

beyond 8

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going to
high
school
at the
tdsb



Grade 8 to 9

Transition Information Session for the 2019-2020 School Year



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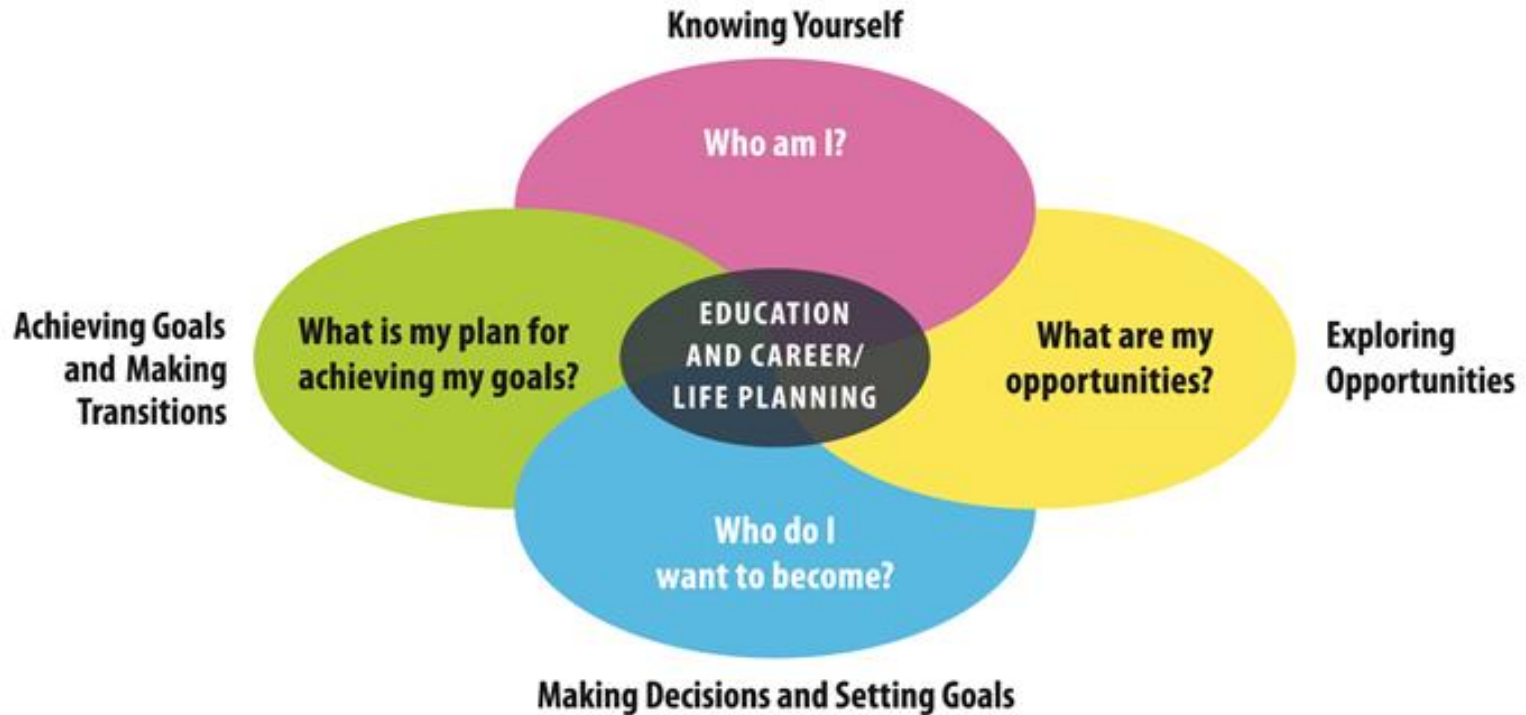
Development and Well-Being



Goals for the Evening

- To inform students, parents & guardians about high school choices in order to make a smooth and successful transition from Grade 8 to 9*
- To assist students, parents & guardians in making informed choices about courses, programs and schools*
- To raise student, 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

myBlueprint

THE EASIEST WAY TO PLAN
YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb

Use your TDSB Computer User name &
Password to login

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*

Information Evenings/Open Houses at TDSB 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 Toronto District School Board (TDSB) website. 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 labeled "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 banner with social media icons (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram) and a "Pay School Fees Online with SchoolCashOnline" button. A "School Year Calendar" button is also visible, with a sub-button that says "Find out when holidays, PD days and key dates are" and a calendar icon showing the number 15. Below these are buttons for "Centres of Innovation for Skills & Technologies" and "Student SAFETYLINE 416-395-SAFE (7233) Or get help online, click here". At the bottom right is a button for "Log on to Academic Workspace" with the AAW logo. On the left side, under the "High School" heading, there is 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 black arrow points from the "High School" tab to a green box containing the text: "Find out which high school is right for you. See a [list of high school information nights and open houses.](#)". Below this text is a photograph of several students in a classroom setting.

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 go?*

Find Your School

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www.tdsb.on.ca

Click on "Find your School"

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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.

Beyond 8 - Choices for Nine

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Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	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

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*

*Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12:
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40 Hours of Community Service - Start the Summer before Grade 9

Getting Started



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (O.S.S.L.T)

- *One of the requirements for Graduation is that students pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (O.S.S.L.T.)*
- *Students will write the O.S.S.L.T in Grade 10*
- *Students who are not successful will be given support and will have other opportunities to complete in the future.*
- *Exact details on writing dates etc. will be provided by the High School*

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.*

Example of Grade 9 Course Choices...

- *English*
- *Math*
- *Science*
- *Geography*
- *French*
- *Health & Physical Education*
- *Art (one of Drama, Visual Arts, Music, etc.)*
- *Elective (Business, Design & Tech., Learning Strategies...)*

Choosing Course Types

Let's listen to Jenna who will outline the different Course types 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, Social Sciences and the Humanities

Locally Developed Course Types

Locally Developed:

Compulsory courses for students provides more flexibility and support in learning

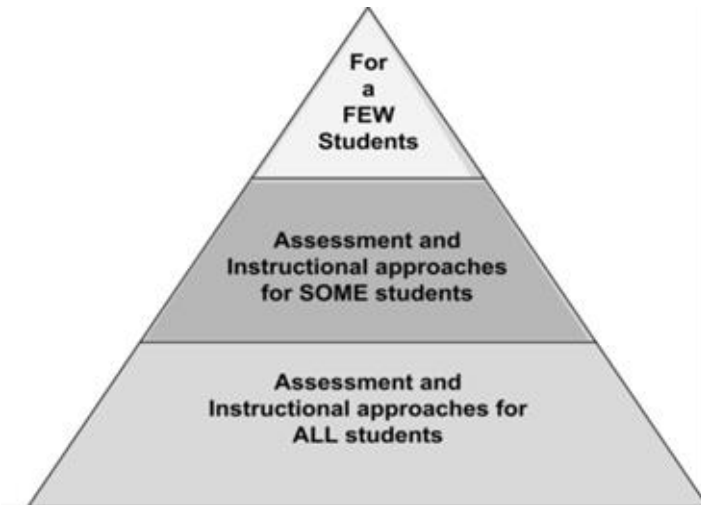
Together with our Special Education Department, we will collaborate to develop the best transition plan and program course type for your child

Courses that may be developed locally include:

English, History, Math, and Science

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**
 - All: Universal Design for Learning, Differentiated Instruction, Experiential Learning*
 - SOME: IEP, GLE course, resource support*
 - FEW: Intensive Support Program, Section Program*



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*
**Students may apply to 2 Regular High Schools and 2 Special High School Programs in the TDSB*

www.tdsb.on.ca/FindyourSchool/OptionalAttendance

A few Special Programs in the TDSB

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca for a complete list

Math and Science

MACS, TOPS, MST, STEM+, SATEC@WA Porter...

Cyber Arts

Don Mills and Northview Heights...

ARTS

Claude Watson, Wexford, Rosedale...

International Baccalaureate Program

Victoria Park, Sir Wilfred Laurier...

Elite Athletes

Birchmount, Northview...

Important Dates

- **January 31, 2020** *Optional Attendance applications due to secondary schools – delivered by student/parent/guardian*
- **February 14, 2020** *Secondary schools will inform Optional Attendance applicants by this date*
- **February 21, 2020** *completed via myBlueprint and returned to elementary teacher/counsellor*
- **February 28, 2020** *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
- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to deliver this application to the school or schools of choice. Faxed or scanned copies will not be accepted.

Questions?





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