

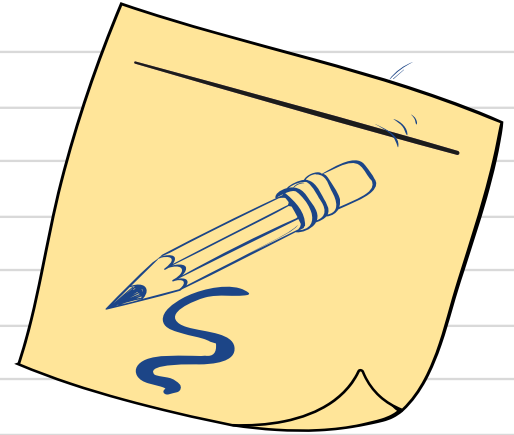


Going to High School

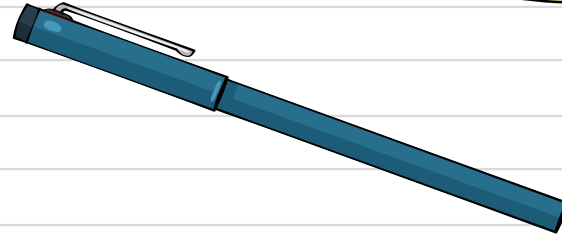
The next step in the Gr 8 student's
education career.



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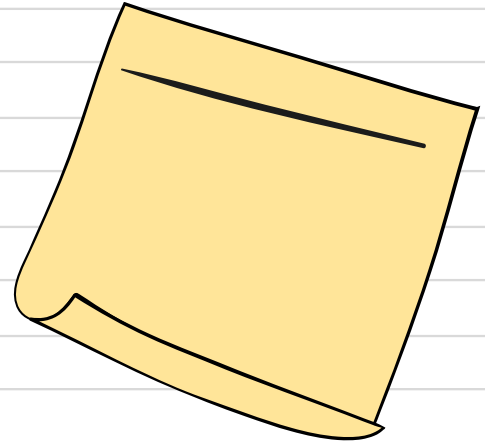
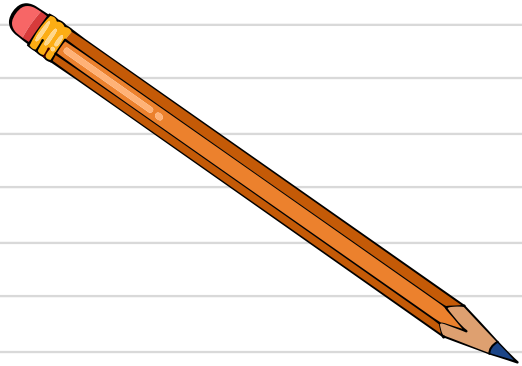


Previously a Guidance
Counsellor at Avondale
Schools as well as RJ Lang,
plus a whole bunch of other
schools !



Goals For This Presentation Are:

- Inform families on how to make a smooth transition from Grade 8 to 9
- To help families to make informed decisions for Grade 9
- To become aware of the many the pathways and possibilities available in TDSB



What Do You Need to Know?

Students need to know:

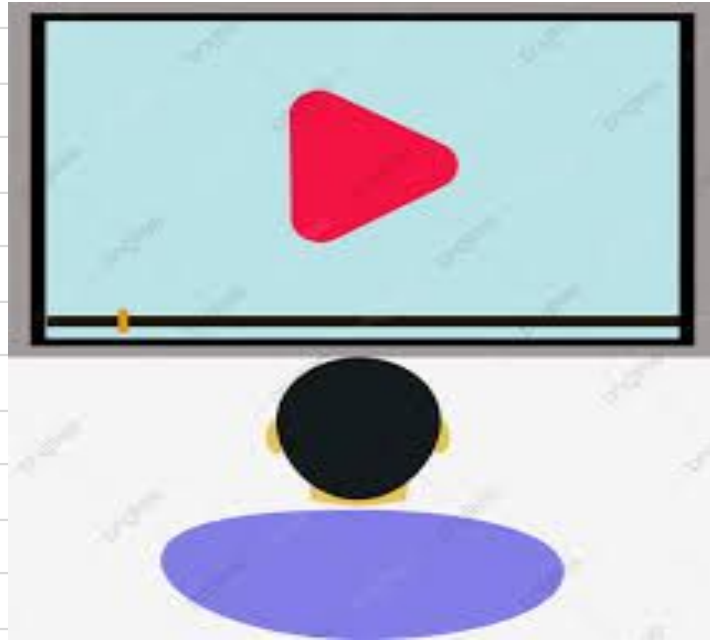
- What kind of learner they are
- What are their passions.
- What are their interests.
- What are their goals.
- What is available out there.
- How they are going to meet their goals.



This is all called education/career/life planning!

In my [Blueprint](#), we will do some research to help answer some of these questions.

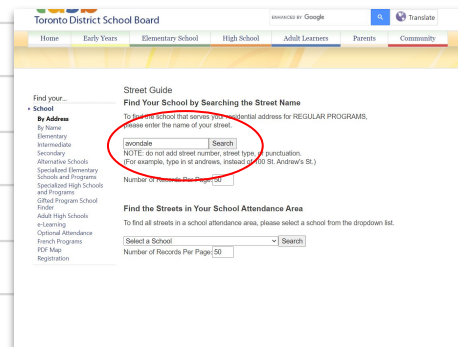
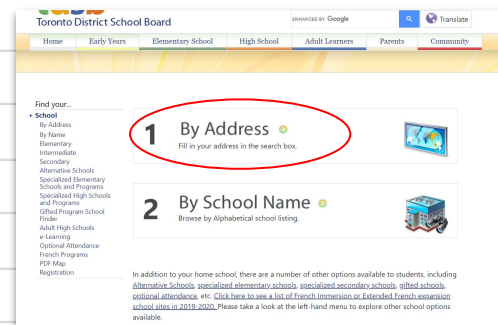
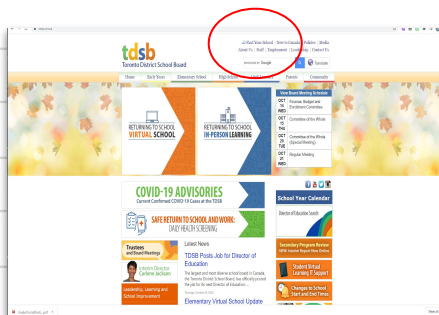
Some Things About High School



Where is Your Home High School?

Every address is connected to a high school in the TDSB. Here is how you find your home high school.

- Go to the TDSB home page
- Click on “Find Your School”
- Click on “By Address”
- Type in your street name



Your Home High School by Address

Your exact address will determine your home high school.

Once you know your high school, click on the blue hyperlink to learn more about it.

This is the high school you are entitled to go to.

Note: The words high school, secondary school and collegiate are used interchangeably.

They mean the same thing!

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

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Registration

Street Guide

[Perform Another Search](#)

Street Directory - Street: avondale...

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Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary	Technological Programming	Commercial School
North York	Avondale Ave	1-37(Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Georges Vanier SS		
North York	Avondale Ave	28-34(Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Georges Vanier SS		
North York	Avondale Ave	36-42(Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Earl Haig SS / See Footnote Below³²		
North York	Avondale Ave	44 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Georges Vanier SS		
North York	Avondale Ave	46-194(Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Earl Haig SS / See Footnote Below³²		
North York	Avondale Ave	77-197(Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Earl Haig SS / See Footnote Below³²		
Toronto	Avondale Rd	All Numbers	Rosedale Jr PS	Deer Park Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Northern SS

³² A [brochure](#) is available on the school's website that contains the Board approved recommendations of the Area Review Committee (see Registration Information). Please read carefully, as this brochure contains data vital to every student's right to attend.

Learn About Your Home High School

Check out some of the drop down menu options to learn about the school.

About Us

Course Charts

Student Population

EQAO/OSSLT Scores

Scoreboard

School Boundaries

Optional Attendance

Transportation

School Budget

Virtual Library

School History

Extracurriculars

Accessibility Profile

School Cash Online

Renewal Needs and FCI

Health & Safety Inspections

Registration

Georges Vanier Secondary School (GR. 09-12)

Scholarship, Spirit and Social Responsibility.

We Believe It! We Live It!

Georges Vanier Secondary School (GVSS) is a dynamic learning environment with a wide variety of opportunities to meet the needs of all students. We host a full range of courses in all areas of the Ontario Curriculum. We are the home of the STEM+ program, a grade 9 -12 enriched program in Mathematics and Science that takes a Global, Social Justice perspective in the delivery of the curriculum. As well, there are PROGRAM 2 ART, and three Specialist High Skills Major Programs (Aerospace, ADVANCE: Arts & Culture, and ICT) that attract students with different academic interests and passions.

Vanier serves a highly diverse student population & we are dedicated to preparing students to be successful in the Global Economy.

[Read More about Georges Vanier Secondary School](#)

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Principal: Tamara Grealis
Vice-Principal(s): Antonia Katsinos
Shawn Robertson

Office Staff: Pam Sarawan
Lesley Moore

School Council Chair(s): Mariana Del Carlo

Read about the school.

Check out the school website.

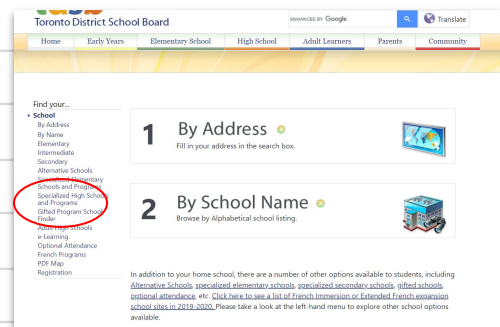


See where the school is located.

Other High School Opportunities - Specialized

Now to look at other options.

- Go to “Find Your School”
- Go to [Specialized High Schools and Programs](#)



- Love them all? You can only apply to two in the TDSB, even if they are in the same category or at the same school.

More Options - SHSMs

Specialized High Skills Majors (SHSM) is an extra certification while completing your high school diploma. You decide on a “major” and take 8-10 courses in that area in Grades 11 and 12.

In order to register into a SHSM, you just have to be a student at the school.

In Gr 10 you would apply to the particular SHSM you are passionate about .

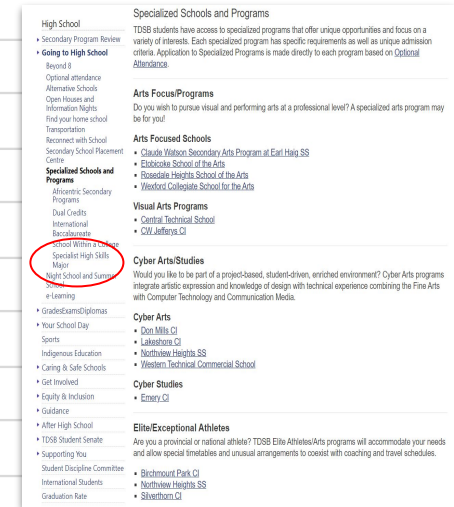
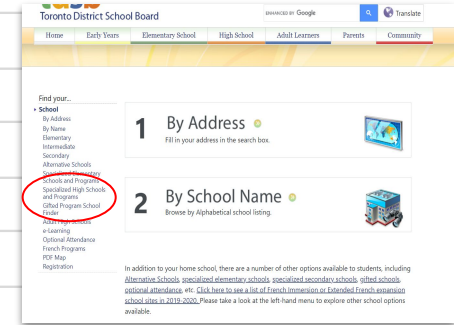
See if your home high school has a SHSM you are interested in.

If not, you can apply to a school outside your area under “Optional Attendance”. (This does not guarantee getting in 🙄)

Go to “Find Your School”

-> “Specialized High Schools”

-> “Specialized High Skills Major”

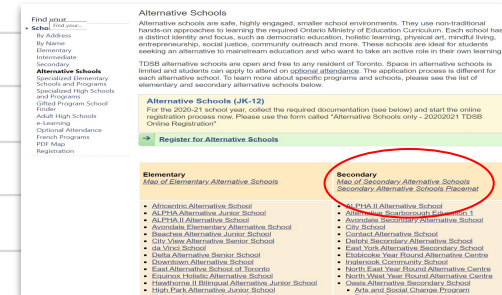
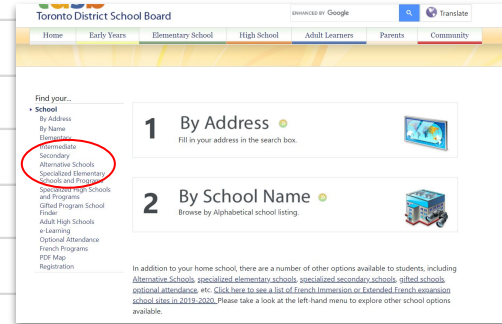


More Options - Alternative High Schools

Alternative high schools offer a different environment for students compared to the traditional high school.

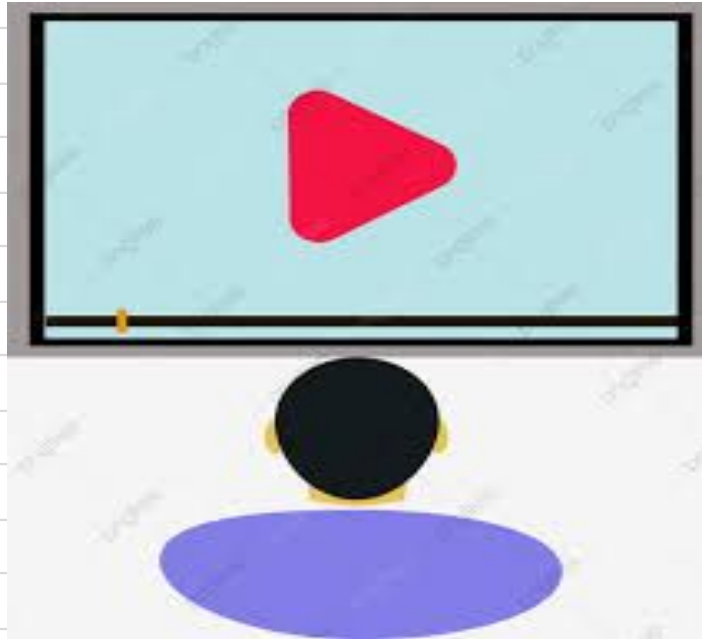
Some students don't thrive in the large composite school setting.

- Small class sizes 😊 but limited extra-curricular activities
- Most start for students in Gr 10 or Gr 11
- Each alternative high school is different



Optional Attendance

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Optional Attendance Form



Optional Attendance Form

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Application for a Secondary Program at a School Outside the Resident Area
(Includes Grade 9 program at Intermediate Schools)

1 Civic Centre Court, 1st Floor, Fax: 416-394-4970, Attention: Program Coordinator - Guidance, Career & Adolescent Development

Date: _____

Name of Requested Secondary School: _____	Requested Start Date: _____
Home or Sending School: _____	For Grade : _____ Number of Credits presently earned: _____
Does a sibling presently attend the requested school? Yes/No If YES: Name of Sibling _____	

Parents please note: Transportation is not provided for Optional Attendance Students

Applicant's Information:

Student's Surname: _____ Given Names: _____ Birthdate: _____ (DD/MM/YY)

Student's Address: _____ Apt. # _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Present Grade/Class: _____ Student School I.D. Number: _____

Female ☐ Male ☐ Is the applicant under **Optional Attendance** at the present school? Yes/No

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Business Phone Number: _____

Applicant With Child: Child Care Information (Not applicable to all applicants)

If the Applicant's child receives Day Care, please indicate:

Name of Day Care: _____ Telephone of Day Care: _____

Address of Day Care: _____

Secondary Program Applications:

Specialized Programs/ Schools	Regular Programs/ Schools
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____

Reasons for Applying/Other Considerations:

Conditions on the reverse of this form have been read and agreed to:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Student Signature (18 years of age or older): _____

Current School Principal (or Designate) Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Requested School's Decision: ☐ Accepted ☐ Not Accepted

Signature of Requested School Principal: _____ Date: _____

Distribution: 1 copy: To Parent/Guardian when decision is made
1 copy: To TDSB Home or Sending School

For Specialized Schools

- Need to complete for application package
- Don't leave it to the last minute!
- You can only apply to 2 specialized schools

For Regular High Schools

- List of high schools accepting students out of area becomes available at the end of the first week of January 2021
- You can apply to 2 regular high schools outside your area
- Don't leave it to the last minute!
- You are responsible to get it to the high school before the end of January 2021

Things to Think About When Looking at Schools

- 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 do you want to go? Why?



Semestered

Pros/Cons

Only 4 courses at a time

Sept - Jan; Feb - June

Same students/teachers everyday

Everyday

One night to complete work

Fast paced

Fewer exams at the end of the semester

Non-Semestered

Pros/Cons

All 8 courses all year long



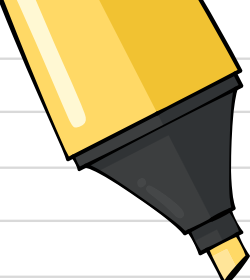
Same students/teachers all year long

Alternating days

Two nights to complete work

More time to understand work

Many exams at the end of the year



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



*You must get at least 50% or higher to receive a credit from the course!

Courses and Credits

In order to receive a credit for a course you must:

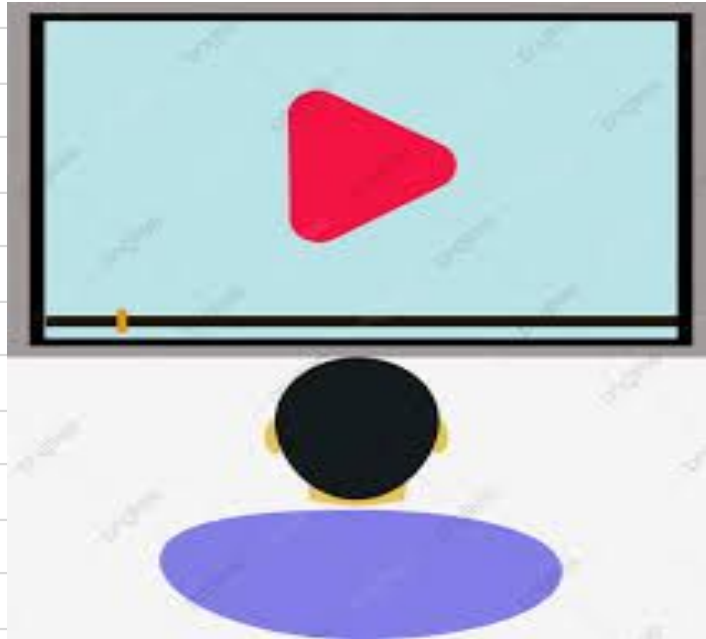
- Get 50% or higher
- Attend class to fulfill the hour requirements



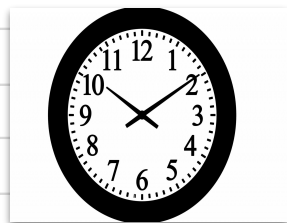
Sounds easy. For most students it is very doable.

For some time management, attendance issues, not completing homework, and the newness of high school can make it a struggle to pass.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma



Community Hours



What is Community Hours?

- Giving back to the community
 - non-profit organizations e.g., Kids Help Phone, school, neighbour
 - 40 hours
- Can start collecting the hours July 1, 2021
- Record info on form that you can download from the TDSB website or your school
- Students have 4 years to complete, but I recommend that the bulk is done before Gr 11
- Go above and beyond the minimum; it can open doors for students

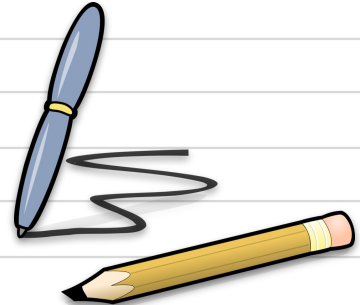


OSSLT

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

- It is comparable to the Language component of the EQAO in elementary
- Taken in Gr 10
- If an ELL student, the teacher will decide if the student is ready to take it
- If a student does not pass the OSSLT in Gr 10, they have to take it again

**GRADE
10**



English Language Learners

Students who are English Language Learners (ELL)



- Learn oral language relatively quickly
- Studies show that it takes a person 5-7 years to learn academic language skills (school level reading and writing)
- If ESL is recommended for the student, consider the benefits (support in other academic subjects as well e.g., Geo, Sci)
- Statistically students who have taken ESL in high school have succeeded in Gr 12 regular English courses and beyond, because they have the foundational skills for success

Courses in Gr 9

English

Math

Science

Geography

French

Physical Education

Arts

Business/Technical Course

Course Types in Gr 9

Academic

Applied

Locally Developed

Open

I will do a separate session
on courses and pathways

Academic

Taught the way the students are being taught now

Theory based

Leads to Gr 11 University bound courses

Applied

Less theoretical and more practical learning

Leads to Gr 11 College bound courses

Students can mix course types

Locally Developed Course Types

- For compulsory courses that are more flexible and supportive in learning.
- Special Education teacher and family will discuss to determine best course of action for success.

Open Course Types

- Courses that prepare students for further study and enriches the overall learning.
- Examples:
Art, Music, Health and Physical Education, Business...

Students can mix course types

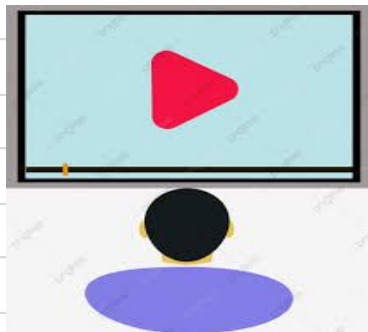
Making Course Choices

In Gr 9 there is little choice in which courses to take.

There is some flexibility in course types.

Ultimately, families have the final say on what course types to take.

Students should pick courses they are genuinely interested in taking.



Open Houses for High School

Keep checking the TDSB website for high school [Open House](#) dates.

Keep checking the school's website for Open House information. Some schools want you to sign up ahead of time!



Important Dates

November- December

- Virtual Open Houses for Specialized Programs
- Most applications due
- Regular High School Virtual Open Houses

January

- Regular High School Optional Attendance released
- Regular High School Optional Attendance due to the high school

February

- Mid- February all schools that you applied to have to inform you if you were accepted into their school or not.
- Mid - February to the third week of February - course selections sheets (hard copy or electronic) due

Students can only complete one course selection sheet.

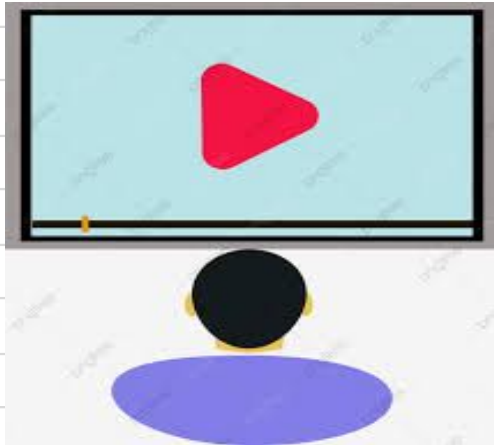
Completing a course selection sheet is the “Registration” into that school.

What Else Can Students Expect from High School?

High school is a time to try new things, to get involved in the life of the school.

School is what students make it. What they put in is what they get out.

Students are encouraged to get involved, but should be mindful to balance their life.



Questions



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THANKS!





Thanks also to...



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