidence in yourself to be your own person.

Applying for College

- OCAS \$95 application fee
- 5 choices, max of 3 at one school

Key Dates:

- October begin application (no PIN required)
- November OCAS sends info to selected colleges
- February 1, 2020 deadline for Equal Consideration
- May 1, 2020 deadline to confirm offer of admission
- Colleges grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and collaborative & joint degree programs with universities...research on <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u>

Applying for University

- \$150 base application fee (3 programs); \$50 per choice after that
- Max of 3 choices at any one school; some schools will have further restrictions

Key Dates:

- October 16th onwards will receive PIN
- January 15, 2020 deadline to apply to programs after this date programs can close.
- June 1 deadline to confirm offer of admission;
 earliest date for financial submission
- www.ouac.on.ca has answers to all your application questions - powerpoints & FAQ's available now; on-line tutorials coming soon (mid-November...ish!)

No matter where you're applying



- Check school website and ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca or ontariocolleges.ca for prerequisites for your program
- Must meet deadlines for supplementary applications, auditions, portfolios and online interviews; your responsibility to check with each program/school

Applying Out of Province



You can authorize OUAC to send your marks to U of Victoria, Simon Fraser, UBC, U of Calgary, Concordia, McGill, Bishops, U of New Brunswick, St. Mary's and Dalhousie

When applying to those schools, use your 11 digit OUAC Reference Number (the 11th digit is 0) on their applications

Applying Out of Country

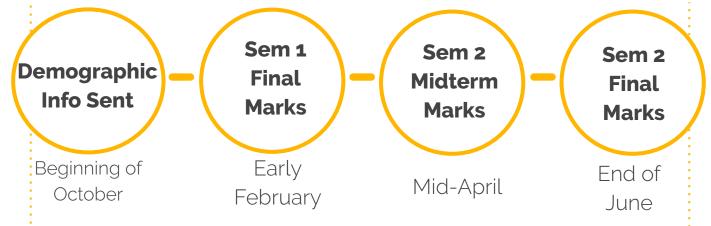
US Universities - Check Guidance tab on Trudeau Pages for info

- Not a last minute decision lengthy process involved (SAT's, PSAT's, reference letters, Common App, NCAA...)
- Should have already spoken to a guidance counsellor about this as we have to be involved in the process of submitting your academic records
- Deadlines are specific to each university, pay attention and stay on top of references and marks getting in etc.

Marks, Marks, Marks



•This is what we send and when...



"Choosing your top 6 marks to send" is NOT a thing! They see all marks, everything is sent from grade 11 onwards. Each school and program will calculate your admission average based on their formula, including prerequisites, which they state on elnfo and their individual websites.

Supplementary Application

- Called different things at different schools, but have the same purpose - for them to get to know the person behind the marks
- Meet their deadlines
- See end of presentation for tips

Funding your Education



- OSAP can do an estimator now; when you apply on OUAC or OCAS keep in mind you will not receive any money prior to acceptance deposits being due.
- Use the following websites to research scholarships

Canlearn.ca

■Scholarshipscanada.com

■Yconic.com

□Fundmyfuture.info

Disabilityawards.ca

■Equals6.com

□Osap.ca

■Studentawards.ca

■Scholartree.ca

 There are some school-nominated awards. The internal deadlines are as follows:

Loran Award -- Thursday, October 10th, 2019

University of Toronto Book Award and National Scholarship Program --

Thursday, October 10th, 2019

Queen's Major Admissions Awards -- November 4th, 2019





Grad Status

- Review and highlight CCS
- Make appointment with your counsellor if required
- Complete missing elements for OSSD, ex. HOURS!
- Check to ensure your name is on the Grad List when posted





Pathway Planning

- Research what's best for you
- Have a plan with several options
- Visit all schools/campuses you are interested in
- Know all pre-req's, admission averages and due dates
- Make an appointment with your counsellor for individual help



Resources

www.ouac.on.ca

www.electronicinfo.ca

www.ontariocolleges.ca

https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship

https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimatorWeb/enterapp/enter.xhtml

http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/guidance/ Pages/default.aspx

Tips for Supplementary Applications



- Start well in advance; brainstorm to start
- Have a theme or consistent point of view throughout
- Be GENUINE, REAL, AUTHENTIC.....this is the most important thing!
- "Sell yourself" without being obnoxious and/or cliche
- Avoid controversial issues and be careful how topics/examples translate to paper.
- Use specific examples from your life to illustrate why you're a good fit
- Edit edit edit. You can not edit this enough.
- Submit well in advance and request references from teachers/advisors well in advance

DEEP BREATHS





You got this!