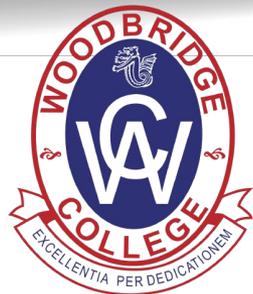


Experience Woodbridge College

Welcome Students and Families



Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Questions

<https://bit.ly/WCgrade9FAQ>

In their own words

Woodbridge College is a place that builds community. There are all sorts of students that you will find there, from diverse backgrounds, each with a different story to tell, and it is this diversity that brings us together as a school. WC allows you to be who you want and gives you opportunities you will find almost no where else. Our small school population gives students access to the opportunities they want and the means to achieve their goals.

- H. D., Blue Willow PS

Welcome to Grade 9

- first day of school is just for grade 9s
- BLAST - one day of games and fun
- Student Mentors

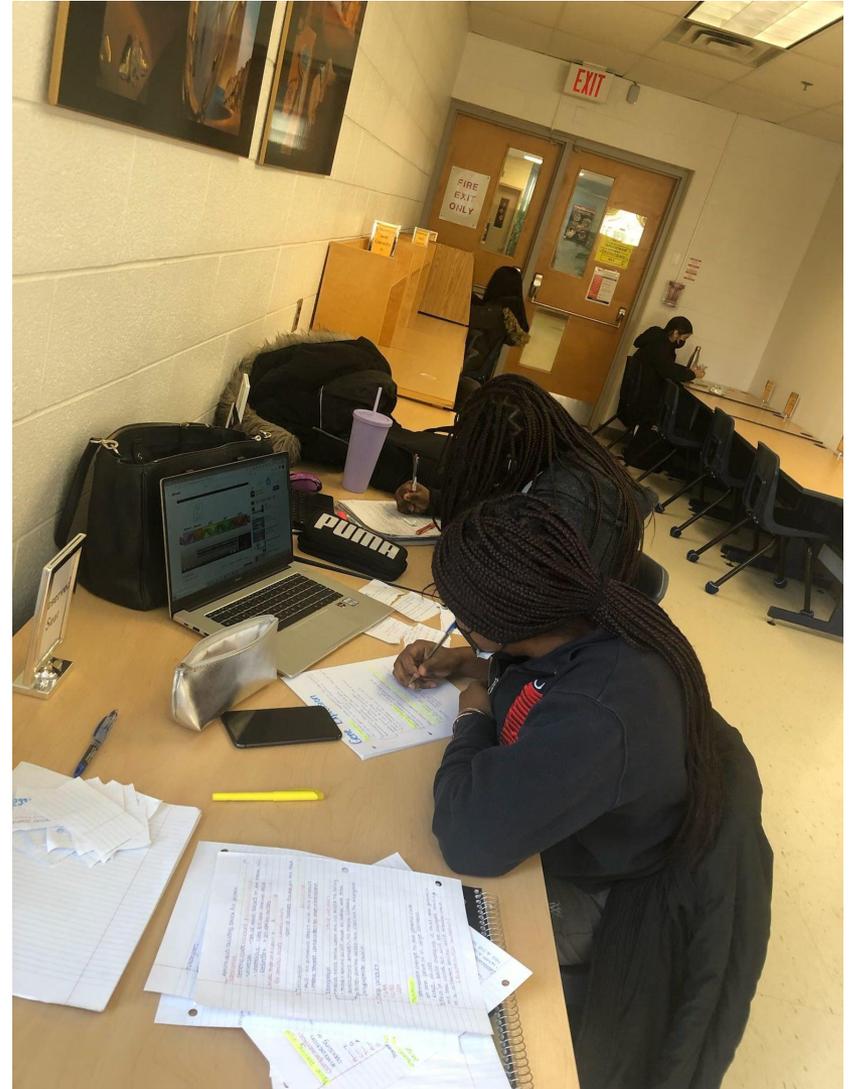


Experience BLAST



Experience 1:1 Learning

- One laptop for every student
- We believe in modern learning to prepare our students for the modern world
- Future employers are looking for critical thinkers, creative innovators, and collaborators
- Our mission is to empower our students to build and focus on these skills with an emphasis on technology
- 1:1 learning promotes 21st century skills such as: literacy, digital citizenship, teamwork, differentiated instruction and increased student engagement



Experience Athletics

- Tennis
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Football
- Soccer
- Badminton



In their own words

The best aspect of attending WC is the clubs and teams. I met almost every single one of my best/good friends by bonding through these teams, clubs, and activities. Joining these clubs also helped me be less anxious of talking to people, maybe made me more extroverted too.

- K. L., Blue Willow PS



Experience School Life - Get Involved!

- Character Education
- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Chess Club
- Scrabble Club
- Student Advisory Committee
- Athletic Council
- Puzzle Solvers



In their own words

When I started my first ever semester, I suffered with poor mental health. Throughout the first semester, I found that the staff at WC were very supportive of me, making sure that I felt safe, comfortable and that I could be a successful student. Now, two years later, I am much more confident at WC and I am a part of the announcement team, best buddies, SHSM, and am a leader in the school. As well, I am able to continue to come back to WPS to volunteer, complete my co-op placement, and further build my experience in the school environment which I hope to pursue a career in.

A. M., Woodbridge PS

Woodbridge College Cares

We have teams of staff focused on:

- Student Success and Extra Help
- Social and Emotional Well-Being
- Special Education
- English Language Learners (ESL)
- Guidance
- Homework Lunch Club
- Snack Program



Honestly the teachers really care about the students and will do anything in order to see them successful.

- T. S., Blue Willow PS

ESL/ELD Support Programs

- Learning English as a second language is not easy!
- ESL/ELD courses are provided to help students develop proficiency in English
- Students are assessed for their level of English proficiency in order to be placed in appropriate classes
- Those same teachers provide help and support to English Language Learners (ELLs) for all of their courses



Support for Special Education Students

Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) receive supports such as:

- regular check-ins with, and help from, a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)
- advocacy support for accommodations
- personalized student transition plan to life after high school be it postsecondary education, work or community living



In their own words

The small school population also brings a sense of unity where everyone can be kind to each other and joke around with each other. One on one learning is prominent and gaining close bonds with peers and teachers in the classroom is really helpful.

- A. V., Blue Willow PS

French Immersion Program

Our French Immersion (F.I.) students take a minimum of 10 courses to graduate with the F.I. certificate.

4 or 5 courses in Grade 9 :

- FIF1D1 (French language)
- BTT10F (Information and Communication Technology in Business)
- CGC1DF (Canadian Geography)
- SNC1DF (Science)
- AVI10F (Visual Arts)

4 courses in Grade 10 :

- FIF2D1 (French Language)
- HFN20F (Food and Nutrition)
- CHC2DF (Canadian History)
- CHV2OF and GLC2OF (Civics and Careers)

1 course in Grade 11 :

- FIF3U1 (French Language)

1 course in Grade 12 :

- FIF4U1 (French Language)



All content, course work, and assessments are done completely in French. By grade 12 the students will graduate with an official certificate of completion.

In their own words

I was in the IB program at Maple High School and it wasn't a right fit so I came to WC to continue in the FI program. Everyone knows each other, and there are better relationship with teachers since the school is small.

- Y. K., Elder's Mill P.S.

SHSM Program

- In grades 11 and 12, our Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) students have chosen to focus their credit work in a specific sector that matches their skills and interests: Health and Wellness, Arts and Culture, or Business
- Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma because they:
 - completed specialized training and certification courses such as group dynamics and customer service, first aid, stage production or project management
 - Participate in various experiential learning activities and learn about a variety of post-secondary opportunities
 - have completed a work placement within their chosen sector.



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Cooperative Education & Other Experiential Learning

Community Based Education (co-op)

OYAP -Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Dual Credit Program

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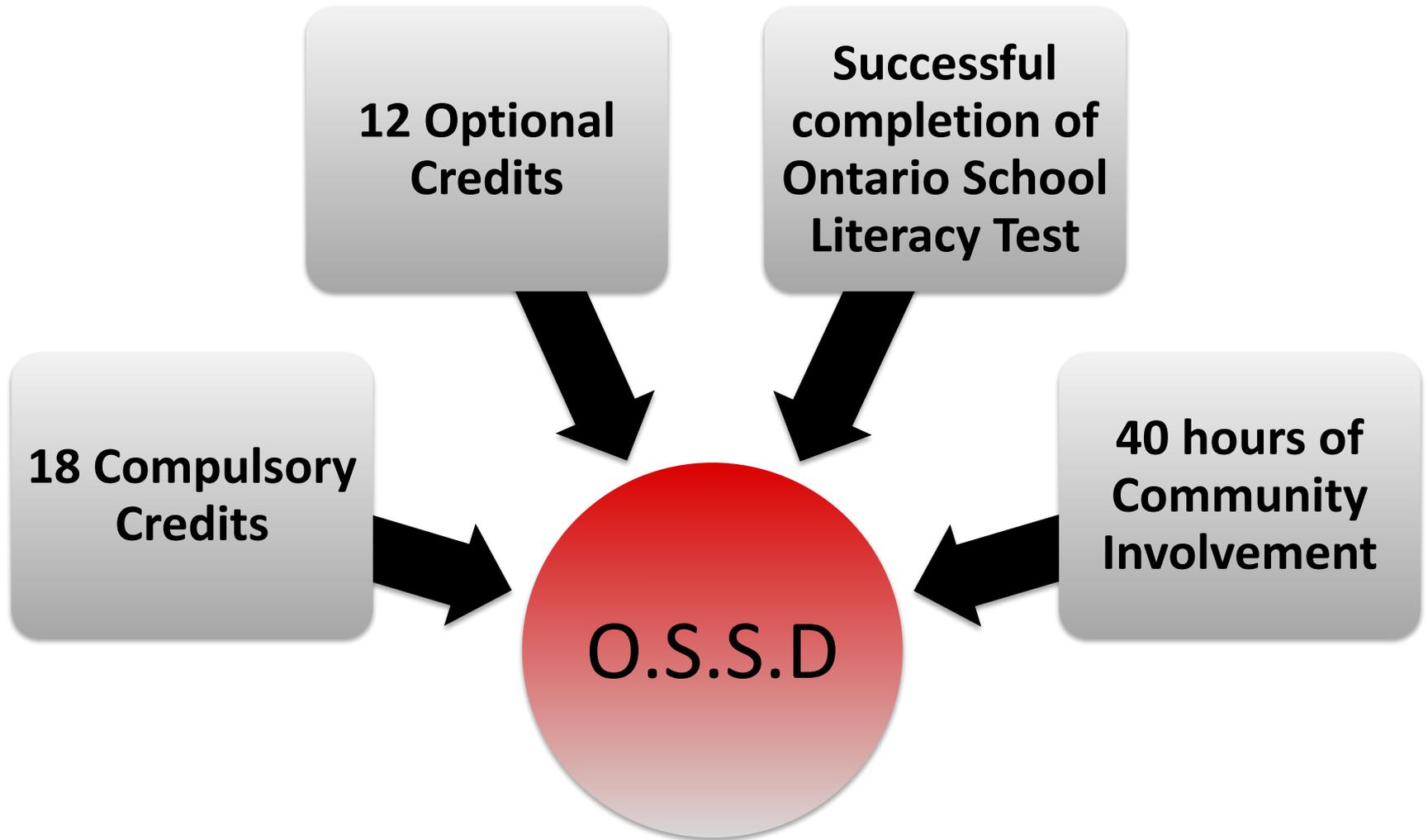
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Cooperative Education & Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

For more information, contact your Community Based Education (Co-op) teacher or Guidance, and www.yrdsb.ca/oyap



Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.) for the 4 year program



Graduation Requirements

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits†
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

	Group 1:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English or French as a second language**• a Native language
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a classical or international language• social sciences and the humanities• Canadian and world studies• guidance and career education• cooperative education***
	Group 2:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• health and physical education• the arts• business studies• French as a second language**• cooperative education***
	Group 3:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• science (Grade 11 or 12)• technological education• French as a second language**• computer studies• cooperative education***

New Senior Courses

We regularly review our programming to align with student interest and need. New courses include...

- NBE3U1/NBE3C1/NBE3E1 - Contemporary Aboriginal Voices (English)
- NDA3M1 - Contemporary Aboriginal Issues in Canada
- HSE4M1 - Equity & Social Justice: From Theory to Practice
- HSG3M1 - Gender Studies

Let's Focus on Grade 9

8 Courses in Your Grade 9

6 Required Courses:

- English
- French
- Geography
- Health & Physical Education
- Math
- Science

2 Elective Courses:

- Dance
- Drama
- Exploring Computer Technology
- Exploring Family Studies
- Music
- Introduction to Business
- Visual Arts

New in the Fall!

Pre-Advanced Placement Courses in Grade 9:

- Math
- Science
- French Immersion



The Grade 10 Literacy Test

- A Diploma requirement. Administered in Spring 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 the standard is not met in the first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or the Grade 12 Literacy Course



Community Involvement



- A diploma requirement
- Encourages civic responsibility, promotes community values and reinforces importance of volunteerism
- Complete 40 hours before graduation
- Can start in the summer of grade 8
- Must obtain approval before starting involvement
- 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

Decisions about which courses might best suit your child

COURSE TYPES IN Gr. 9

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DESTREAMED

ACADEMIC

OPEN

**LOCALLY
DEVELOPED**

Course type

Details

ACADEMIC

- offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math (gr.10), English, French, Geography, History
- maximum class size of 29

LOCALLY DEVELOPED

- may be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, History
- maximum class size of 16
- placement determined through an IPRC meeting

OPEN

- offered in the following compulsory courses: Physical Education, Arts, Civics/Careers and all remaining grade 9 & 10 electives
- maximum class size of 29 (exception Technology courses)

DESTREAMED

- offered in the following courses for 2021-22: Math & Science
- maximum class size 25

Course Types- Grade 9

Academic

English
Geography
French

**Locally
Developed**

English
Math
Science

Destreamed

Math
(introduced in
2021-22)

Science
(introduced in
2022-2023)

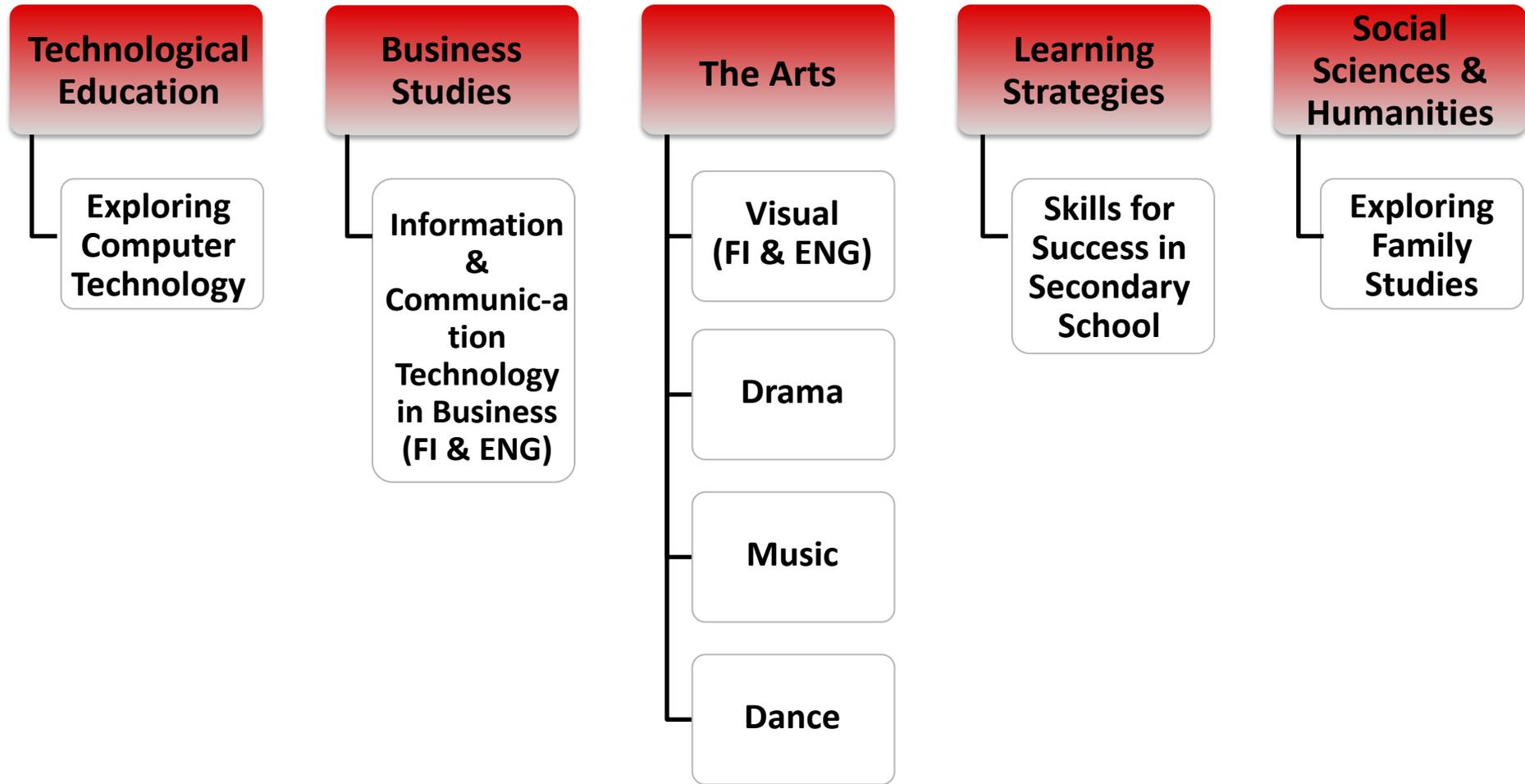
Physical Education is an Open Type course for all students.

French as an Official Language

- French is one of Canada's official languages
- French is recognized and valued as an integral component of Ontario's education system
- The vision of the French program in Ontario is that students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French
- French is a compulsory subject, mandatory from Grades 4 to 9. Students are encouraged to study French in Grades 10 to 12.
- Grade 9 French is now offered at the open level for students who are new or have less than 600 hours of instruction in French



OPTIONAL COURSES FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS



Choosing Courses for Grade 9

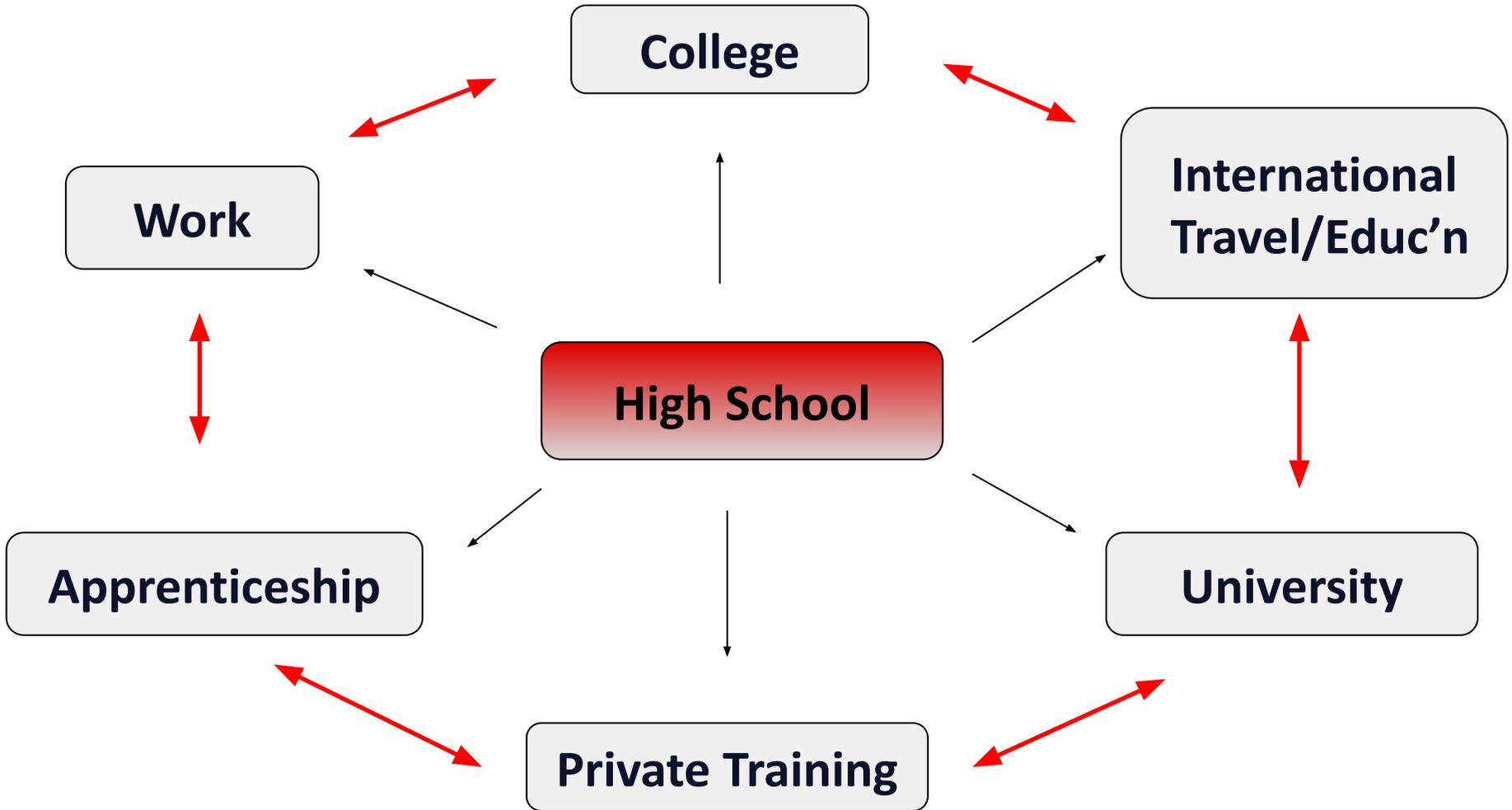
- Families and students will select courses and may choose to collaborate with elementary school teachers, guidance counselors, student success/support teachers and administrators
- Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles
- Remember that initial decisions made in grade 8 are not “final” decisions. There are many pathways to initial post-secondary destinations

Secondary School Planning

Planning Ahead

- Prerequisites for courses
- How to plan for experiential learning opportunities
- Admission requirements for post-secondary opportunities (college, apprenticeship, university)
- Preparing for school-work transition

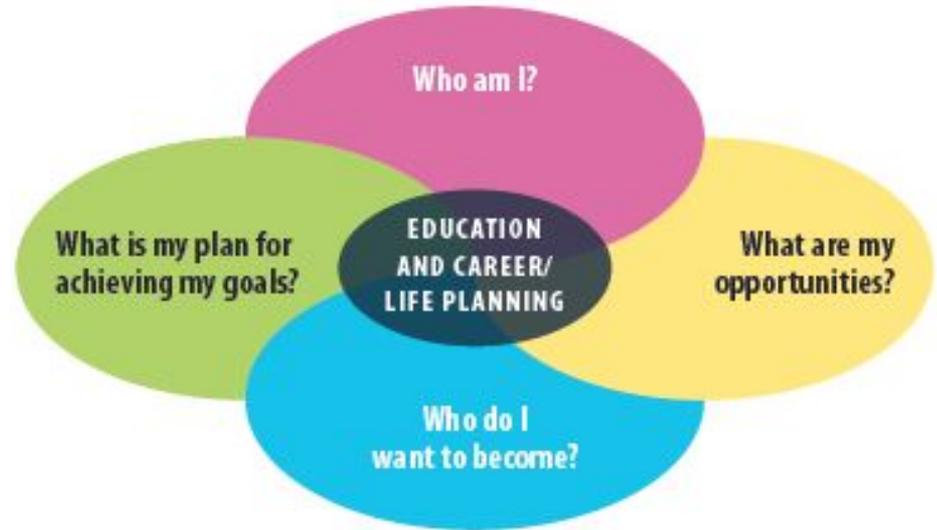
Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are changeable and flexible





**Supporting
Multiple Pathways
to Student Success**

Experience Possibilities



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PATHWAY
planner

34 CREDIT THRESHOLD



Pathways Planning for Secondary Students
Helping Students to Graduate Within Four Years

What you
**NEED TO
KNOW!**



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**,
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or contact your school's guidance department.

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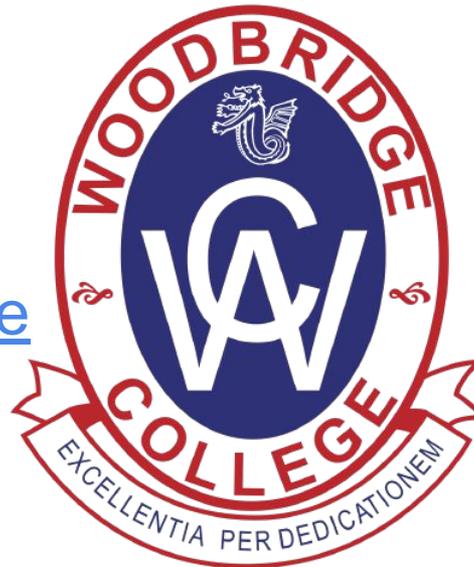


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