The Grade 9 Experience

NORTHERN SECONDARY SCHOOL

WELCOME

to our

INFORMATION

EVENING

We will start at

6:30 pm

NSS Grade 8 Information Site

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat.

We also acknowledge the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

My Voice, My Northern

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Features of our Zoom Webinar:

- **Q & A function to write questions** - our Admin, Guidance and teacher specialists helping to answer your questions in the background as we present
- **Chat disabled** - only answered Q & A questions will show to the audience
- **All speakers will be spotlighted for the best viewing experience**
- **Thank you for your patience** as we work through the presentation in this format! We would much rather have you in our building!

Agenda:

1. Welcomes:
   a. meet our NSS Head Buddies
2. Northern Overview - Adam Marshall, Principal
3. NSS Application Info- Melanie Stassis, Guidance
4. Student Success - April Vibert
5. School Council - Janice Barnett & Andy Anderson
6. Special Education -ARC, ESL, DHH and Gifted
7. Resources and Q & A

Who We Are Now?

- over 1800 students
- Three Intensive Support Programs (ISPs).
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing (~25 students)
  - Learning Disabilities (~40 students)
  - Gifted (~350 students)
- Draw from a large area of the TDSB
  - Boundaries for our ISPs, regular programming, commercial and technical.

For more info, please visit our website bit.ly/NSSGRADE8INFO or scan

History

- Founded in 1930 as Northern Vocational School serving the need for skilled workers.
- Designed in the Gothic Collegiate style which you can see in the vaulted ceilings of the hallways, and the arched doorways and windows. As you walk around look for our gargoyles who appear on the outside of the building and in some of our main areas and help keep an eye on things in the building.
- The building is just over 121,000 square feet and contains one hundred and fifteen rooms

Facilities



Athletic Facilities

- 3 gyms, a pool, a turf field, a weight room

Tech Facilities

- Robotics/Electronics, Design Tech, 2 Film and video studios, construction classroom, automotive classroom

Social Science and Humanities Facilities

- 2 foods classrooms, one textile design classroom



Arts Facilities

- Music Sound Studio, Photography dark room, Ceramics room, 2 visual arts studios, life drawing studio and a computer arts classroom, 2 performance theatre classrooms

Upper Gym



Pool



North Gym



Sports Field



Auditorium



Historical Architecture







Academics

- Varied Programming:
  - Specialized programming in our ISPs (Gifted, LD, DHH)
  - Enriched English courses in grades 9 - 11
  - Enriched French courses in grades 10 - 11
  - ESL Programming in grades 9-12
  - Advanced Placement programming in grades 11-12 in Computer Science, History, English, Mathematics, French and Social Sciences
  - Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Health and Wellness; Arts and Culture; and Design, Engineering and Manufacturing.

Academics - Electives



Extensive Arts programming

- Ceramics, Life Drawing, Visual Arts, Photography, Computer Design



Extensive Tech Ed programming

- Computer Graphics, Film and Video, Computer Science, Electronics, Robotics, Architectural Design, Construction and Design Tech

Physical Education, History, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Geography

Sounds of Toronto- Music



United Way Fashion Show



Mainstage- Drama



Clubs



Clubs


APT CLUB
DRAWING & PAINTING
MURALS
EXPERIMENT
EXPRESS YOURSELF
Sketch

Library



Ski and Snowboard



Rugby



Girl's Basketball



Football



Girl's Athletic Association



Soccer



Girl's Basketball



Cross-Country



Girl's Volleyball



The Northern Red Knight!



- **Over 50 teams and over 50 clubs**
  - Some of our teams include: Football, rugby, basketball, volleyball, skiing and snowboarding, tennis, soccer, ultimate frisbee, swimming, badminton, curling.
  - Some of our clubs include: United Way, Fashion show, GAA, BAA, NSSAir, BlackNSS, GSA, Social Justice, WellNSS, SmartRisk, Gardening Club, and more.
- **Leadership**
  - Student government , chairs of clubs, Buddies, and more





Vice-Principals



Eric Halling

(A - G)



Jessica Pearson

(H - O)



Tiffany Peel

(P -Z)

Caring and Supportive Environment



- 3 Vice Principals
- 4 Guidance counsellors
- Child and Youth Worker
- Social Worker
- Youth Counsellor from Lumenus Community Services
- Student led clubs that support mental health and the feeling of inclusion and wellbeing: WellNSS, SmartRisk, Jewish Heritage Club, BlackNSS, GSA, PALS
- We have projects throughout the year including the MindNSS group to reduce student anxiety, after school literacy/numeracy classes to give students additional support in academics

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Choosing Northern:

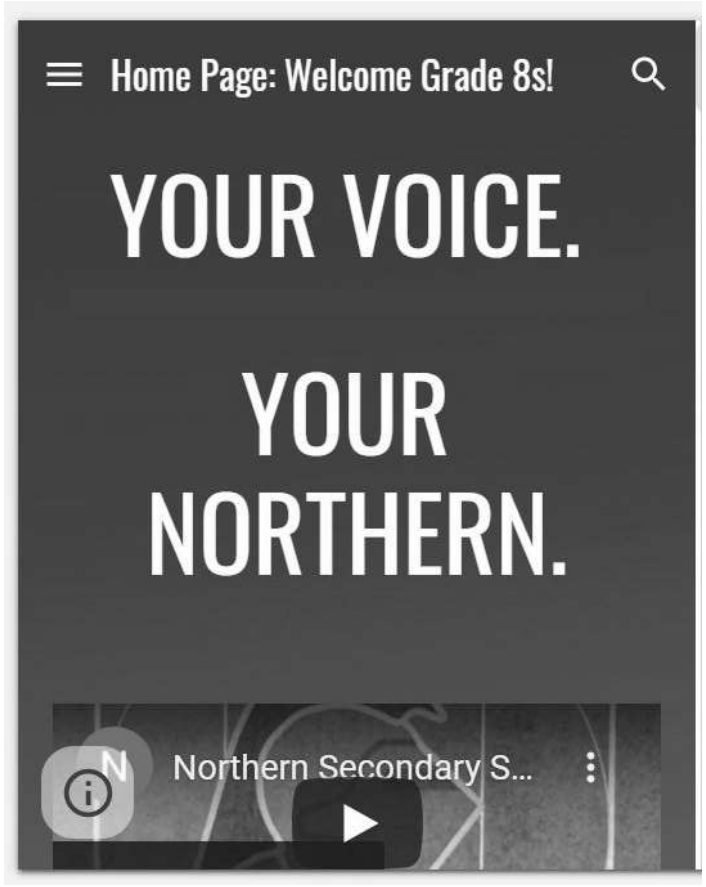
Variety of Programs

Boundaries

Optional Attendance

SEPRC Process

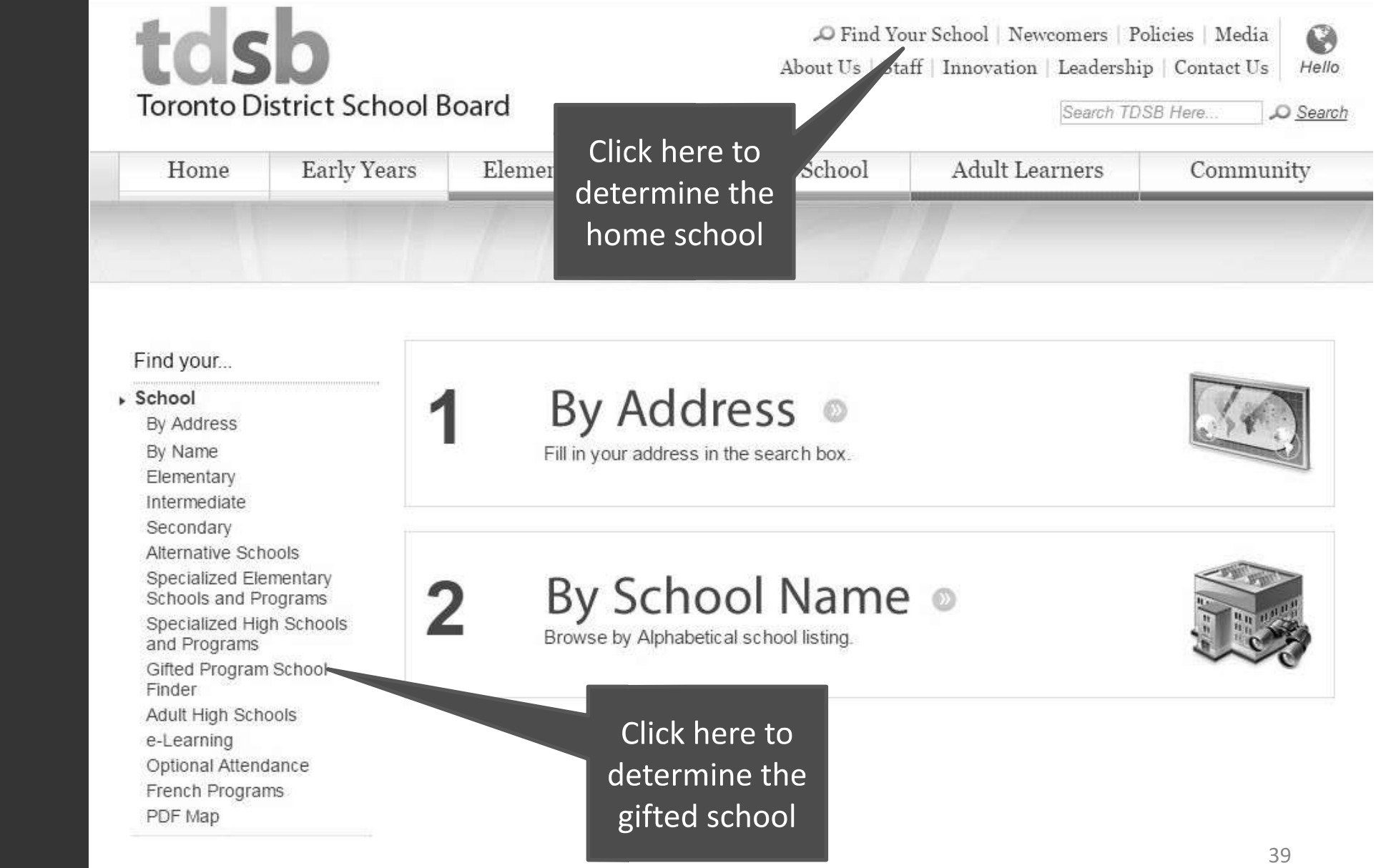
Want to know more about our NSS Departments?



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Are You Within Northern SS Catchment Boundary?

- To determine if you live within the Northern's catchment area go to www.tdsb.on.ca and use the "Find your school" link on the top of the page.
- Search "By Address" using your street name


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PDF Map
1
By Address
Fill in your address in the search box.
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By School Name
Browse by Alphabetical school listing.
Click here to determine the gifted school

Northern SS Boundary includes...

- There are 3 potential options for enrollment if you live in Northern's catchment area:

a) Secondary School (home school)

- all courses open to student

b) Technological Programming

- must take one (1) TECH course per year

c) Commercial School (a.k.a Business)

- must take one (1) Business course per year

Three distinct options within Northern's Catchment Area

Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary	Technological Programming	Commercial School
Toronto	Mount Pleasant Rd	120-128(Even)	Rosedale Jr PS	Deer Park Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Northern SS
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Toronto	Mount Pleasant Rd	369-375(Odd)	Whitney Jr PS	Deer Park Jr & Sr PS	Northern SS	Northern SS	Northern SS

Optional Attendance:
Applying From Outside Northern's Boundary

January 28, 2022 by 4:00 pm:

Optional attendance forms due at secondary school. Please email to Chandra.Ramdhani@tdsb.on.ca

February 11, 2022: Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the application request.

February 22, 2022: Course selection sheets through myBlueprint.ca/tdsb

For more information regarding Optional Attendance, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance.

Pro Tip:

For every school you are interested in attending, look at the courses they offer in grades 10 -12.

Northern has some of the best course offerings in the city!

****150 elective courses at NSS****

Non-TDSB Students Applying to Regular Programming

Within Catchment Boundary:

contact NSS for registration package

Info on Admissions at bit.ly/NSSGRADE8INFO

Outside of Catchment Boundary:

complete Optional Attendance

Info at bit.ly/NSSGRADE8INFO

TDSB Students Applying for Sp. Ed. Intensive Support LD CORE, Gifted or D/HH Programs:

- *Placements are made centrally, with the support of your elementary school, **not** by the staff at Northern.*
- *You **cannot** apply under Optional Attendance for the any of these programs.*
- *Placements will be determined by home address.*

Non-TDSB application to the Gifted, LD-Intensive Core Support or D/HH Programs

Step 1: Find your Secondary School (home school)

using "your address" under the "Find Your School" on the www.tdsb.on.ca website

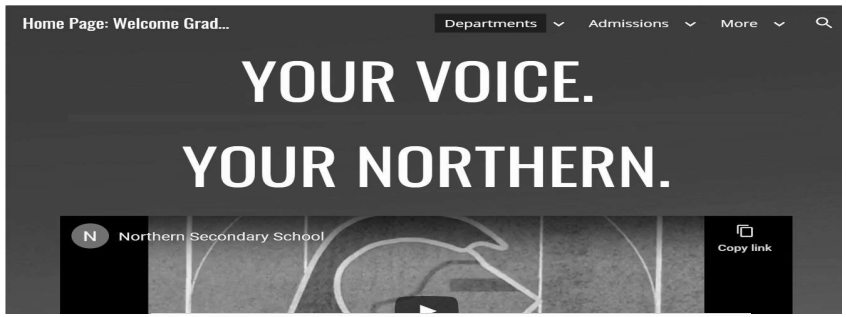
Step 2: Register with your Secondary School

Step 3: Request a SEPRC *(Special Education Program Recommendation Committee) in fall of 2022. At this time, the TDSB is only proceeding to SEPRC for students who present with extremely complex medical needs and who require immediate support in an Intensive Support Program.*

- ***For more information:*** *https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership-Learning-and-School-Improvement/Special-Education/Entry-to-School*

Northern School Website:
https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/northernss/

Tonight's information can be found on the Grade 8 Info site under the welcome video!



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STUDENT SUCCESS

April Vibert is the head of student success who works closely with our **"Student Success Team"** that consists of Principal, Vice-Principals, Guidance, Teachers and Support Staff

- ★ Student Success is here to support students academically and socially
- ★ Students are not alone as they navigate through high school

HOW ARE STUDENTS IDENTIFIED BY STUDENT SUCCESS?



STUDENT SUCCESS ROOM





SUPPORTING ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

All grade 9 students

are now enrolled in academic pathways.

What are the benefits of Grade 9 & 10 Academic?

Research has shown that students enrolled in academic courses:

- Experience higher achievement in courses beyond Grade 10
- Have access to increased post-secondary pathway options (college, university, apprenticeship and workplace)
- Achieve greater success in post-secondary programs

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STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

Peer Tutoring

Senior students supporting grade 9 and 10s in compulsory subjects

Licensed 2 Learn

Student Nutrition Program (SNP)

Student NUTRITION EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED. ONTARIO | Toronto

Because it is hard to focus when you are hungry.

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DESIGN ENGINEER AND MANUFACTURING (D.E.M.)

ARTS & CULTURE

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Bundled of Grade 11 & 12 credits & Cooperative Education



Sector Recognized Certification & Training

EARN A RED SEAL ON YOUR OSSD

AND

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SHSM Graduation Diploma



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This Diploma is granted to
Ce diplôme est décerné à

Jane Smith

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en vertu des dispositions du ministère de l'Éducation de l'Ontario

Dated at
Délivré à Toronto Ontario Canada

the
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School Council is:

NORTHERN SCHOOL COUNCIL

- 15 parent members (elected)
- 2 staff reps
- 1 student rep
- 1 community member (appointed)
- The principal (in an advisory role)

School Council helps by...

NORTHERN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Empowering Students- funding for school-wide and specific student programs

- breakfast, buddies, conferences, clubs, guest speakers, (mental health, etc.),
- equipment (garden beds, fans, bicycle repair kit)

Empowering Parents- a supportive community of parents for parents

- Planning workshops to help parents navigate student matters: enrichment/scholarships, anxiety, course selection, gifted, academic resource
- Parent Chats, Ask Adam, Survival Chalkboard

How can you get involved?

NORTHERN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Be Part of Council

- Attend meetings - Upcoming meetings: Jan 13, Feb 23, April 6, May 18
- Send us your ideas and concerns: nss.school.council@gmail.com
- Be a parent member OR part of a committee (website, mental health, wellness, green Northern, education)

Please Reach Out!!!

- Feel free to use any of our resources (What's On, Wellness, Past Speaker notes) or reach out with any questions, even if you don't go to Northern!

NORTHERN SCHOOL COUNCIL

We'd love to hear from you!

nss.school.council@gmail.com

nsscouncil.com

northernldcommittee@gmail.com

northerngifted@gmail.com

Thank You & Northern Resources:

NSS website: **https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/northernss/**

NSS grade 8 Google site: **bit.ly/NSSGRADE8INFO**

TDSB Beyond 8

Keep asking questions in the Q&A, we are still answering.

Special Education and ESL portion of our evening will now begin...

Please continue this webinar for more information on our…

- ***Special Education Program (referred to as Academic Resource Centre)***

  Amanda Kearney, CL of Special Education, L.D.

- ***ESL (English as a Second Language)***

  Chana Boxer A.C.L. of ESL

- ***Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program:***

  Eric Larocque, A.C.L. of Special Education, D/HH

- ***Gifted Program:***

  Monique Cipollone, A.C.L. of Special Ed., Gifted

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTRE (ARC)

Supports the following students:

- Those with an exceptionality of a Learning Disability
- Those with an Individual Education Plan
- Those placed in our CORE program (LD intensive support program)

*This year, a total of 300 students are connected to the ARC

ARC ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

In addition to the GLE courses, students are offered the following academic supports throughout the year to ensure success:

- ❑ Course Work Supports (GLE)
- ❑ Brightspace and Google classroom Navigation
- ❑ Organization Supports
- ❑ Assistive Technology, SEA Claims support
- ❑ IEP Development and Review
- ❑ Self Advocacy Development

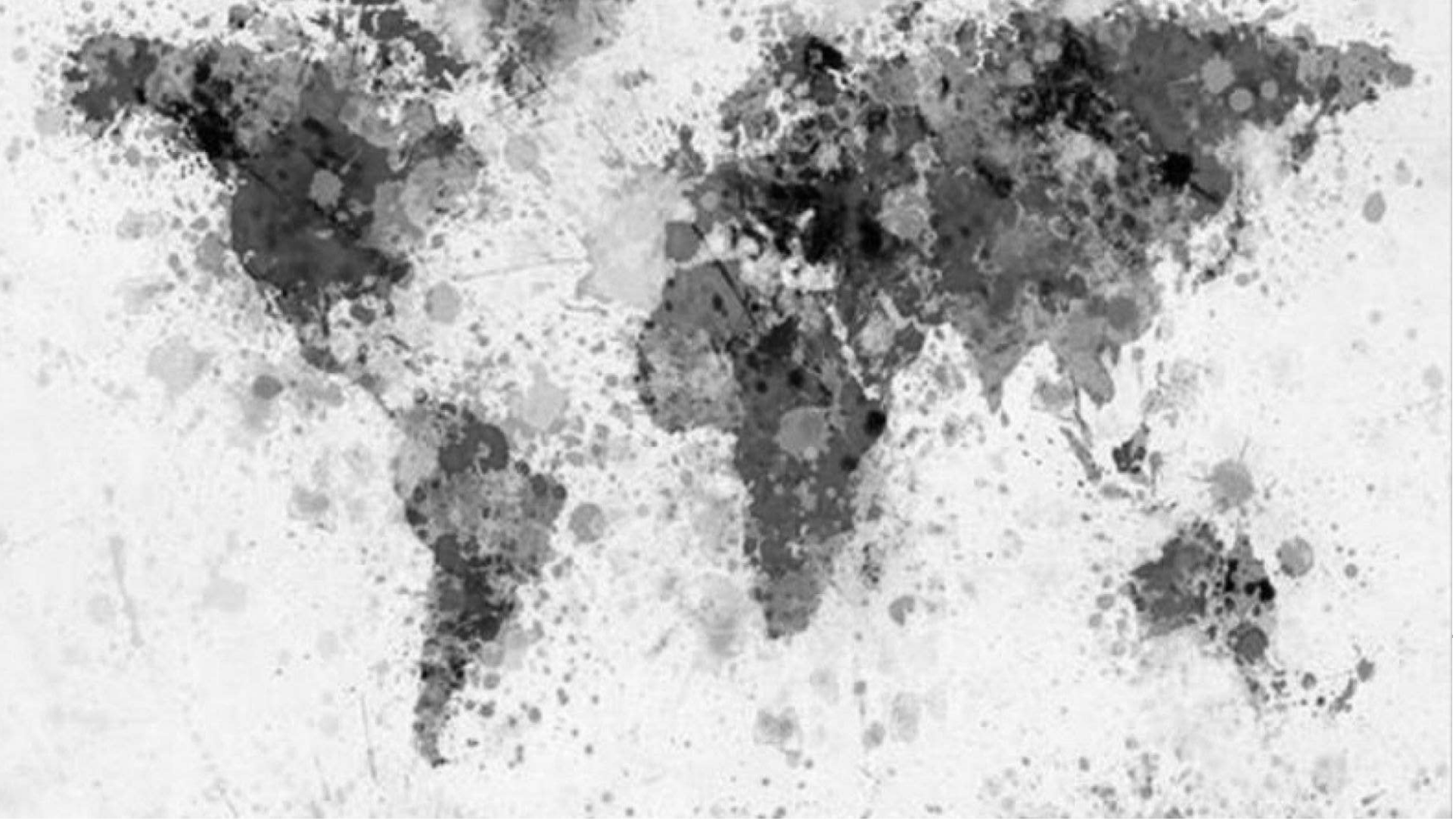
ARC WEBSITE for students, parents/guardians

PLEASE VISIT:

https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/academicresourcecenter/home

ARC PARENT COMMITTEE

Email: nss.school.council@gmail.com



ESL @ Northern

English Language Learners @ Northern

- ★ **Diverse Language and Culture:** Our students come from many different countries including **China, Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Mexico, Columbia, Brazil, Poland, Argentina, Korea, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam, France,** and **Guatemala**.

- ★ **All Welcome:** Newcomers may have the following status: **Refugee, Permanent Resident** or **International Student**.

- ★ **Complete Experience:** English Language Learners are encouraged to **participate fully** in **all parts of school life** at Northern, regardless of their language proficiency or ESL level.

Supports for English Language Learners

- ★ **Accommodations:** Students who have been in Canada for **5-7 years or less** are entitled to accommodations in all of their classes. This means **extra time on tests, use of assistive technology** and other supports provided by staff.

- ★ **Ongoing Support:** Students in our program receive specialized attention and ongoing support **in all of their classes**. These students can continue to access help even after they have "graduated" from ESL class.

- ★ **Access to Resources:** A multitude of caring staff are ready to support newcomer students with their academic, social and emotional needs. Our **guidance counsellors, school settlement worker, child and youth worker** and our **social worker** are all **here to help.**

Highlights of the ESL Programme



- ★ **Caring, respectful** environment
- ★ **Small** class sizes
- ★ **Comprehensive** program
- ★ Ongoing **communication** with Parents/Guardians

- ★ **Variety** of E.S.L. courses
- ★ **Leadership** opportunities
- ★ **PALs peer support**
- ★ Class **trips**
- ★ **ESL** Speech Competition

PALs @nsspals



Questions?

- ★ Please visit our website: **ESL@Northern**
- ★ Email Chana Boxer, Assistant Curriculum Leader **chana.boxer@tdsb.on.ca**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department

Welcome!



A message from our Head of the DHH program can be found on the grade 8 welcome page:

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Self-Contained DHH courses:

-staff with specific training for working with DHH students.
-IEP to support student to achieve their potential while following ministry guidelines.

Integration:

-DHH students are a part of Northern SS and therefore can choose from Northern's wide variety of courses based on interests and needs.
-support provided through sign-language facilitators and educational assistants as required.
-all staff provided strategies for supporting DHH students.

Course offerings

ENG1DH - English

MTH1WH - Math

SNC1WH - Science

CGC1DH - Geography



GLE1OH - Learning Strategies

LSLAOH - American Sign Language

Integrated Accommodations

- Use of an FM system
- Facing the student when speaking
- Allowing the support of educational assistant or sign language interpreter.
- Provide movies with Closed Captioning (CC)



DHH SPORTS/ CLUBS/ ACTIVITIES

- Our students have the opportunity to become involved in a number of extra curricular activities coached or supported by our staff volunteers.



Post Secondary

- Students of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing department at Northern boast a high post-secondary college and university acceptance rate! Where do they attend?

CANADA POST-SECONDARY



- York University
- University of Toronto
- University of Guelph
- Humber College
- Seneca College
- Centennial College
- George Brown College
- Ontario College of Art & Design
- and more

U.S.A POST-SECONDARY

- NTID (National Technology Institute for the Deaf), Rochester, N.Y.
- RIT (Rochester Institute Technology), Rochester, N.Y.
- GALLAUDET University, Washington, D.C.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact:

Eric Larocque, Assistant Curriculum Leader
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department

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Twitter: **@EricLarocqueNSS**

https://sites.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-department/

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Northern's Gifted Program



TDSB Requirement for Gifted Placement

- Student must have gone through the **Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC)** process at their middle/home school and be placed in a **Gifted Intensive Support Program (ISP)**.

- Must have an individual **psychological assessment** which indicates that the student is functioning **at or above the 98th percentile** on the **General Ability Index (GAI)** on a recently administered **Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – 5th Edition (WISC-V)**.

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Special_Education/Special-Education-Plan-2021.pdf



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TDSB Gifted Programming

- Students in **Grade 9 and 10** are required to take a minimum of **four** special education courses offered for the intellectually gifted.
- Students in **Grade 11 and 12** are required to take a minimum of **two** special education courses for the intellectually gifted.
- Courses for students who are intellectually gifted **follow the Ontario curriculum**, but offer greater breadth and depth to the topics under study.

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/Special_Education/Special-Education-Plan-2021.pdf

https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/homepagewelcomegrade8s/departments

Features of Northern's Gifted Program

- Many compulsory credits for the **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)** are available at the **gifted level** including many **optional gifted credits** (ex. Financial Accounting, World History, Canadian Law, Computer Science etc.)
- **Technology & Art Rotation** courses are offered in grades 9 & 10
- Students have the opportunity to take **Advanced Placement** courses in senior grades
- **Facilitators** are available to support student needs





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Features of Northern's Gifted Program

- The core subject areas use a wide **variety of presentation styles and methods of organization**



- The type of **material covered, the pace, and the assessment and evaluation strategies** are geared towards gifted students

- Students may study in **specialized facilities** such as computer design labs, photography, art, and drama studios, and technological shops



The Rotation Courses - Grade 9 & 10

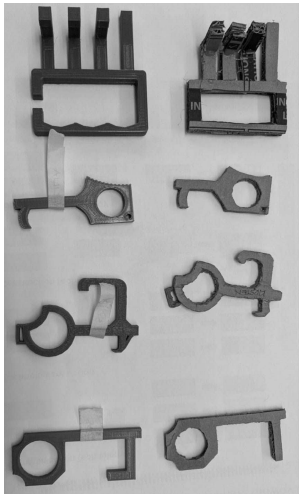
- As part of the mandatory **four** special education courses required for grades 9 & 10 Northern students, a rotation course is offered.
    - The **grade 9 course** fulfills one of the compulsory **Technology** credits
    - The **grade 10 course** fulfills one of the compulsory **Arts** credits
- Each course has **4 exploratory units** - including one **Independent Enrichment Study (IES) unit**
- The IES unit encourages **creativity, initiative, organization, and time management.**

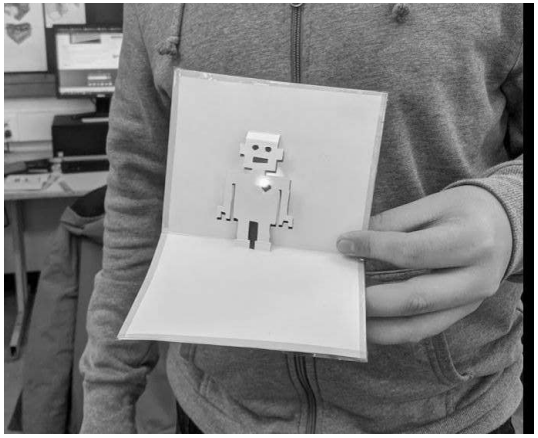
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The Rotation

Possible units **may** include:

- Electronics
- Urban Planning
- Computer Programming
- Video Design
- Woodworking
- Sound Technology
- Industrial Design
- Set Design
- Architecture
- Photography





Students have the opportunity to explore a **combination of units** that develop their skills and knowledge across a variety of subject areas!

Gifted Certificate

Students who successfully complete the mandatory requirements of the Gifted Program will be granted a Gifted Certificate upon graduation



Still have questions?

Please visit our website:
https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/northernsecondaryschool-gifted/home

Or email: Monique.Cipollone@tdsb.on.ca





We will continue to answer your questions using the Q & A feature for the next 10 minutes.