



# COURSE OPTIONS

## Grades 9 and 10

The types of courses offered, and their organization provide for a graduated streaming of courses in Grades 9 to 12, which will keep options open for all students in the earlier grades and prepare students in senior grades for their future destination. In Grade 9, students have the option of de-streamed, and some open level courses. In Grade 10, students can participate in academic, open, or applied level courses.

Courses in Grades 11 and 12 are designed to prepare students for a post-secondary destination – that is, for apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace.

Students, together with their parents/guardians and educators, choose Grades 9 and 10 courses based primarily on student interests, needs and achievements. In these years, students select courses to add to their knowledge and skills base and explore their interests. Students are not required to make binding decisions about a particular educational and career path.

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#### DE-STREAMED COURSES

These courses (Math and Science) encourage student success within a de-streamed classroom environment where classroom educators employ a variety of culturally responsive instructional strategies and collaborate with colleagues to create an engaging and relevant experience for students.

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#### ACADEMIC COURSES

Academic courses develop students' knowledge and skills through the study of theory and abstract problems. These courses focus on the essential concepts of a subject and explore related concepts as well. They incorporate practical applications as appropriate.

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#### APPLIED COURSES (ONLY FOR GRADE 10)

Applied courses focus on the essential concepts of a subject and develop students' knowledge and skills through practical applications and concrete examples. Familiar situations are used to illustrate ideas, and students are given more opportunities to experience hands-on applications of the concepts and theories they study.

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#### LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMPULSORY CREDIT COURSES (LDCC)

LDCC courses focus on the knowledge and skills that students need to be well prepared for success in the Grade 11 Workplace Preparation courses. Students who are eligible for LDCC courses will choose these courses in consultation with their parents/guardians and Special Education staff. LDCC courses will support students in developing and enhancing strategies that they need to develop literacy and numeracy skills and the confidence to use these skills in their day-to-day activities

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#### OPEN COURSES

Open courses are offered in most elective subjects in Grades 9 and 10. They are designed to prepare students for further study in a subject, and to enrich their education generally. Open courses comprise a set of expectations that are appropriate for all students.

## Grades 11 and 12

In Grades 11 and 12, students will choose from among four destination-related course types: university preparation, university/college preparation, college preparation, and workplace preparation. Some open courses are also offered in Grades 11 and 12. Students will make their choices based on their interests, achievement, and career goals. All university preparation courses, university/college preparation courses, college preparation courses, and workplace preparation courses have been developed in collaboration with representatives of universities, colleges, apprenticeship programs, or the business community, as appropriate, and are designed to enable students to meet the entrance requirements of post-secondary institutions or apprenticeship or other training programs, or the expectations of employers in the workplace.

The following is a brief description of the types of courses that are available in the various disciplines of the Ontario curriculum in Grades 11 and 12:



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#### UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES

University preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for university programs.

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#### UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES

University/college preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for specific programs offered at universities and colleges.

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#### COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES

College preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the requirements for entrance to most college programs or for admission to apprenticeship or other training programs.

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#### WORKPLACE PREPARATION COURSES

Workplace preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the expectations of employers, if they plan to enter the workplace directly after graduation, or the requirements for admission to certain apprenticeship or other training programs.

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#### OPEN COURSES

Open courses are designed to broaden students' knowledge and skills in subjects that reflect their interests and to prepare them for active and rewarding participation in society. They are not designed with the specific requirements of universities, colleges, or the workplace in mind. Prerequisites are specified for many of the courses offered in Grades 11 and 12. They are identified in the curriculum policy documents.

See Course Calendar for a full list of course offerings, their prerequisites and descriptions available on the school website and printed, if necessary, by the school.