

J Clarke Richardson Collegiate

Selecting Grade 9 Courses for 2021-2022

1. Students MUST SELECT 8 courses for next year. OPTIONS SELECTION DUE: MARCH 3, 2021
2. Students must choose between receiving their education through face to face, “in-class” instruction or “synchronous virtual” learning. **All courses** must be delivered in the **same format**.

GRADE 9 SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grade 9 programs are based on the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum, which include:

- Credit courses (Compulsory & Optional)
- Course types (DeStreamed, Academic, Applied, Locally Developed and Open)
- Student Success Initiatives
- Pathways Programming (Apprenticeship, College, University and Workplace)

CURRICULUM AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL

Students will choose courses in Grade 9 from one or more types: Academic, Applied, Locally Developed Compulsory Credit and Open. They will make their choices primarily based on their goals, interests, learning preferences, needs and achievement.

Academic Courses: These courses focus on the essential concepts of a subject and explore related concepts as well. They incorporate practical applications as appropriate.

Applied Courses: These 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.

Locally Developed Courses: These courses focus on literacy, mathematical literacy, essential job skills and essential concepts. Students may be placed in these specially designed courses to continue their learning and bring their achievement closer to grade level.

Open Courses: Courses, which comprise a set of expectations that are appropriate for all students, are designed to broaden students' knowledge and skills in subjects that reflect their interests and prepare them for active and rewarding participation in society. They are not designed with the specific requirements of university, college, or the workplace in mind. The organization of courses by type is intended to enable students to choose one type of course in a Grade 9 subject while allowing the possibility of choosing a different type for another Grade 9 course.

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3. You MUST choose the **Compulsory grade 9 courses** (English, Geography, Math, Science, Phys. Ed, and French)
 - a. NEW THIS YEAR – DESTREAMED MATH: Students who would have previously selected Applied Math or Academic Math will all select MTH1W. For students who wish take Locally Developed MAT1L is still available.
 - b. English, Science and Geography and French choose Academic, Applied, or Locally Developed. All students will select a Physical Education and Health credit.

4. Students will have a choice of **2 optional courses** in grade 9.

5. It is recommended that students select an **ARTS compulsory requirement** by the end of grade 10. Grade 9 or 10 “Arts” courses are prerequisites for ALL but 1 Grade 11 Arts course. Prerequisites are specific to each area - Visual Art, Music, and Drama. Example: students need grade 9 or 10 drama (ADA1O1 or ADA2O1) before taking grade 11 drama (ADA3M1).

6. Course selection will be completed using myBlueprint
 - >www.myblueprint.ca/ddsb
 - >Select “School Account Login”
 - >use your DDSB username and password to login

The timetable is student driven, that means students select the courses that we schedule for next year. Choose wisely, timetable changes are extremely limited and only possible if space remains in a class.