### **GRADE 9 TO 12 PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS INSIDE**

## Secondary Program Guide

NEW! Update to the Out-of-Area Admissions process

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT...**

Secondary Programs across the TDSB TDSB Central Student Interest Programs

- Arts
- Exceptional Athletes
- Integrated Technology
- International Baccalaureate
- Leadership Pathway
- Math, Science and Technology

New Updates about Central Student Interest Programs

> Toronto District School Board

# Message from the Director, Colleen Russell-Rawlins

Dear Students,

High school is an exciting time to learn more about yourself and the world around you.

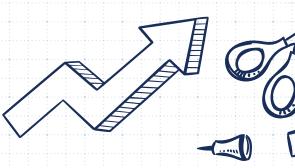
There are countless options to choose from: a class that is different from anything you've tried before, a new sport or hobby through your extracurricular activities, or co-op placements in fields you never knew existed. These next few years are a great way to apply your strengths and explore your interests.

The Toronto District School Board offers a range of programming aimed at supporting students' interests and passions. We offer a number of central student interest programs and schools including ones focused on the arts, athletics, science, math and technology. These programs and schools are designed to engage you while allowing you to build skills in a particular area. Anyone who has an interest and passion for any of these areas is invited and encouraged to apply. This magazine will give you further insight into the programs the TDSB offers, the application process and what you can expect from the program.

Remember that no matter what high school and postsecondary pathways you choose to pursue, your educators, guidance counsellors, parents, guardians, caregivers and peers are here to support you along your journey. Reach out to them when you need advice or a listening ear.

I wish you the best in your learning and planning!

Ms. Russell-Rawlins Director of Education



## Our Mission

To enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and well-being and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible, contributing members of a democratic and sustainable society.



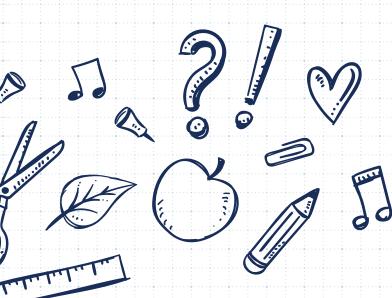


Each and every student's interests, strengths, passions, identities and needs

- A strong public education system
- A partnership of students, staff, family and community
- Shared leadership that builds trust, supports effective practices and enhances high expectations
- The diversity of our students, staff and our community
- The commitment and skills of our staff
- Equity, innovation, accountability and accessibility
- Learning and working spaces that are inclusive, caring, safe, respectful and environmentally sustainable
- The mental health and well being of each student by centering mentally healthy schools which honor social identities and are inclusive, equitable, caring and engaging



- Transform Student Learning
- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being





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# What you Need To Craduate

### **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements**

#### **COMPULSORY CREDITS**

Students must earn the following 18 compulsory credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- $\mp$  4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- ¤ 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- $\mu$  2 credits in science
- $\ddagger$  1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- $\ddagger$  1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- implie 1 credit in the arts
- <sup> $\mu$ </sup> 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 and citizenship
- implie 3 credits for group 1, 2 and 3 courses (1 credit in each group)\*

## Reminder!

OSSD Requirements

- ¤ 30 credits (including 2 online e-Learning
- credits)
- Iliteracy requirement
- # 40 hours of community
- involvement activities

\*of the 18 compulsory credits, students must complete 1 from each of the following groups:

#### **GROUP 1**

- I English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course) or French as a second language
- Native languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- × classical and international languages x social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- ¤ guidance and career education
- X American Sign Language as a second language
- ¤ Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

#### **GROUP 2**

- Health and physical education ¤ the arts
- business studies
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- French as a second language
- ¤ cooperative education
- American Sign Language as a second language
  - Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

#### **GROUP 3**

- x science (Grade 11 or 12)
- I French as a second language
- **¤** computer studies
- cooperative education
- X American Sign Language as a second language
- × Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

For more information about what you need to earn your OSSD, visit www.ontario.ca/page/high-schoolgraduation-requirements.



The Ontario Secondary School Certificate will be granted, on request, to students who are leaving school upon reaching the age of 18 without earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

A student must have earned:

#### 7 Compulsory Credits

- field 2 English
- ¤ 1 mathematics
- µ 1 science
- ¤ 1 health and physical education

#### **7 Optional Credits**

 T optional credits selected by the student from available courses

## Certificate of Accomplishment

Students who leave school upon reaching the age of 18 without having met the requirements for the OSSD or OSSC may be granted a Certificate of Accomplishment.

This certificate is a useful means of recognizing achievement for students who plan to continue certain kinds of training or find employment.

A student may return to school and take additional credit and non-credit courses and have their transcript (OST) updated. A new certificate will not be awarded, but an OSSD or OSSC will be granted when the returning student has fulfilled the requirements.

### Reminder! OSSC Requirements: 0 14 credits

# Commily Involvement

#### What is Community Involvement?

- × An event or activity designed to be of benefit to the community.

Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement prior to graduation in order to earn the OSSD. The community involvement requirement is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop awareness and understanding about civic responsibility. Students can actively participate in supporting and strengthening their communities. It also provides the opportunity for students to learn more about themselves and possible career opportunities. Community involvement may begin in the summer after Grade 8.

For more information, connect with your Secondary School Guidance Counsellors.

For volunteer opportunities check: www.volunteertoronto.ca

### Helpful Tip!

Use the <u>TDSB Student</u> <u>Community Involvement</u> <u>Activity Notification</u> <u>and Completion Form</u> to track your hours.

## Online Learning Graduation Requirement

The Ontario Ministry of Education has introduced a new graduation requirement for secondary students to complete two online e-Learning credits as part of the 30 credits required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Online learning supports the development of digital literacy and other transferable skills that will help prepare students for success after graduation.

Students may withdraw/opt out of this new requirement and graduate with an OSSD. Students who opt out of this new requirement may still enrol in e-Learning courses.

Students working towards an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) or a Certificate of Accomplishment (CoA) are not required to complete this new graduation requirement. Students who are completing an OSSC or CoA may choose to enrol in e-Learning courses.

Secondary schools offer online e-Learning courses for students to request locally during the annual course selection process. Online e-Learning courses are also available, centrally, through the TDSB e-Learning Day School program.

For more information visit the <u>TDSB Online Learning</u> <u>Requirement Webpage</u>

#### Online e-Learning Opportunities

TDSB e-Learning provides students with learning experiences that are:

**flexible**: students can learn anytime, anywhere

**relevant**: students prepare for their future in an increasingly digital world

**engaging:** students enjoy rich, interactive online content

Students can access three e-Learning opportunities through the TDSB

- ¤ e-Summer School
- <sup>⊭</sup> e-Learning Day School <sup>⊭</sup> e-Credit (18+)

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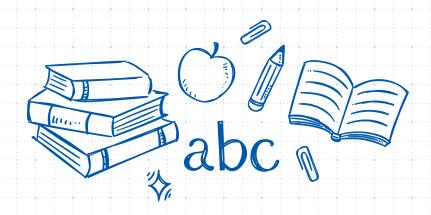
#### **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The online OSSLT will be administered between November 1 and November 30, 2023 and between March 20 to April 24, 2024. The test does not need to be administered to all students at the same time. It can be administered to small groups of students at different times and on different days. Schools have flexibility in determining when students complete the OSSLT within the administration window.

- School boards are required to provide remedial assistance for students who do not complete the test successfully.
- If students have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), assessment accommodations on their IEP are available for the assessment although content may not be altered. A set of accessibility tools are available for every student taking the OSSLT.
- English Language Learners (ELL) only take the test when they have reached an appropriate level of language ability.
- Accommodations are available based on language acquisition needs.





#### **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course**

All students must work toward the literacy graduation requirement by participating in the OSSLT or completing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC).

To provide maximum flexibility for students to acquire the literacy graduation requirement, particularly for students enrolled in remote learning, students can be enrolled in the OSSLC without having attempted the OSSLT in 2023–2024.

Students who successfully complete this course will have met the provincial literacy requirement for graduation, and will earn one credit. The credit may be used to meet the Grade 11 or Grade 12 compulsory credit requirement in English or the Group 1 additional compulsory credit requirement.

For answers to frequently asked questions about the OSSLT, visit <u>https://www.eqao.com/frequently-asked-questions</u>.



# Secondary Program Euide

Every student living in the City of Toronto has a designated school by address that they are eligible to attend for elementary school and for secondary school. Local schools provide wide and rich programming and will allow students to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and be ready to apply to post-secondary education at College or University.

Possible advantages to attending your designated school by address	Reasons one might consider attending a school other than your designated school by address
This school is usually the closest school to where you live. With less time needed to travel, you may have more time to join clubs and other extra- curricular activities	If your school is smaller in size, it may not have a particular course choice that you are looking for
The school is part of your local community and you will be attending school with people that you may have known for many years	Some other schools/programs may have a different focus or approach to teaching that might better suit your needs

#### My Designated School By Address

Find Your School by Address and select the course charts to see what courses are currently being offered at the school.

- All schools offer the Compulsory Subjects; be sure to look at courses in the Arts, Languages, Business, Social Science and Technological Studies.
- Visit the school website to learn more about activities, clubs and events that are taking place at the school.
- Look to see if there are any local programs that are highlighted in the school (i.e. Leadership, STEM, Advanced Placement, etc.)

#### Find your School

Find your designated school by address and explore other educational opportunities available through the TDSB.



By Home Address Fill in your address in the search box



By School Name

Browse by alphabetical school listing

# Orit-of-Anea Admissions

Students can apply in January to attend a school other than their designated school by address. If schools have space available, they will be able to admit students requesting Out-of-Area Admissions.

Each year in November, schools are classified for Out-of-Area Admissions based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year.

> Application Dates for Secondary Schools

Monday, January 8, 2024 - Friday, January 26, 2024 (at 4:00 p.m.)

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The school not admit a students fr Out-of-Area Only studen living within the school attendance may attend school.	any with a sibl om currently a. attending nts returning t n the reques s school ma e area apply for	ing attending and returning to t and requested so or students sted attending a f ay school in the same progra a may apply fo	All students d may apply for he Out-of-Area shool Admissions. The school may eeder admit students from all of m the priorities,

\* Please note that the sibling must have been attending the requested school in September 2022, be currently attending and returning in September 2024.

Students may apply through the Out-of-Area Admissions application process to one (1) Regular program or one (1) Intensive French program for admission in September 2024.

The Out-of-Area Admissions application cannot be used to access Special Education Intensive Support Programs (where Identification, Placement and Review Committee placement is required), Alternative Schools, Caring and Safe School Programs or Central Student Interest Programs or Schools.

To learn more about the Out-of-Area Admissions status of a school or to access the online application visit <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions</u>.



# Student Interest Programs

TDSB schools have programs to meet the interests and needs of their students! Courses and programming that are of interest to students will help them to be as successful as possible in their secondary school career.

#### Local Programs

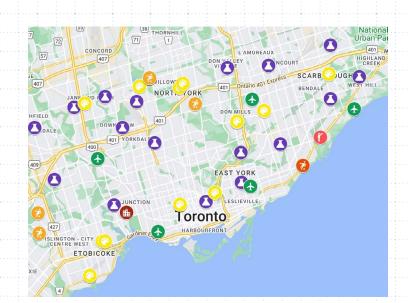
Local Programs refer to interest-based programs within a school with a specific focus (e.g., Math/Science, Advanced Placement) that are available to students registered at that school. Students attending the school who participate in a local program will be able to take a package of courses. Visit the school website for more information about Local Programs that may be of interest to you!

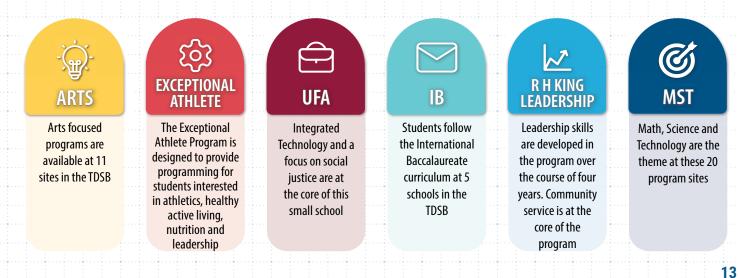
#### <u>Central Student</u> Interest Programs

Central Student Interest Program refer to district-wide specialized programs with a specific focus (e.g., the arts, athletics, etc.) that require specialized infrastructure, facilities, scheduling, staffing and support. These programs cannot be offered in regular schools. All interested students from across Toronto are eligible to apply to attend Central Student Interest Programs.

#### Some examples of Local Programs

- Advanced Placement Courses
- I Specialist High Skills Majors
- I Leadership





# Applying to a Centizal And Statent Interest Program,

All applications are submitted through an online application. Details about application requirements are available under "Admissions" on each of the program websites. Should applications exceed the number of seats available, students will be selected through a random selection process.

All applicants will need to submit an "Expression of Interest"; something that highlights and showcases why they are applying to their program choice. Files can be uploaded or a link can be shared in the online application.

Learn more by visiting the <u>Expression of Interest</u> <u>Website</u>.

#### Interested in applying?

Interested students should visit the school website and attend the Open House / Information Night at the program of interest. Students are encouraged to explore their options in Grade 7, so they are ready to make decisions and apply in Grade 8!

Students are eligible to apply for one (1) Central Student Interest Program or School. Students may select one alternate choice if they wish. Alternate choices will only be considered after all primary applications from residents of the city of Toronto have been considered and placed.

For more information visit the <u>Secondary Central</u> <u>Student Interest Programs Application and</u> <u>Admissions website.</u> Application Dates for Central Student Interest Programs Monday, November 6, 2023 to Friday, November 24, 2023 (at 4:00 p.m.)

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Arts focus programs are designed to support students who are passionate about the Arts! At the secondary level, while courses are offered in every subject area, students applying to these programs must be interested in focusing their elective courses in Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and/ or Visual Arts as they work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students will take a minimum of two (2) arts courses each year and have the opportunity to explore a variety of forms of the arts. Each program offers unique programming. Please visit the Secondary Arts Website to learn more about each program.

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### Locations

- $rac{}$  Don Mills Collegiate Institute
- Etobicoke School of the Arts

- Rosedale Heights School of the Arts
- Western Technical Commercial School
- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts

### Application

Students interested in attending one of the Artsfocus schools are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest that highlights their art-form of choice. Be creative!

Application details are available on the <u>Secondary</u> <u>Arts Website.</u>

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The Exceptional Athlete Program is designed to provide programming for students interested in athletics, healthy active living, nutrition and leadership development. To support this, students take two courses in Health and Physical Education each year over the course of four years.

Students must be self-motivated and willing to participate in all components of the physical and academic programming needed to excel in sports and educational pursuits.

### Locations

 $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{^{\mu}}}$  Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

### Application

Students interested in attending the Exceptional Athlete program are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest that showcases their passion for Athletics! Be creative!

For more details, visit the <u>TDSB Exceptional Athlete</u> <u>Program website.</u>

# Integrated Technolog

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Ursula Franklin Academy (UFA) is a small specialized high school offering integrated liberal arts and science packages, preparing students for academic programs at the post-secondary level.

Cross-curricular, future-oriented skills such as conflict resolution, computer technology, problemsolving, student leadership, and exposure to international languages will be emphasized.

## Application

All potential applicants are expected to read <u>UFA's Statement of Purpose & Values</u> carefully. The descriptor of an UFA applicant and information about the application process can can be found on the <u>TDSB Integrated</u> <u>Technology Program website</u>.

Students are encouraged to make reference to the Purpose and Values in their Expression of Interest, but this is not a requirement

# InternationalBaccalaureate



The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a demanding two-year pre-university course of study designed for highly motivated secondary school students. The IB Diploma Program is academically challenging with externally set, standardized final examinations supplied and assessed by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

The International Baccalaureate program is developed independently of government and national systems, and incorporates quality practice from research and the global community of schools.

The program:

- encourages students of all ages to think critically and challenge assumptions;
- encourages students of all ages to consider both local and global contexts; and
- ¤ develops multilingual students.

#### **IB Diploma Course Offerings**

In the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, students study three subjects at the Higher Level (HL) and three subjects at the Standard Level (SL). Students are expected to take one course from each of the six subject groups:

- Group 2 Language acquisition\* (there are no language exemptions)
- ¤ Group 3 Individuals and societies

- Group 6 The Arts (Students may take an additional Group 2, 3 or 4 course, instead of a course in the arts.)

All potential applicants are expected the read and review the <u>IB Learner Profile</u>

- □ We encourage students to consider the IB Program if they are interested in striving to develop the traits listed in the Learner Profile.
- Applicants should be internally motivated to produce their best work and demonstrate commitment to a challenging and rigorous learning environment.
- □ Students who meet the provincial standard in most areas of learning in Grades 7 and 8 are encouraged to consider the program.

For more details, visit the <u>TDSB International</u> Baccalaureate website

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School	Standard Level Courses	Higher Level Courses
Monarch Park Cl	French (Group 2) Psychology (Group 3) Global Politics (Group 3) Biology (Group 4) Chemistry (Group 4) Mathematics A&A (Group 5)	English (Group 1) Psychology (Group 3) Global Politics (Group 3) Biology (Group 4)
Parkdale Cl	French Level A Language and Literature (Group 1 - when numbers permit) French (Group 2) Spanish ab Initio (Group 2) Biology (Group 4) Physics (Group 4) Mathematics A&A (Group 5)	English A Literature (Group 1) Psychology (Group 3) History of Europe (Group 3) Chemistry (Group 4) Film (Group 6)
Sir Wilfrid Laurier Cl	French (Group 2) Psychology (Group 3) Chemistry (Group 4) Physics (Group 4) Mathematics A&A (Group 5)	English (Group 1) Economics (Group 3) Psychology (Group 3) Biology (Group 4) Chemistry (Group 4)
Victoria Park ClFrench (Group 2) Economics (Group 3) Chemistry (Group 4) Biology (Group 4) Physics (Group 4) Computer Science (Group 4)		English (Group 1) Economics (Group 3) Chemistry (Group 4) Computer Science (Group 4) Mathematics A&A (Group 5)
Weston CI	French (Group 2) Anthropology (Group 3) Information Technology in a Global Society (Group 3) History (Group 3 - not every year) Biology (Group 4) Chemistry (Group 4) Physics (Group 4) Math A&A (Group 5) Math A&I (Group 5) Theatre (Group 6 - not every year)	English (Group 1) French (Group 2 - not every year) Anthropology (Group 3) Information Technology in a Global Society (Group 3) History (Group 3 - not every year) Biology (Group 4) Chemistry (Group 4) Theatre (Group 6 - not every year)

Note: Course offerings are subject to change.

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# eadership Paincey

The Leadership pathway at <u>RH King Academy</u> offers an opportunity for students to develop their leadership potential in all areas of school and community life. The Leadership Pathway is a four-year program that begins in grade 9.

> Students assume ownership for their leadership development in that they take the initiative to become involved in a variety of in-school, feeder school and community leadership opportunities. Students develop and expand their leadership skills through involvement in clubs and councils, specialized classes, additional community involvement hours, guest speaker sessions and workshops.

### Application

Applicants can learn more about the program on the <u>TDSB Leadership</u> <u>Pathway Program website</u>. Math, Science & Technol

There are many different locations offering Math, Science and Technology Central Student Interest Programs. Each program has unique course offerings and focus. All programs are designed to tap into students' interest, passion and curiosity about Math, Science and Technology and their application to solving real-world problems.

### Locations

- ¤ <u>C.W. Jefferys Cl</u>
- ⊐ Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute
- ¤ Downsview Secondary School
- ¤ Georges Vanier Secondary School
- ¤ John Polanyi Collegiate Institute

- ¤ Lester B. Pearson Collegiate Institute
- ¤ Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute
- ¤ <u>Runnymede Collegiate Institute</u>
- ¤ STATEC @ W.A, Porter
- ¤ Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute
- ¤ <u>West Humber Collegiate Institute</u>
- ¤ William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute

## Application

What area of Math, Science or Technology are you most interested in and why? Be sure to show your passion in your Expression of Interest! Visit the <u>TDSB Math, Science and</u> <u>Technology Programs website</u> for more details.



# Andeninde Secondary Programs

The Africentric programs use a curriculum that draws on African-centered sources of knowledge and perspectives. The programs deliver an alternative way of learning with a critical approach to curriculum delivery through a rich and diverse educational experience. Located within two secondary schools, the programs build an environment of high academic achievement, increased student engagement and enriched cultural pride for all students.

### Locations

- Downsview Secondary School Africentric Secondary Program
- Winston Churchill Collegiate (Leonard Braithwaite Africentric Program)

## Application

Details about the application process are available on the <u>TDSB Africentric Secondary</u> <u>Programs Website.</u> The High Performing Athlete Programs provide academic programming for students who are elite athletes involved in regional, provincial, national or international competition.

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In order to meet the demands of intense training schedules, schools provide more flexible timetables in order to balance school with out-of-school commitments, so that athletes can strive for both academic and athletic excellence. Additionally, special consideration is given for school absences as a result of competition.

#### **Athletic Involvement Requirement**

In order to qualify for this program, athletes must provide documentation of a training schedule of at least 15 hours during the school day each week.

Students must be competing at a provincial, national, or international level of competition and this must be verified by a certified coach affiliated with a recognized club or organization.

#### Locations

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× Northview Heights Secondary School× Silverthorn Collegiate Institute

#### Application

- Applicants will either apply for a Morning Program (to accommodate afternoon training) or an Afternoon Program (to accommodate morning training).
- Applicants will be required to provide documentation outlining their athletic involvement, as outlined above, along with evidence of their training schedule/routine.
- The new central application for High
   Performing Athletes will be made available in January 2024.

All details will be found on the <u>TDSB High Performing Athlete</u> <u>Programs Website.</u>

# Indgenous-Fooused Schools

#### Kâpapâmahchakwêw (Sec) - Wandering Spirit School

Kâpapâmahchakwêw-Wandering Spirit School is a K-12 School that provides an Indigenous focused education. It provides opportunities for students to be immersed in Indigenous cultural traditions in a caring environment that affirms students' lived experiences within a circle of care that include families, caregivers, community, staff and students themselves. Kâpapâmahchakwêw Secondary School is an academic pathway that supports students through their journey to post-secondary education, offering Anishinaabemowin Language, as well as First Nations, Métis and Inuit courses. For registration information, please contact the school at 416-393-0555.

#### **Native Learning Centres - East and Downtown**

The Native Learning Centres are alternative high schools for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students ages 15-21 that centre traditional Indigenous cultural teachings into the dayto-day learning environment. Students work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma under the guidance of teachers while taking advantage of a cultural program that is offered through Anishinaabemowin Language, First Nations, Métis and Inuit courses, and community partnerships. Native Learning Centres offer continuous intake for students who self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) and are between the ages of 15-21. The NLC-E offers courses from Grades 9-12 at all program levels. For registration information, please contact the school at 416-393-9600.

## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) are Ministry-approved programs tied to employment sectors. Every SHSM program includes the following five components.

- A package of eight to ten required credits earned in Grade 11 or 12 that support a pathway to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace.
- Certifications and training, which are identified in each SHSM sector (e.g. business, construction, hospitality & tourism, etc.)
- Experiential learning through job shadowing, job twinning, work experience, and career exploration activities.
- Sector-partnered experiences in which students engage with a sector partner to explore sector-related content, skills, and knowledge involving either ICE (innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship), coding, or mathematical literacy.
- Reach ahead" opportunities, which allow students to experience learning in their intended postsecondary destination.

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

The package of courses must include:

four credits – called the "major" credits – these courses provide knowledge and skills closely related to the area of specialization, which are specified in each of the SHSM employment sectors.

Ontario.ca/SHSM

- two to four additional required credits for courses in English and other relevant disciplines (e.g., science, mathematics, or business studies), as specified in each of the SHSM sectors with explicit connections made between curriculum expectations and sector skills.
- $\blacksquare$  two cooperative education credits.

For a full listing of the <u>TDSB SHSM Programs</u> visit our website

# Facilitated Access to .... Skiled Frades (FASTE

Some TDSB Secondary Schools have the facilities to offer courses linked to the Skilled Trades:

- Aerospace & Aviation
- Horticulture & Landscaping

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Students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 can apply to enter a Specialist High Skills Major program in one of the Skilled Trades sectors listed above through the Facilitated Access to Skilled-Trades (F.A.S.T.) application.

To learn more about the programs that are eligible for F.A.S.T., and to access the online application, please visit the <u>F.A.S.T. website.</u>

#### **APPLICATION TIMELINES**

For September admissions: by the last school day in February

 Late applications will be supported when possible, dependent on available spaces

For February admissions: by the last school day in November

 Admissions for semester 2 is dependent on availability in required courses

# Ontanio Youth Apprenticeship Program (10)/AP)

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a program for students in Grades 11 or 12 who may be interested in apprenticeship careers through a cooperative education program. Cooperative education is a credit course that provides the opportunity to use what is learned in the classroom and apply it in workplaces. OYAP students have an opportunity to become registered apprentices and work towards becoming certified journeypersons in a skilled trade while completing their secondary school diploma.

While working with a skilled employer, students earn 4 cooperative education credits toward graduation, accumulate hours towards their chosen apprenticeable trade and may access dual credit college courses.

The Accelerated OYAP Program is available to students in Semester 2 of Grade 12. Accelerated OYAP is an intensive one-semester program that combines a coop placement with an 8-week block of Level 1 training at a College or Union training centre. An Accelerated OYAP student becomes a Registered Apprentice with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Students who successfully complete the Accelerated OYAP program graduate with Level 1 Apprenticeship training in the selected sector.

- To access OYAP students must:
- ¤ have 14 credits
- $rac{15}$  be 15 years old (16 years old to go on a construction site)
- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}$  Have 4-credit co-op scheduled on the their timetable

Visit the <u>TDSB OYAP website</u> for more information on OYAP programming.

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# Alizantites Schools

Secondary alternative schools are highly engaging, smaller learning environments that use nontraditional approaches to teaching and learning. Each school focuses on the distinct identity of the students and encourages them to take an active role in their own learning.

There are 21 secondary alternative schools across the TDSB, each with their own distinct emphasis:

- $rac{}$  Alternative Scarborough Education 1
- $\mbox{\tt \ \ }$  Avondale Secondary Alternative School
- ¤ City School
- ¤ Delphi Secondary Alternative School
- ¤ Etobicoke Secondary Alternative School
- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  North East Secondary Alternative School
- Image: Market North West Secondary Alternative School
- - ☐ Triangle Program
- $rac{}$  Parkview Alternative School
- School of Life Experience

- ¤ Subway Academy I
- ¤ THESTUDENTSCHOOL

Secondary alternative schools are open to any resident of Toronto. Applications for secondary alternative schools are received, directly, at each secondary alternative school.

Learn more about the Alternative schools in the TDSB by visiting the <u>TDSB Alternative Schools</u> <u>Website</u>.

Of the 21 Secondary Alternative Schools, the following schools offer Grade 9 programming for students entering secondary school:

- · Alpha II Alternative School
- · City School
- Delphi Secondary Alternative School
- OASIS Alternative Secondary School



# Continuing Education

The TDSB Continuing Education Secondary Credit programs offer Night School, Summer School and Saturday International Languages credit courses under the OSS curriculum guidelines. Course selections must be made in accordance with the Ministry of Education curriculum guidelines.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver(s) and students must consult with their high school guidance counsellor regarding course selections and pre-requisite courses.

#### Summer School

The Toronto District School Board offers summer school credit courses to all high school students and adults with current prerequisites. Students may take a new credit or retake a course to upgrade a mark.

#### Night School

The Toronto District School Board offers night school credit courses to all high school students and adults with current prerequisites. Students may take a new credit, or retake a course to upgrade a mark. Students cannot enrol in a course if they are taking the course in day school.

#### Saturday International Languages Secondary Credit Program

The TDSB Saturday International Languages Secondary Credit Program focuses on a single credit course in International Languages. Registration is open to students currently enrolled in an Ontario high school. Students are required to complete one level before moving to the next level:

- Level 1 is equivalent to Grade 10 Academic course (BD1)

#### **Remote Credit Recovery**

The Toronto District School Board offers current TDSB students the opportunity to recover one or two credits at night school and/or summer school. Remote Night School/Summer School Credit Recovery courses are open to current TDSB high school students who have taken the course in the past two years but did not earn the credit. All classes are remote. There are no in-person classes available. In TDSB's Remote Night School Learning model students will be at home learning live (synchronously) with their teacher.

For program information, site locations and course offerings visit our website <u>www.creditprograms.ca</u>

# O-Leaning

TDSB Central e-Learning department provides students with learning experiences that are:

- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  flexible: students can learn anytime, anywhere
- relevant: students prepare for their future in an increasingly digital world
- engaging: students enjoy rich, interactive online content

Students can access three Central e-Learning opportunities through the TDSB:

- ¤ e-Learning Day School (eLDS)
- ¤ e-Summer School
- ¤ e-Credit (18+)

#### e-Learning Day School (eLDS)

- gives access to courses that may not be available at the student's TDSB school;
- ¤ provides a unique way of learning;
- prepares students for future online learning opportunities;
- enables students to learn in a flexible, engaging environment;
- imma is one of the student's day school courses;
- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  helps to resolve timetable conflicts.

Students who are successful in an e-Learning Day School course:

- $\mu$  plan and organize their time;
- $\mbox{$\mu$}$  complete and submit assignments;
- ¤ ask for help as needed;
- $\ensuremath{^{\mbox{$\mmodel mathcharge}$}}$  can work independently;
- count the credit earned toward the new online e-Learning graduation requirement.

#### e-Summer School

TDSB e-Summer courses are primarily asynchronous with daily, one-hour synchronous tutorials delivered by the course teacher who also provides individual support for students throughout the course. The tutorials are recorded and posted for students to access as they wish. Students are expected to log in daily and keep up-to-date with their assignments.

#### e-Credit 18+

The e-Credit Adult program is for adult learners age 18 and over who are no longer attending a day school program and want to earn credits online. The program runs for a full semester during the school year.

TDSB eligibility criteria require that students enrolled in the e-Credit Course Program must not be attending another Ontario publicly funded school simultaneously.

For more information visit <u>https://schoolweb.tdsb.</u> on.ca/elearning/



# Dal Credit Programs

Dual Credit Programs provide students the unique opportunity to experience college prior to graduation. This new learning environment and format allows students to engage in a course that appeals to their strengths and pathway plan. Upon successful completion of the college-delivered course, students earn both a college credit and a secondary school credit. A maximum of four optional credits may count towards the OSSD. We currently offer Dual Credits with our four partner colleges: Humber College, George Brown College, Seneca College and Centennial College.

#### Program Highlights

- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}$  Courses are embedded within a student's pre-existing timetable at their home school
- Encourages transition planning for students interested in post-secondary education
- implie No cost to participate, including free tuition, TTC fare and course materials
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- Students gain valuable skills through an experiential learning opportunity
- x Students have access to college services such as accessibility services, admission counsellors and more

#### Courses Available

A full list of available courses are released every term at bit.ly/DCmasterchart.

Some examples include:×Professional Police Standards×Psychology×Professional Police Standards×Early Childhood Education×Performing Arts×Culinary and Baking×Colour Theory and Trends×Makeup Artistry and Application×Introduction to Business×Video Game Industry×Leading, Following and Speaking with Confidence×Studio Production×Introduction to Machining Vehicle Component×Criminal JusticeIntroduction

#### School Within a College (SWAC)

SWAC is a more comprehensive program that offers a set package of courses which include both Secondary School Credits and Dual Credits. Students attend the program daily on a college campus, while remaining registered at their home school. Our program is designed to support students in their final year of high school with the goal of earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and who would benefit from an independent and mature learning setting. Students will be supported by a TDSB Teacher and College programming while participating. To be eligible for this program, students must be between the ages of 17 to 20, have completed 22 or more credits, passed/attempted the Literacy Test and be in a position to graduate. There are no fees to participate, and students will have access to student services on the college campus while in the program.

How do I find out more? If you are interested in any of these programs contact your Guidance Counsellor and/ or Student Success Teacher to find out which opportunity may be available at your school. More information is available at: <u>https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/experiencecollege/dual-credits/the-program</u> or on the <u>TDSB</u> SWAC Website.

# Addf Schools & Edvance

The TDSB's five adult high schools support adult learners, 21 and older, to find a career pathway and to meet their academic goals every year. Our adult schools offer a variety of credit courses for learners who want to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, prepare for college or university, or gain job-related training, along with specialty programs like Personal Support Worker and Practical Nursing.

EdVance is a program for 18-20-year-olds completing their high school diploma.

The five Adult Schools and EdVance programs in the TDSB are located at:

- $rac{\mu}$  Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre

- ¤ Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre

To learn more about the TDSB Adult Schools and EdVance programs, please visit the TDSB Adult High School website.

### Prior Learning Assessment Recognition for Mature Students (mPLAR)

#### Are you at least 18 years old?

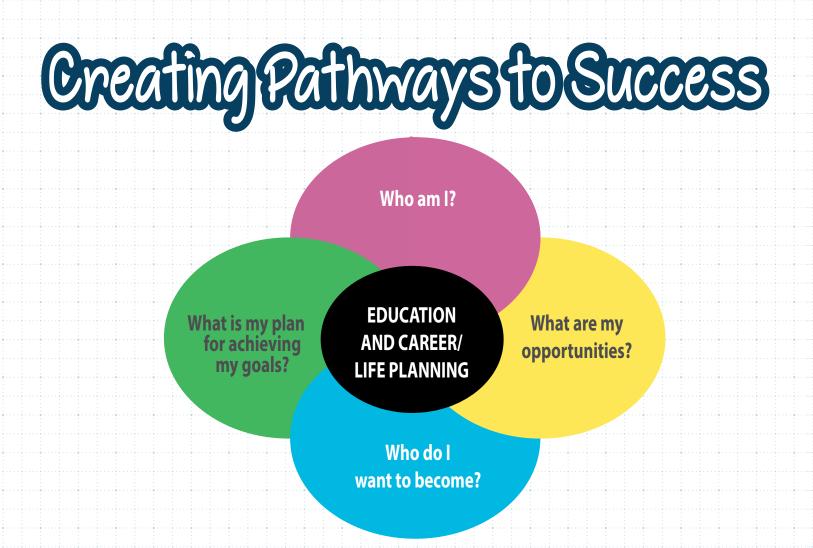
Are you enrolled in a Toronto District School Board (TDSB) high school credit program working towards the Ontario School Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)?

Adult learners typically return to school to complete their secondary education with specific goals and timelines in order to support their future careers and educational endeavours. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition for Mature Students (mPLAR) provides a process by which the prior experiences of adult learners, both formal and informal, can be recognized for secondary credit, minimizing duplication of learning, saving the learner time and opportunity costs, and providing them with an enhanced pathway to high school graduation. Prior experiences could include:

- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}$  training, work and volunteer experience;
- $\pi$  hobbies and interests; and
- $\pi$  knowledge of a first language (other than English or French).

Adult learners could be granted up to 26 of the 30 credits needed for an OSSD through the mPLAR process. The last four grade 11 or 12 credits must be earned through formal education.

Contact your school Guidance Counsellor for more information about mPLAR.



"What students believe about themselves and their opportunities, and what their peers and the adults in their lives believe about them significantly influences the choices they make and the degree to which they are able to achieve their goals"

The education and career/life planning policy for Ontario schools is based on the belief that all students can be successful, that success comes in many forms, and that there are many different pathways to success. The policy is founded on a vision in which all students leave secondary school with a clear plan for their initial postsecondary destination— whether it be apprenticeship training, college, community living, university, or the workplace—and with the confidence that they can revise their plans as they, and the work around them, change. This vision sees students as the architects of their lives.

#### **INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLAN**

The experiences students have as they actively develop answers to the four key inquiry questions allow them to gather information about themselves and their opportunities; consider feedback from their teachers, parents/caregivers/guardians, and peers; make decisions and set goals; and develop plans for achieving their goals. As students document and reflect on their experiences and learning, discuss what they are learning, and weigh their options for next steps, their competence in education and career/life planning grows. The "All About Me" portfolio in Kindergarten to Grade 6 and the Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) in Grades 7 to 12 provide a structure for, and serve as a record of, this learning process. Students capture evidence related to the four areas of learning for their portfolio or IPP in all their subjects or courses at school and in various endeavours and activities at home and in the community. - Creating Pathways to Success

In the TDSB, myBlueprint is available to students in Grades 7 to 12 to support the development of their Individual Pathways Plan.

#### 🔐 myBlueprint

## Your tool for planning high school and beyond

#### **High School Planner**

Visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify postsecondary eligibility for opportunities in all destinations

#### Who Am I Surveys

Complete 5 assessments to learn and discover more about yourself, including Learning Styles, Personality, Interests, Knowledge, and Motivations

#### **Goal Setting**

Tools and tips to set goals, create achievable tasks and track progress

#### **Portfolios**

Document and reflect on learning, keep record of experiences and skill development, and share your progress with parents, teachers, or future employers

#### Log in to get started



TDSB email and password



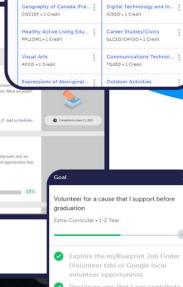
#### **Family Access:**

Surveys

Learning Styles

Preparing for High School

Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/TDSB Family Account



High School Plan

Grade 9

Next Yea

English ENG1D1 + 1 Credit

Principles of Ma

MPM1D + 1 Credit

Science SNC1D • 1 Credit

FSF1D1 + 1 Credit

eography of Ca GC1DF • 1 Credit

Grade 10

Plan Ahead

English ENG2D + 1 Credit

Principles of Ma MPM2D • 1 Credit

Science SNC2D + 1 Credit Canadian History CHC2D + 1 Credit



Add volunteer activity to a

## Definitions/Program Terminology

#### **Alternative School**

Alternative School refers to a TDSB school in which flexible methods of teaching in non-traditional learning environments meet the needs of learners. Alternative schools are characterized by community collaboration, choice, inclusivity, and flexibility.

#### **Central Student Interest Program**

Central Student Interest Program refer to districtwide specialized programs with a specific focus (e.g., the arts, athletics, etc.) that require specialized infrastructure, facilities, scheduling, staffing and support. All students from across the Board are eligible to apply to attend these programs.

#### **Compulsory Course**

Students must earn 18 compulsory credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). A compulsory course is one of the 18 courses you must pass in order to meet the requirements of the OSSD.

#### **Course Code**

Courses are identified by a 6-character code that describes the subject, grade/level, course type/ pathway, and program of a course.

#### Credit

A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion (that is, completion with a final percentage mark of 50 per cent or higher) of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours. A half-credit can be granted for a 55-hour course (e.g. Civics and Career Studies). Most courses are offered as single-credit courses. Some courses, such as technological education, interdisciplinary studies, and cooperative education courses, may be offered as multiple-credit courses.

#### **Designated School by Address**

Every address in the city of Toronto is connected to an elementary school and a secondary school that students residing at the address are eligible to attend. Designated school by address refers to the school(s) identified by the primary residence of the parent/ guardian/adult student.

#### Local Program

Local Programs refer to interest-based programs within a school with a specific focus (e.g., Math/ Science, Advanced Placement) that are available to students registered at that school. Visit your school website for more information about Local Programs that may be of interest to you!

#### **Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC)**

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) will be granted, on request, to students who are leaving secondary school upon reaching the age of eighteen, who have met the 14-credit requirement, without having met the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

#### **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**

The requirements for earning an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) are as follows:

- students must earn a minimum of 30 credits (including 2 online e-Learning credits):

  - 12 optional credits;
- students must meet the provincial secondary
- school literacy requirement; x students must complete 40 hours of community involvement activities:

#### **Optional Course**

Students must earn 12 optional credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students earn these credits by successfully completing courses that they have selected from the courses listed as available in their school's program and course calendar. Optional courses are opportunities for students to pursue subjects of interest.

#### **Out-of-Area Admissions**

Students are able to apply to attend schools other than their designated school by address by applying for <u>Out-of-Area Admissions.</u>

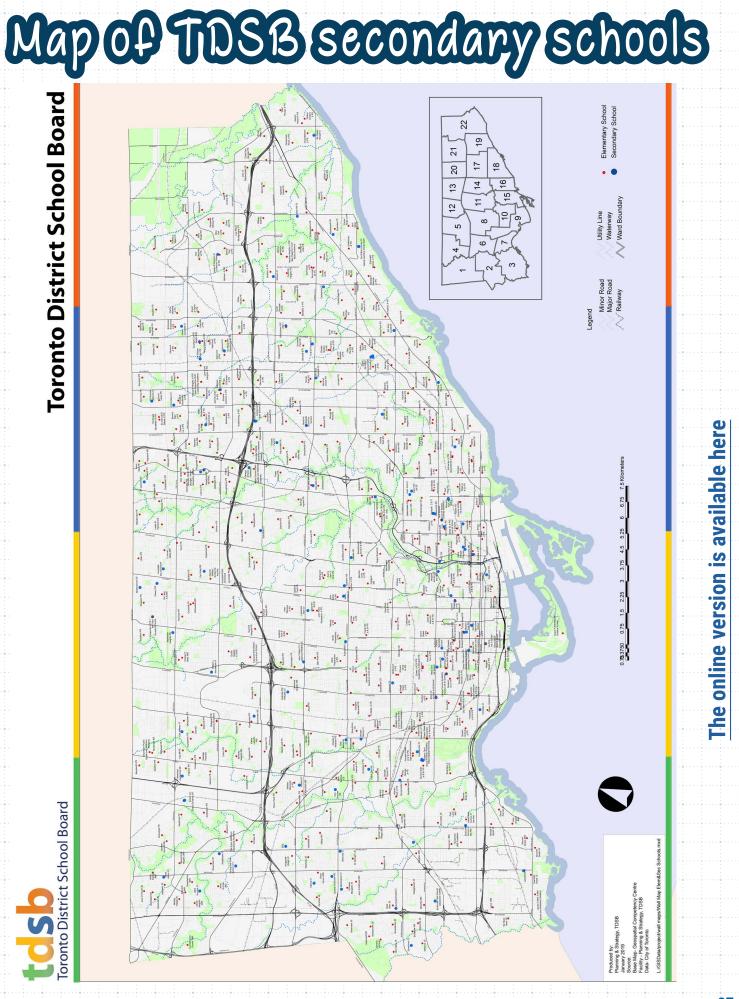
#### Prerequisite

A course that is required to be successfully completed prior to taking the next course. Courses in Grades 10, 11, and 12 may have prerequisites for enrolment. All prerequisite courses are identified in ministry curriculum policy documents.

#### **Student Interest Program**

Programs that address the needs of groups of students with a particular curriculum or career interest (e.g., the arts, business studies, the environment, pure and applied sciences, technological education, etc.). They include:

- □ Facilitated Access to Skilled-Trades (F.A.S.T.)





#### "If you have any questions or require the assistance of an interpreter, please call the school principal."

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Si vous avez des questions, ou si vous avez besoin des services d'un interprète, veuillez appeler le directeur de l'école.

Εάν έχετε οποιαδήποτε ερώτηση ή χρειάζεσθε τη βοήθεια διερμηνέως, σας παρακαλούμε να αποτανθείτε στον διευθυντή του σχολείου.

אם ברצונך לשאול שאלות או שהנך זקוק/ה לעזרת מתרגם, אנא טלפו/ני למנהל /ת בית-חספר.

Se desiderate fare delle domande o se vi occorre l'assistenza di un interprete vi preghiamo di chiamare il direttore della scuola.

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Kung mayroon kayong mga gustong itanong, o nangangailangan ng tulong ng isang tagapagsalin, tawagan ang punong-guro ng paaralan. Se tiver questões por responder ou se precisar de um intérprete, deve telefonar para o escritório do director da escola ("Principal").

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Information on the Ontario school system, is made available in many languages at

www.settlement.org

