

Grade 8 to 9 Transition Process

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Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Elementary

- Elementary schools were provided with resources, support and professional learning to engage in this important transition work:
 - TDSB and myBlueprint Grade 8 Course Selection site (with step-by-step instructions and a video tutorial)
 - Grade 8 to 9 Transition Video
 - Beyond 8 Website – TDSB Grade 8 to 9 Transition website
 - Choices: Secondary School Course Selection and Planning Guide
 - TDSB Secondary School Information Guide
 - Secondary School Virtual Information Sessions Listing (Date/Time/Link)
 - TDSB Course Selection Training & Timeline

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Elementary

- PD: Completing Course Selection with myBlueprint - December 10/11
 - Secondary Scheduling VPs, Elementary Principals, Elementary Vice-Principals, Secondary Guidance ACL/CLs, Elementary Teachers
 - [Completing Course Selection webinar recording](#)
 - [Completing Course Selection Guide](#)
 - [Course Selection video tutorials](#)
 - [Course Selection Guide for TDSB Grade 8 Students](#)
 - [Course Selection Guide for Secondary Students](#) (General and does not contain TDSB specific login instructions)
 - [Online Parent/Guardian Course Selection Approval Guide](#)
 - [Trillium Interfaces Guide to Update Courses 2020-21 \(Schools\)](#)
 - [Trillium Interfaces Guide to Update Courses & Transfer Course Requests 2020-21 \(Schools\)](#)
 - [TDSB Course Selection Timelines and Training 2020-21](#)
 - [TDSB Secondary Guidance Counsellor Directory](#)
 - [TDSB Elementary School Directory](#)
 - [Secondary Schools' Course Selection Sheets](#)

GRADE 8 TO 9 TRANSITION INFORMATION SESSION FOR GRADE 8 FAMILIES

The TDSB is hosting four (4) Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transition Information Sessions for families that focus on the Top 10 Tips and Considerations in the Transition to High School process.

Presenters will highlight the key practical and social-emotional aspects of the process of transitioning to high school. Secondary Guidance Counsellors from the respective Learning Centres will be available to answer questions during each session.

Families are encouraged to join the webinar for their school's Learning Centre. To find out which Learning Centre your school is in, [click here](#)

*Click a session for your Learning Centre to join**

Learning Centres 2 & 3-December 7 - 6:00-7:00pm

Learning Centres 2 & 3-December 7 - 7:30-8:30pm

Learning Centres 1 & 4-December 8 - 6:00-7:00pm

Learning Centres 1 & 4-December 8 - 7:30-8:30pm

*If you are unable to join the live Zoom webinar, [click here](#) to watch the YouTube livestream.

Interpretation Services



If you require an interpreter for this event, please click here and we will coordinate one for you.



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**TDSB VIRTUAL EVENT
FOR GRADE 8 PARENTS,
GUARDIANS AND
STUDENTS**



MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 - LC2/3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 - LC1/4



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Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Secondary

- Schools continue to deliver virtual Grade 8 Open House/Information Sessions this year due to the health and safety guidelines around COVID-19
- TDSB High School Open Houses webpage includes:
 - “Live” Virtual Information Sessions (Date/Time/Zoom Link)
 - Pre-Recorded Information Sessions (link to view)
 - Specialized programs will share their application requirements/process
- Secondary Counsellors participated in the Grade 8 to 9 Transition Information Session for Families
- Secondary Schools will help Grade 8 families with questions about their school’s specialized programs and application process

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Secondary

- Professional Development
 - Preparing for Course Selection with SIS and myBlueprint - November 26/27
 - Secondary Scheduling VPs, Secondary Guidance ACL/CLs
 - Completing Course Selection with myBlueprint - December 10/11
 - Secondary Scheduling VPs, Elementary Principals, Elementary Vice-Principals, Secondary Guidance ACL/CLs, Elementary Teachers

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Secondary

- Resources
 - [Preparing for Course Selection webinar recording](#)
 - [Preparing for Course Selection Guide](#)
 - [Completing Course Selection webinar recording](#)
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Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Virtual Resources

The following resources are available, and have been shared with Grade 8 students/families:

- TDSB and myBlueprint Course Selection site
- Beyond 8 Transition Video
- Beyond 8 Website/pages
- Beyond 8 Course Selection webpage
 - Course Selection Step-by-Step Guide and Video
- Choices Digital Magazine
- TDSB Secondary School Information Guide (Secondary Placemat)

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Virtual Resources

- TDSB and myBlueprint Course Selection Site: <https://education.myblueprint.ca/tdsbgrade8/>
- Tutorial Video: <https://myblueprint.wistia.com/medias/mcpvp77lbu>
 - Schools can use this to lead the course selection workshop with their Grade 8 students
- TDSB Grade 8 Course Selection Guide:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GQaNNf7XqmebqIQQ1k_Xescbn7OwAcfPS8vJPJqcGgA/edit?usp=sharing
 - TDSB Course Selection webpage
 - myBlueprint TDSB landing page
 - handout

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Optional Attendance

Key Adjustments due to School Closures

- Sending Principal does not need to sign
- Sending Principal to forward forms from TDSB email account to receiving school principal
- Parent may still send directly to requested school but must copy sending principal
- Schools are asked to exercise flexibility and understanding
- Sending and Receiving schools must track applications (no change)

Grade 9 Course Selection Options

- Grade 9 English - ENG1D
- Grade 9 Science - SNC1D
- Grade 9 French - FSF1D
- Grade 9 Geography - CGC1D
- Grade 9 Foundational Math - MTH1W

Sample Elective/Optional courses are offered at the open level (but not limited to):

- Information Technology - BTT1O
- Family Studies - HIF1O
- Phys. Ed. - PPL1O
- Arts - ADA1O, AMI1O, AVI1O, etc.
- Expressing Aboriginal Cultures - NAC1O
- Exploring Technologies - TIJ1O

Coding 101

The 6th digit

1 = regular one credit course

2 = beginner or introductory course

3 = enriched course

4 = extended French course

5 = French Immersion course

6 = gifted course

7 = International Baccalaureate course

8 = subject course for ELL

9 = course for students with an IEP

0 = advanced placement course

V or P = special program needs

MHT1W1 - Math

FSF1O2 - French

SNC2D3 - Science

BTT1O4 - Intro. To Information Technology

CHV2O5 - Civics

CGC1D6 - Geography

ENG3U7 - English

CHC2D8 - History

GLE1O9 - Learning Strategies

MHF4U0 - Advanced Functions

CHC2DP - History (TOPS, Africentric, Leadership, etc.)

For more coding information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jkjQ6XZysZj19YaLuwUraXIXUh9PPhL/view>

Academic Pathway Considerations

Internal School-Based Practices that perpetuate streaming beginning in Grade 9:

- Enriched Stream
- “*Leadership*” or other such programs that are not officially recognized as TDSB Specialized programs
- Special Education Subject Stream
- Internal streaming - less smart English course and smart English course (same course code)
- Locally Developed Compulsory Courses (LDCC)

Academic Pathway Considerations

System Practices that perpetuate streaming:

- Gifted Stream
- Pre-AP (Grade 9 & 10)
 - officially Advanced Placement begins in Grade 11
- Pre-IB (Grade 9 & 10)
 - officially International Baccalaureate begins in Grade 11
- LEAP (Literacy Enrichment Academic Program) ELD
- ESL
- French Immersion/Extended French

Course Selection Key Dates

- **January 11, 2021:** Course Selection Opens for Grade 8 students
- **January 29, 2021:** Optional attendance forms due at secondary school
- **First Week of February:** Optional attendance lottery, if required
- **February 5, 2021 - February 12, 2021:** Parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the application request
- **February 26, 2021:** Course selection sheets due at secondary schools
 - No student will be admitted into any secondary grade levels through optional attendance after Friday, February 26, 2021.

Discussion & Questions