

Toronto District School Board – PIAC Conference

Pathways

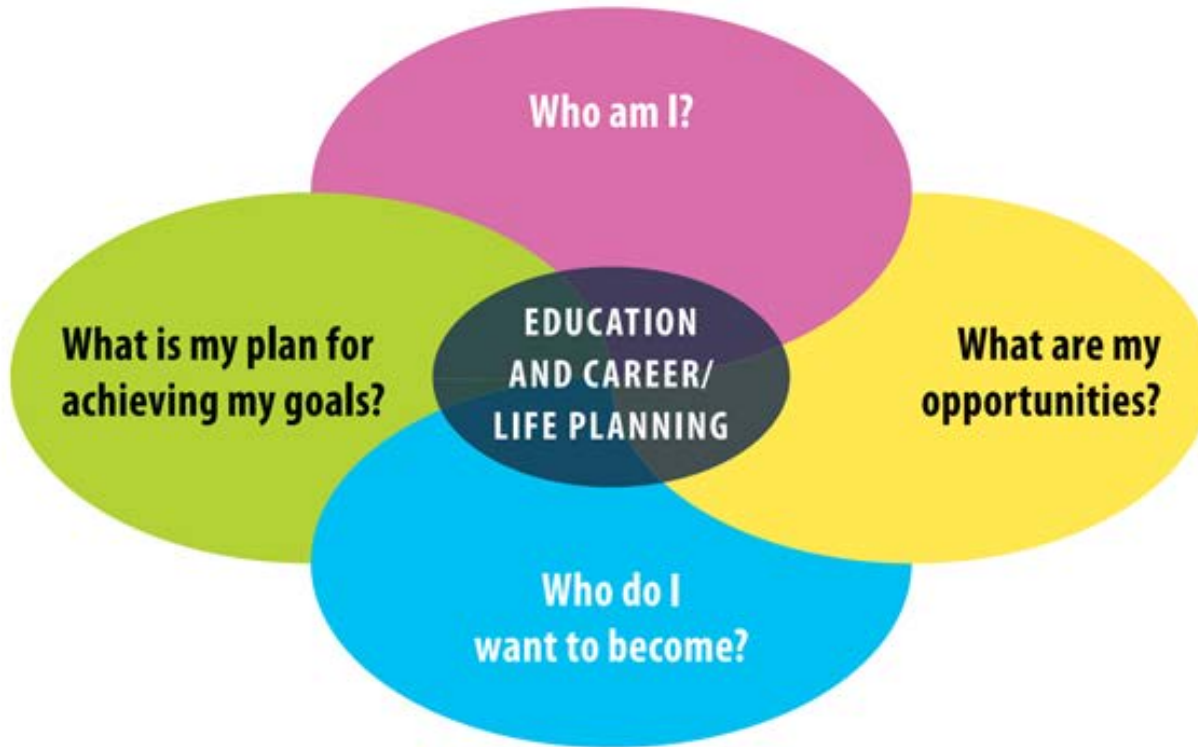
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Goals for the day

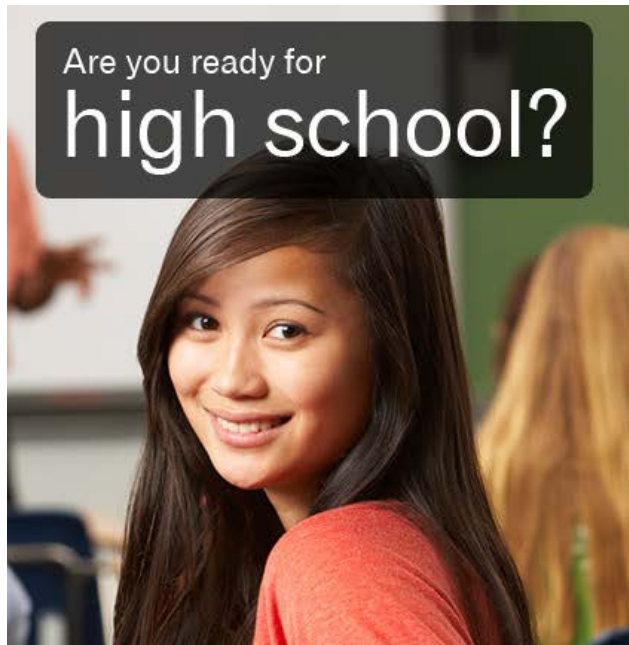
- To inform parents & guardians about high school choices in order to make a smooth and successful transition from Grade 8 to 9, Grade 9 through 12, post-secondary
- To assist, parents & guardians in making informed choices about courses, programs and schools
- To raise, parent and guardian awareness of the various program pathways available throughout the Toronto District School Board

Creating Pathways to Success, 2013



Accessing myBlueprint.ca/tdsb

Online educational & career planning tool for students and parents



Are you ready for
high school?

Signup with **myBlueprint** and get prepared.

CREATE YOUR INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLAN (IPP)

- 1 Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb
- 2 Select your high school or login

You may require your Ontario Education Number (OEN)

- ✔ Plan your **courses** for high school
- ✔ Discover your **learning style** and interests
- ✔ Set S.M.A.R.T. **goals** and **action plans**
- ✔ Create a visual **resume** and **cover letter**
- ✔ Compare **college** and **university programs**
- ✔ Explore **skilled trades/apprenticeships**
- ✔ Research **occupations** and **jobs**
- ✔ Learn to **budget** your money

my **Blueprint**

THE EASIEST WAY TO PLAN
YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb

Activation Key: tdsb

What Can Families Do to Help Students Make the Best Choices?

- Access and investigate [myBlueprint](#) career planning tool
- Attend ANY Secondary Information Evenings/Open Houses of interest including Regular or Specialized Programs
- Encourage continued participation in extracurricular activities
- Choose courses of interest
- Discuss future plans
- Stay involved and connected with the school
- Contact your school's Elementary Itinerant Guidance Counsellor or Secondary School Guidance Counsellor

Information Evenings/Open Houses at the High Schools

- Program and school specific information is shared
- Updated dates and times of High School Information Evenings are posted on the TDSB website by accessing the link below:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformationNights.aspx>

How to Access Secondary Information Evenings and Open Houses:

The screenshot shows the TDSB website interface. At the top left is the TDSB logo and the text "Toronto District School Board". To the right are navigation links: "Find Your School", "Newcomers", "Policies", "Media", "About Us", "Staff", "Innovation", "Leadership", "Contact Us", and a "Hello" button. Below these is a search bar with the text "Search TDSB Here..." and a "Search" button. A horizontal navigation menu contains tabs for "Home", "Early Years", "Elementary School", "High School", "Adult Learners", and "Community". The "High School" tab is highlighted. Below the menu is a large orange banner. On the left side, there is a "High School" section with a list of links: "Going to High School", "Optional attendance", "Alternative Schools", "International Certificate Program", "Open Houses and Information Nights", "Find your home school", "Transportation", "Reconnect with School", "Secondary School Placement Centre", "Specialized Schools and Programs", "Night School and Summer School", "e-Learning", "GradesExamsDiplomas", "Standardized testing", "Report cards", "Credit Recovery", and "Getting your Diploma". A callout box with a black arrow points to the link "Find out which high school is right for you. See a [list of high school information nights and open houses.](#)". On the right side, there are several promotional boxes: "Pay School Fees Online with SchoolCashOnline", "School Year Calendar" with a calendar icon showing "15", "Centres of Innovation for Skills & Technologies", "Student SAFETYLINE 416-395-SAFE(7233)" with a link "Or get help online, click here", and "AW AcademicWorkspace 3.0" with a link "Log on to Academic Workspace". At the bottom left, there is a URL: "school/SpecializedSchoolsandPrograms.aspx".

Considerations When Choosing a High School

- The range of subjects and programs offered in each grade
- Semester and non-semester schedules
- “Composite” schools and “Alternative” schools
- The size of the school – big or small settings
- The range of extracurricular activities, clubs and sports offered
- The supports available for English Language Learners and students with special education needs
- Location from your home address
- Where does your child want to?

The Year Ahead: Educational Planning and Course Selection Process

- Planning for the coming year is a process
- That process begins now and will continue until Course Selection Sheets are due in late February

www.tdsb.on.ca/GoingtoHighSchool

Find Your School

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www.tdsb.on.ca


Click on “Find your School”


Find Your School

Find your school by selecting how you want to search.

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- Find your...
- ▶ **School**
 - By Address
 - By Name
 - Elementary
 - Intermediate
 - Secondary
 - Alternative Schools
 - Specialized Elementary Schools and Programs
 - Specialized High Schools and Programs
 - Gifted Program School Finder
 - Adult High Schools
 - e-Learning
 - Optional Attendance
 - French Programs
 - PDF Map

1 **By Address** »
Fill in your address in the search box. 

2 **By School Name** »
Browse by Alphabetical school listing. 

Choices for Nine

Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Next			Last	
			Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary	Technological Programming	Commercial School
Toronto	Dundas Sq	All Numbers	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS
Toronto	Dundas St E	1-445 (Odd)	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS
Toronto	Dundas St E	2-308 (Even)	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Lord Dufferin Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS
Toronto	Dundas St E	310-744 (Even)	Nelson Mandela Park PS	Nelson Mandela Park PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS
Toronto	Dundas St E	465-761 (Odd)	Nelson Mandela Park PS	Nelson Mandela Park PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS

Making Course Choices

- Ultimately, students and families make the final course choices
- Counsellors as well as your child's Grade 8 teachers are there to offer their best suggestions about course choices based on evidence of a student's achievement, learning style, interests, and learning goals
- All Grade 8 students will complete a course selection sheet for their home school

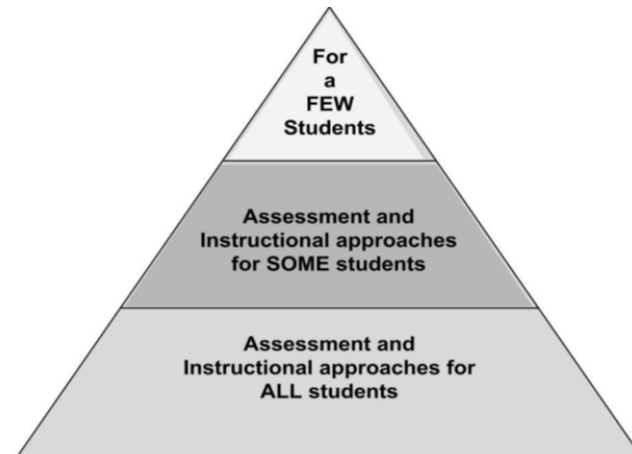
What Course Type Choices Do Students Make in Grades 9 and 10?

As per Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016 (OS)

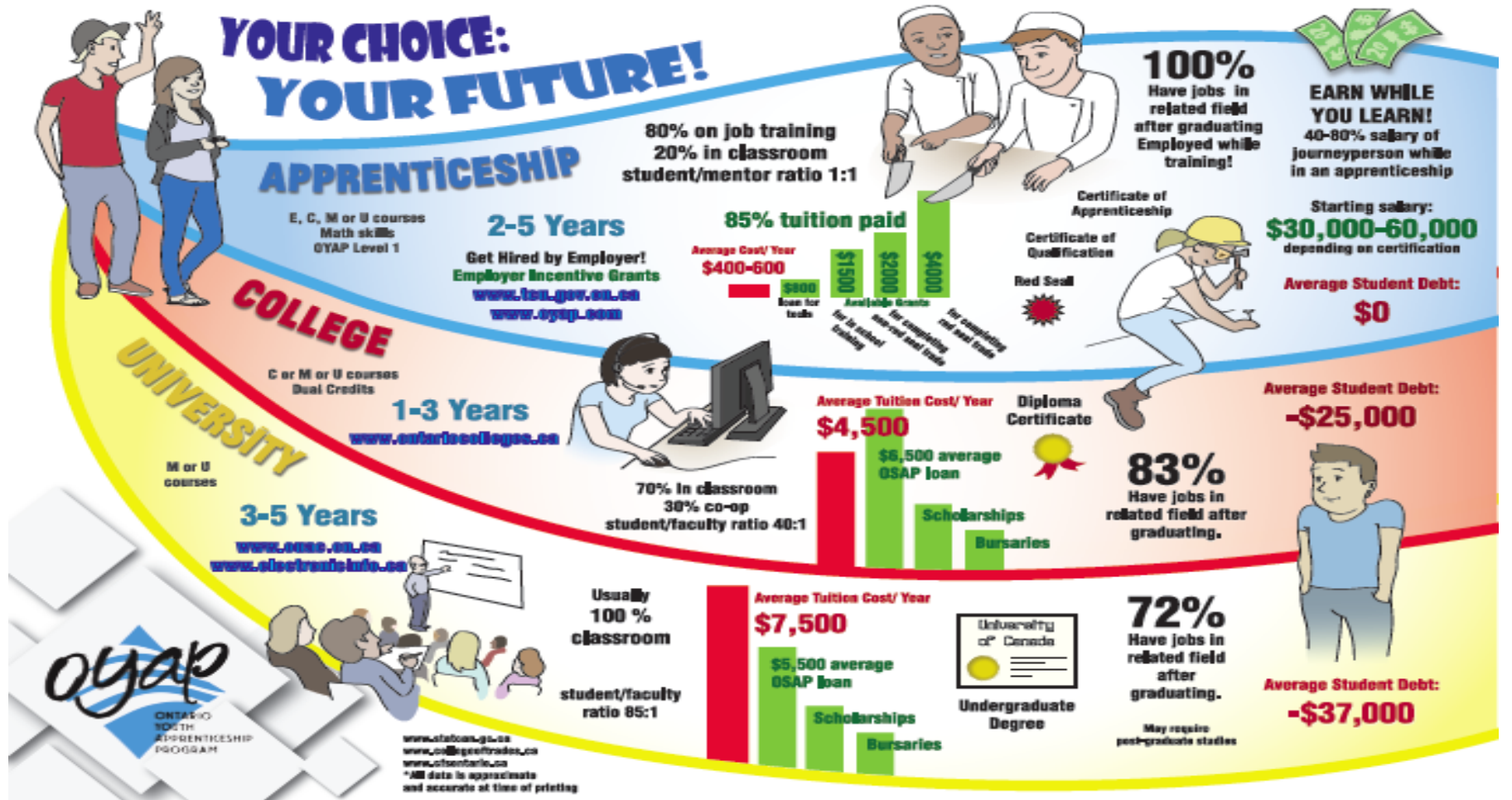
- Applied
 - Academic
 - Locally Developed
 - Open
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- Students can mix course types based on their achievement, interests, and skills.

Special Education Supports

- **Section 1 of the Education Act: What is a special education program?**
 - continuous assessment and evaluation
 - plan with specific objectives
 - outlines educational services that meet the needs of the student
- **Individual Education Plan (IEP)**
- **Tiered Intervention**
 - a. **All:** Universal Design for Learning, Differentiated Instruction, Experiential Learning
 - a. **SOME:** IEP, GLE course, resource support
 - b. **FEW:** Intensive Support Program, Section Program



Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Pathways Chart Comparison



Alternative Schools

- Students should explore schools of all sizes and program availability
- Alternative schools are places where students find their way through learning environments that vary widely and often include self-directed projects, experiential learning, business and entrepreneurial mentorship programs, strong co-op programs and credit recovery opportunities – all while earning OSSD credits.

For a full list of our Alternative Schools please visit:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Alternative-Schools>

Choosing Course Types

Let's listen to Jenna who will outline what the different Course types there are available for you to choose from for Grade 9:

[Course Types to Choose From](#)

Open Course Types

Open Courses

Optional courses that prepare students for further study and enriches the learning

These courses include (but not limited to):

Art, French, Music, Health and Physical Education

Locally Developed Course Types

Locally Developed

Compulsory courses for students provides more flexibility and support in learning

Together with our Special Education Department, we will collaborate to develop the best transition plan and program course type for our child

Courses that may be developed locally include:

English, History, Math, and Science

How do Course Types Fit with Pathways

- All students can be successful in high school and there are many pathways to success
- Pathways are designed to keep options opened and students can revise plans just like climbing a wall, where every step is varied



Adult Schools

- The TDSB's five adult high schools support more than 12,000 learners to find a career pathway and to meet their academic goals every year.

School	Address	Postal Code
Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre	500 The East Mall, Etobicoke, ON	M9B2C4
City Adult Learning Centre	1 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON	M4K1M8
Emery Adult Learning Centre	3395 Weston Rd, North York, ON	M9M2V9
Scarborough Centre for Alt Studies Adult	720 Midland Ave, Scarborough, ON	M1K4C9
Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre	38 Orfus Rd, North York, ON	M6A1L6

Undecided?

If you are unsure about choosing a course, keep as many options open as possible and set a goal for success

Students should speak with their parents/guardians, Guidance Counsellor and Grade 8 teachers to determine the appropriate course selection for Grade 9

What Are the Graduation Requirements?

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Total of 30 course credits
 - 18 compulsory courses
 - 12 elective courses
- 40 Hours Community Involvement
 - Begins in summer after Grade 8
- Ontario Literacy Requirement
 - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

*Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12:
Policy & Program Requirements, 2011*

How do I earn a secondary school diploma?

Diploma Requirements

An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requires the completion of:

- a minimum of 30 credits, including 18 compulsory and 12 optional
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- the literacy requirement

The 18 compulsory credits are:

- 4 English, one per grade level
- 1 French as a Second Language
- 3 Mathematics, at least one in Grade 11 or 12
- 2 Science
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts (dance, drama, media, music, visual arts)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Civics
- 0.5 Career Studies

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1: additional credit in English
or French as a Second Language*
or a third language
or Social Sciences and the Humanities
or Canadian and World Studies
or Guidance and Career Education
or Cooperative Education*

Group 2: additional credit in Business Studies
or French as a Second Language*
or Health and Physical Education
or Arts
or Cooperative Education*

Group 3: a Grade 11 or 12 Science credit
or French as a Second Language*
or Technological Education
or Computer Studies
or Cooperative Education*

** A maximum of two credits in Cooperative Education and two credits in French can count as compulsories*

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Optional Attendance

- Students are encouraged to attend the high school within the catchment area of their residential address (home school)
- Use an *Optional Attendance Application Form (PR545)* when applying to a school other than your home school
- Forms will be available at the Grade 8 school in January
**Specialized Programs may have earlier deadlines. Please review school specific deadlines for more information*
- Specific information regarding *Optional Attendance Procedures* will be communicated to students and families in early January

www.tdsb.on.ca/FindyourSchool/OptionalAttendance

Specific Dates

- **February 1, 2019** Optional Attendance applications due to secondary schools – delivered by student/parent/guardian
- **February 15, 2019** Secondary schools will inform Optional Attendance applicants by this date
- **February 22, 2019** completed via myBlueprint and returned to elementary teacher/counsellor
- **March 1, 2019** All course selection sheets due to secondary schools – delivered by Elementary Counsellor

Note:

- Only ONE course selection per student is submitted for ONE secondary school by the elementary school counsellor

What makes you come alive?

Sean Aiken trekked more than 46,000 miles, slept on 55 couches, raised over \$20,000 for charity, and tried every job he could: bungee instructor, advertising executive, stock trader, baker, NHL mascot, and more. He frequently speaks about what he learned from his One Week Job experience which led him to develop an international program to empower others to discover their passion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcMyX5R4dzs>



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