

Your Educational Journey: Pathway Planning

Winter 2024



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Welcome!

Our discussion today will focus upon:

- Navigating the transition to secondary school in WRDSB.
- Understanding the requirements for a Secondary School Diploma
- Learning about the many courses available to our students and
- Discovering the many post-secondary possibilities available.

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Preparing for Secondary school!

- **High school programming options**
- **Timelines to consider in the planning process**
- **Researching opportunities**



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WRDSB Magnet Programs:

IB - Cameron Heights, Glenview Park

MLL (formerly ESL) - WCI, Eastwood, Forest Heights, Galt

Integrated Arts - Eastwood

Fast Forward - KCI, Laurel Heights, GPSS, JHSS, GRCI

French Immersion - KCI, GCI

Extended French - Forest Heights, GRCI, WCI, GCI and KCI

Strings - WCI, GRCI

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Are you ready for high school?

- **A typical day in a WRDSB high school!**
- **Supports available to students**
- **Opportunities for exposure to clubs, athletics, the arts and other experiences**
- **The changing role of the parent**



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Grade 9 Course Requirements:

ENL 1W - English

MTH 1W - Math

SNC 1W - Science

CGC 1W - Canadian Geography

FSF 1D - French Language studies

****NEW: a Technological studies in 9 or 10**

2-3 Elective options

De-streamed

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Compulsory Credits (19)

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in Mathematics (at least one in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credits in Civics
- 1 credit in French as a second language



Group Credits (1 from each required)

- 1 credit in Group 1:** English, French as a second language, classical languages, international languages, Native languages, Canadian and world studies, Native studies, social sciences and humanities, guidance and career education, cooperative education
- 1 credit in Group 2:** French as a second language, the arts, business studies, health and physical education, cooperative education
- 1 credit in Group 3:** French as a second language, science (Grade 11 or 12), computer studies, technological education, cooperative education

PLUS 11 ELECTIVE CREDITS

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Three additional requirements:

- **Completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in Gr. 10**
- **40 hours of Volunteering service**
- **Two asynchronous Elearning classes (opt out form available)**

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After High School?

The most popular Post-Secondary destinations include:

- **Heading into the workplace/travel or other community opportunities**
- **A fifth year of secondary school**
- **Attending College**
- **Pursuing an Apprenticeship**
- **Attending University**

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Entering the Workforce? Traveling? Volunteering?

- Determine the type of plans you would like to pursue
- Update your resume ([MyBlueprint](#))
- Seek for part-time employment, volunteering opportunities early
- Connect with friends and family

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Planning for a 5th Year?

- Stay within 34 credits in total
- Return for courses that support a pathway
- Must be in good standing both academically and behaviourally
- Select courses as usual in February
- Scheduling of courses is at the school's discretion

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Considering College? You will need:

- **Your OSSD**
- **Grade 12 English (C or U)**
- **Program specific requirements**
- **An average based on required courses**
- **A portfolio / interview if required**
- **Solid results in Grade 11 English and sometimes Math**

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Seeking Apprenticeship Opportunities:

- Find an Employer
- Connect with people (family, neighbours, friends, job sites)
- Explore Skilled Trades Ontario
- Consider a college pathway to apprenticeship
- Focus on Math and English
- Pursue courses in Technology as well as COOP

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University Bound? Prepare to have:

- Your OSSD
- Grade 12 English (U Level) and 5 additional U or M level courses, including specific requirements depending on program
- A solid average (80%) based on your top 6 grade 12 U or M level courses
- A portfolio / plan for an interview or additional testing requirements
- Additional information forms

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Course Selections: The process!

- **Course selections are key to the pathway process, as some courses may be “required” for future opportunities**
- **School websites will all include Course Selection materials and Guidance staff will work directly with students**
- **Course Selection timelines vary across WRDSB**
- **Prior to March Break will be the deadline for course entry**

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- Encourage your student to book an appointment with their Guidance counsellor
- Our course selection tool, My Blueprint, is very user and family friendly
- One stop for Course selections and Career/Post Secondary research



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Encourage your student to explore an SHSM or COOP in their pathway plan!

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Some great resources:

[Student Transportation \(School Boundaries/Bus eligibility\)](#)

[Destreaming and its role in WRDSB, Magnet Programs @ WRDSB](#)

[Pathways for Success! \(SHSM/COOP\)](#)

[My Blueprint for pathway planning and course selections](#)

[Bluevale Guidance \(Grade 8-9 Transition, Scholarships etc.\)](#)

[Ontario Colleges, Ontario Universities, Skilled Trades Ontario](#)

Home school Guidance sites, Future Grade Nines buttons!

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**How can I help?
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