

Secondary School Information

Making decisions about secondary schools is a process which involves thinking about a student's interests and educational needs, as well as learning about life both inside and outside of the classroom. Please join us for our information session which begins at 6:30 pm in the auditorium to learn more about your child's choices for grade 9. In addition, here is some general information on secondary schools:

Secondary schools are either semestered or non-semestered

Semestered Schools:

- Students take 8 courses in 2 blocks of time:
 - 4 courses from September to January
 - 4 courses from February to June
- All 4 courses are taken daily
- Student only have to concentrate on 4 subjects at a time
- Most periods are 75 to 80 minutes long

Non-semestered Schools:

- 8 courses taken throughout the school year
- Courses taken every other day
- Usually a 2 day cycle with 4 courses one day and the other 4 the following day

Students in the English program feed into Lakeshore C.I.

Students in the French program feed into Richview C.I.

Specialized Schools and Programs

Although the TDSB encourages all students to attend their home school, we recognize that students have diverse needs. Specific programs, focus schools or programs that require highly specialized equipment, can't be offered in every secondary school. Some of the specialized schools and programs most commonly asked about in this area are:

- **French Immersion** – Richview C.I.
- **Focus on the Arts** – Etobicoke School of the Arts
- **Cyber Arts** – Lakeshore C.I., Western Tech
- **Specialty Math, Science & Technology** – Runnymede C.I., Bloor Collegiate
- **Integrated Technology** – Ursula Franklin Academy
- **International Baccalaureate** – Parkdale C.I. , Weston C.I., Vaughn Road Academy
- **Entrepreneurship** – Scarlette Heights

To learn more about specialized schools and programs be sure to; research these opportunities in the [Choices for Nine](#) brochure that will be sent home with all grade 8 students in October, check the TDSB

website: www.tdsb.on.ca Click on **Find Your School > Specialized Schools and Programs**, attend secondary school open house evenings (dates are listed in the choices brochure and on the TDSB website) and contact our guidance counsellor Ms. Bryer.

For families interested in attending ESA's open house on October 30th to visit this link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=esa> in order to reserve a seat/seats for either the 6:15 pm or the 7:30 pm performance that evening.