

2017-2018

Choices

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A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS and GUARDIANS

From the Director

Dear Student,

This is an exciting time in your educational career, as you prepare to graduate from Grade 8 and begin to plan for your transition to high school. The choices you make this year are important and will impact your future. Your parents/guardians, teachers and guidance counsellors are all here to help and to provide you with the information and tools you need to make informed decisions.



This Choices for 9 guide is full of comprehensive information about the variety of learning opportunities available to you at the TDSB and includes an outline of the step-by-step course selection process. Please use this resource for assistance as you research and determine your path forward into high school and beyond.

I wish you great success for the future.

John Malloy
Director of Education



Moving on to Secondary School

Your future is now! Welcome to your future!

As you unfold the following pages you will find answers to a number of questions you may have about Grade 9 in the TDSB, including course types, and earning a secondary school diploma. We have also provided website addresses for additional information you may be curious about. You will be introduced to **myBlueprint** (a web-based planning tool), designed to assist in the educational planning that is required to make informed decisions about your Grade 9 course selections.

This guide, together with *Choices: Course Selection and Planning Guide 2017*, your parents/guardians and teachers will support you in making some important career life decisions. You can expect to receive *Choices 2017* in January when you formally begin your course selection process.

Where do I get information to prepare for secondary school?

Your Grade 8 Year

September 2016

- Curriculum/Meet-the-Teacher nights

November 2016

- Secondary School information evenings start
- Information re: Promotion, Transfer, Retention (PTR) and *Choices for 9* reviewed

December 2016

- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Secondary School information evenings continue

January 2017

- Secondary School information evenings continue
- Choices 2017 received

February 2017

- Optional Attendance (OA) requests due
- Confirmation of OA requests received

March 2017

- Grade 9 course selection sheets submitted to secondary schools
- Parent/Teacher interviews

May / June 2017

- Promotion, Transfer, Retention (PTR) decisions made

August 2017

- Confirmation of registration received

September 2017

- Orientation Program information evenings for Grade 9 parents

This is a general overview for the academic year. Individual schools may vary.

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*

Did you know?

The Toronto District School Board's **Promotion, Transfer and Retention** procedure provides schools with a consistent method for the transition of students from elementary school (Grade 8) to secondary school (Grade 9).

You may read the full procedure at www.tdsb.on.ca/aboutus under Policies, Procedures & Forms and select PR543.



How do I make the right decision for me?

Choosing your courses occurs in January and February. Good decision-making is an important process and your parents/guardians, subject teachers, and counsellors are available to assist you.

Did you know? Students who select courses that are consistent with their goals, interests, recent achievements, strengths, needs and preferred learning styles are more likely to be successful in all of their courses.

What interests you?

What do you do well in?

What is your learning style?

What course types are available?

What are your academic and career/life goals?

How do I create my education plan for the year?

You can use **myBlueprint** — a web-based planning tool — to see what courses are available at a school and to create your learning plan. You may also receive a Course Selection Sheet (also known as an *'option selection sheet'*) from the secondary school that you will be attending.

What courses are available to me?

Course offerings are determined by each individual school and are dependent on student requests, facilities, and the staff that are available. All secondary schools offer programs to ensure that all students can earn a diploma and pursue post-secondary destinations including apprenticeship, college, university and work opportunities.

Course offerings are published by each school and are available:

- at the Grade 8 Parent/Guardian information evenings
- at www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool
- on Course Selection Sheets
- in the **myBlueprint** Educational Planner

What programs/schools are available to me?

The TDSB recognizes that students have diverse needs. Although we encourage all students to attend the school determined by their residential address, specialized schools/programs, or programs that require highly specialized equipment, cannot be offered in every secondary school. Your current school receives information regarding all of these schools/programs. Be sure to ask your teacher or counsellor about these opportunities.

Attend the information evenings or research a school at www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool.

What do I need to know to choose my program?

The Grade 9 Program

The Grade 9 program is chosen from a variety of course types that include Applied, Academic, Locally Developed Compulsory Credit Courses (LDCC), and Open.

Academic Courses cover the core content and emphasize theory and abstract problems.

Applied Courses cover the core content using concrete examples and practical applications.

Locally Developed Compulsory Credit Courses (LDCC) are available in math, science, and English. They are ideal for students who have gaps in content knowledge and learning skills and require additional support.

Open Courses prepare you for further study in certain subjects and enrich your education generally.

A Typical Grade 9 Program

Students will study eight courses:

Arts (drama, media, dance, music, visual arts)

English

French

Canadian Geography

Mathematics

Physical and Health Education

Science

and one of **Business, Social Science**

or **Technological Education**

Students and parents are encouraged to select course types based on evidence of student's achievement, learning style, interests, and learning goals. Pathways are designed to keep options opened, therefore, students can take Academic and Applied courses together and still keep options open.

Did you know? There is an opportunity to change course types between Grade 9 and 10 in English, French and Science and this is available to students through the TDSB. In mathematics, a "transfer" course between grade 9 applied and 10 academic should be completed. Ultimately, students and families make the final course choices.



How to Use Choices 2017

The Choices: Secondary School Course Selection and Planning Guide 2017 contains important information. It will help you understand the concept of destination planning and the importance of knowing your interests and abilities and connecting them to opportunities available during and beyond secondary school.

Choices 2017 also contains information about course types and reminds you of the diploma requirements. It also explains other relevant opportunities that will be available to you as a senior student.

Course descriptors can be found at www.tdsb.on.ca/choices. The descriptor tells you a bit about what you can expect to learn in that subject. In senior years, it tells you what the prerequisites are (subjects you must have successfully completed). Requirements ensure that you are prepared. If the course descriptor does not tell you enough about a course, ask your counsellor for as much information as you need in order to make an informed decision about your plan. The **myBlueprint** Education Planner also has all of this information.



The screenshot displays the 'Official High School Plan' interface. At the top, it shows navigation tabs for 'Grade 9' (selected), 'Grade 10', 'Grade 11', 'Grade 12', and 'Additional'. A 'Course Calendar' tab and a 'View Plans' button are also visible. A red notification banner states 'Course Selection is Not Submitted'. Below this, a progress bar shows three steps: 'Step 1 Add Courses' (completed), 'Step 2 Review Courses' (in progress), and 'Step 3 Submit Courses' (pending). A 'Review Course Selections' button is located to the right of the progress bar. The main area displays a grid of course cards, each showing the course name, code, credit value, and a percentage (e.g., English ENG1D1 • 1 Credit • 73%). To the right, a 'Graduation Indicator' section shows progress for 'Earned' (30), 'Planned' (0), 'Required' (30/30), and 'Total Credits' (30), with a green progress bar. Below this is a 'View Progress' button. Further down, a 'Pathway Eligibility' section lists options: Apprenticeship (138), College (3576), University (1980), and Workplace (132).

YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Last Name	First Name
Student Number	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE 8 COURSES.

5 REQUIRED SUBJECTS		Please indicate with an X whether you want Academic (A) or Applied (P)	
English	ENG1D <input type="checkbox"/> or ENG1P <input type="checkbox"/> or ENG1L <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mathematics	MPM1D <input type="checkbox"/> or MFM1P <input type="checkbox"/> or MAT1L <input type="checkbox"/>		
Science	SNC1D <input type="checkbox"/> or SNC1P <input type="checkbox"/> or SNC1L <input type="checkbox"/>		
Geography of Canada	CGC1D <input type="checkbox"/> or CGC1P <input type="checkbox"/>		
French	FSF1D <input type="checkbox"/> or FSF1P <input type="checkbox"/> or *FSI1P2 <input type="checkbox"/>		

* Introductory French for Beginners

1 REQUIRED SUBJECT - This subject is Open (O).	
Healthy Active Living Education	PPL1OF (Female) <input type="checkbox"/> PPL1OM (Male) <input type="checkbox"/>

2 OPTIONAL SUBJECTS		All optional subjects are Open (O).	
Write in "1" and "2" beside your 1 st and 2 nd choices. Please indicate with a "3" your alternative choice in case one of these options does not fit into the timetable.			
1. The Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual Arts - Dramatic Arts - Music - Band (Experienced) - Music - Band (Beginner) - Music - Strings (Experienced) 	AVI1O _____ ADA1O _____ AMI1O _____ AMI02 _____ AMS1O _____	
2. Business Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and Communication Technology in Business 	BTT10 _____	
3. Guidance & Career Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Strategies 1: Skills for Success 	GLS1O _____	
4. Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual and Family Living 	HIF1O _____	
5. Technological Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring Technologies 	TJ101 _____	

Is there any medical condition of which the school should be aware?

Student's signature _____ Date _____ Parent's or Guardian's signature _____

This is the **name of the course**. Courses appear alphabetically under each of the major subject areas in **myBlueprint** or your secondary school choices chart. www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool.

This is a **course code**. Codes are short forms of the titles. Codes tell you the grade level, the course type and sometimes additional program information, such as whether the course is also available as enriched or French Immersion. This code (BTT10) stands for Grade 9 Information and Communication Technology in Business. The course descriptor for this item is shown below. To understand them clearly, read **Choices 2017** for more details on how to interpret them.

Once you complete and submit your Course Selection Sheet or online submission via myBlueprint and you meet the conditions recommended by the Promotion, Transfer and Retention Committee, you will be registered in a secondary school. Your counsellor, principal, or vice-principal will explain and manage this process with you.

The back of the Course Selection Sheet is different for each school. It is where you actually select your course preferences for your Grade 9 year. Your electives will be fairly limited in Grade 9 because of the number of compulsory courses that you will be required to take.

Sample Course Descriptor

The course descriptors can be found on the school charts on the website or inside **myBlueprint**.

BTT10 OR BTT20

Information and Communication Technology in Business, Grade 9 or 10, Open

This course introduces students to information and communication technology in a business environment and builds a foundation of digital literacy skills necessary for success in a technologically driven society. Students will develop word processing, spreadsheet, database, desktop publishing, presentation software, and website design skills. Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on digital literacy, effective electronic research and communication skills, and current issues related to the impact of information and communication technology.



myBlueprint Education Planner

(www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb)

Plan your steps. Track your progress. Unlock your future.

Did you know?

myBlueprint enables students to build "what-if" course scenarios based on the courses offered at specific secondary schools, visually track progress towards graduation and instantly reveal the opportunities that become available.

Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb and take control of your academic, career/life planning today!

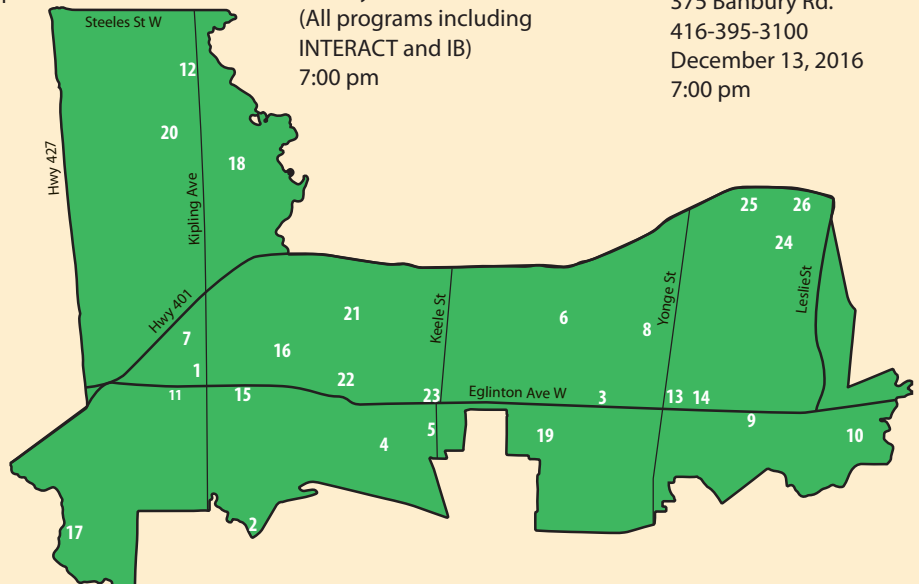
Where can I go to get information?

Toronto District School Board Secondary School Information Evenings

2016-2017

Learning Centre 1

- 1- Central Etobicoke H.S.**
10 Denfield St.
416-394-7090
Open House
February 16, 2017
6:30 pm
- 2- Etobicoke C.I.** ⚡
86 Montgomery Rd.
416-394-7840
November 22, 2016
7:00 pm
- 3- Forest Hill C.I.**
730 Eglinton Ave. W.
416-393-1860
December 6, 2016
6:30 pm
- 4- Frank Oke S.S.**
500 Alliance Ave.
416-394-3158
Open House
January 18, 2017
9:30 - 11:30 am
April 19, 2017
9:30 - 11:30 am
- 5- George Harvey C.I.** ✨ 🗺️ ⚡
1700 Keele St.
416-394-3180
November 24, 2016
7:00 pm
- 6- John Polanyi C.I.** ⚡ ✨ ★ 🗺️
640 Lawrence Avenue W.
416-395-3303
November 24, 2016
6:30 pm
- 7- Kipling C.I.** ⚡ ✨ 🗺️ ■
380 The Westway
416-394-7930
November 1, 2016
5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 8- Lawrence Park C.I.** ✕
125 Chatsworth Dr.
416-393-9500
December 1, 2016
6:30 pm
- 9- Leaside H.S.** ✕
200 Hanna Rd.
416-396-2380
December 8, 2016
6:30 pm
- 10- Marc Garneau C.I.** ⚡ ⚡
135 Overlea Blvd.
416-396-2410
November 1, 2016
(T.O.P.S) 7:00 pm
November 17, 2016
(Valley Park MS families)
7:00 pm
- 11- Martingrove C.I.** ★ ⚡ 🗺️ GI
50 Winterton Dr.
416-394-7110
November 9, 2016
(G & AP) 7:00 pm
November 17, 2016
(Regular) 7:00 pm
- 12- North Albion C.I.** ★ ⚡ 🗺️
2580 Kipling Ave.
416-394-7550
November 24, 2016
7:00 pm
- 13- North Toronto C.I.**
17 Broadway Ave.
416-393-9180
December 14, 2016
6:30 pm
- 14- Northern S.S.** GI
851 Mount Pleasant Rd.
416-393-0270
January 19, 2017
6:00 pm
- 15- Richview C.I.** ✕
1738 Islington Ave.
416-394-7980
November 15, 2016
7:00 pm
- 16- Scarlett Heights EA** ✨ ⚡
15 Trehorne Dr.
416-394-7750
December 8, 2016
6:30 pm
- 17- Silverthorn C.I.** 🗺️
291 Mill Rd.
416-394-7010
November 17, 2016
7:00 pm
- 18- Thistletown C.I.** ⚡ 🗺️ GI
20 Fordwich Cr.
416-394-7710
November 30, 2016
7:00 pm
- 19- Vaughan Rd. Academy** 🗺️ 🗺️
529 Vaughan Rd.
416-394-3222
January 18, 2017
(All programs including
INTERACT and IB)
7:00 pm
- 20- West Humber C.I.** ✨ ★
1675 Martin Grove Rd.
416-394-7570
November 10, 2016
6:30 pm
- 21- Weston C.I.** 🗺️ ⚡ ⚡
100 Pine St.
416-394-3250
December 1, 2016
6:30 pm
- 22- York Humber H.S.**
100 Emmett Ave.
416-394-3280
- 23- York Memorial C.I.** ★ ✨
2690 Eglinton Ave. W.
416-394-3000
January 17, 2017
7:00 pm
- 24- York Mills C.I.** ✕
490 York Mills Rd.
416-395-3340
No Grade 9 program
- 25- St Andrew's JHS**
131 Fenn Ave.
416-395-3090
December 15, 2016
7:00 pm
- 26- Windfields JHS** 🗺️
375 Banbury Rd.
416-395-3100
December 13, 2016
7:00 pm



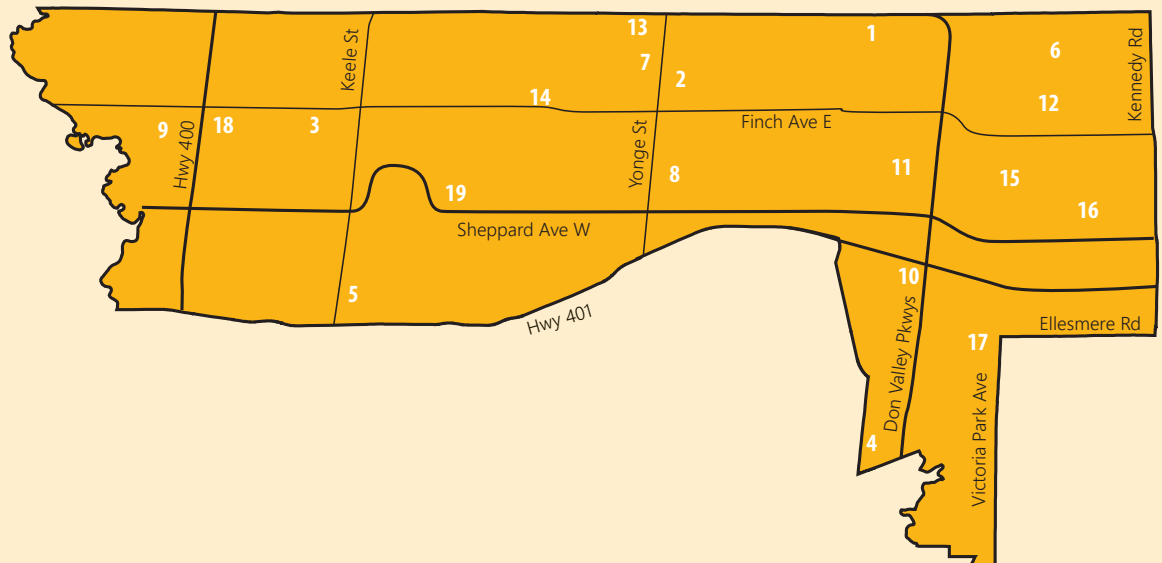
What is my home secondary school?

Every student has the right to attend their home secondary school provided they are successful in Grade 8. Every student is encouraged to apply to their home school. If you are uncertain of what your home school is you can access this information from the TDSB website, www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool select "Secondary" or by asking your counsellor or principal. This is important because some schools have limited enrollment programs and may only be available to home school residents.

Make plans to attend your home school Grade 8 Information Evening.

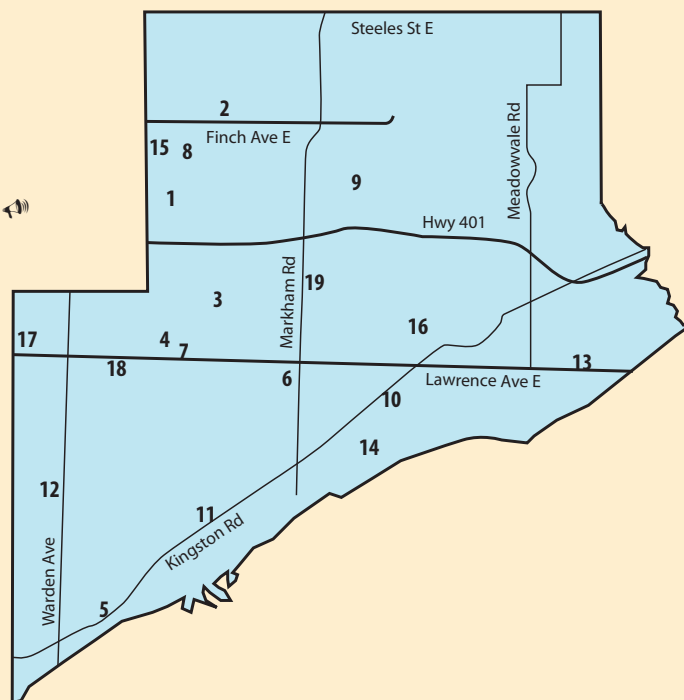
Learning Centre 2

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|--|--|--|--|
| <p>1 - A.Y. Jackson S.S. ★ GI 📞
50 Francine Dr.
416-395-3140
November 10, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>2 - Avondale E.&S. ALT
24 Silverview Dr.
416-395-4542
October 5, 2016
6:30 pm</p> <p>3 - C.W. Jefferys C.I. 📍 ⚙️
340 Sentinel Rd.
416-395-3170
November 16, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>4 - Don Mills C.I. 📍 GI
15 The Donway E.
416-395-3190
November 22, 2016
6:00 pm</p> <p>5 - Downsview S.S. 📍 ⬥ ■
7 Hawksdale Rd.
416-395-3200
November 17, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>6 - Dr. Norman Bethune C.I. ★
200 Fundy Bay Blvd.
416-396-8200
November 17, 2016
6:45 pm</p> <p>7 - Drewry S.S.
70 Drewry Ave.
416-395-3260
By appointment</p> <p>8 - Earl Haig S.S. 📍
100 Princess Ave.
416-395-3210
November 2, 2016
(Claude Watson)
6:00 pm
January 5, 2017
7:00 pm</p> | <p>9 - Emery C.I. 📍 📞 📞
3395 Weston Rd.
416-395-3220
November 8, 2016
6:30 pm</p> <p>10 - George S. Henry Academy
200 Graydon Hall Dr.
416-395-3240
November 23, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>11 - Georges Vanier S.S. ★ ⚙️ 📍
📞
3000 Don Mills Rd.
416-395-3250
December 7, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>12 - L'Amoreaux C.I. ✕ 📞 📍
2501 Bridletowne Circle
416-396-6745
November 24, 2016
6:30 pm</p> <p>13 - Newtonbrook S.S. ✕ 📞
155 Hilda Ave.
416-395-3280
November 30, 2016
7:00 pm</p> | <p>14 - Northview Hts S.S. 📍 📞 ⚙️
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550 Finch Ave. W.
416-395-3290
November 2, 2016
(HMST) 6:30 pm
November 23, 2016
6:30 pm</p> <p>15 - Sir John A. Macdonald C.I.
📞 ★
2300 Pharmacy Ave.
416-396-6793
December 8, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>16 - Stephen Leacock C.I. 📍 📍
★ 📞
2450 Birchmount Rd.
416-396-8000
November 29, 2016
7:00 pm</p> <p>17 - Victoria Park C.I. 📍
15 Wallingford Rd.
416-395-3310
November 16, 2016
(IB Presentation)
5:30 & 7:00 pm
(Regular) 6:00 pm</p> | <p>18 - Westview Centennial S.S.
📞 📍
755 Oakdale Rd.
416-395-3320
November 29, 2016
6:00 pm</p> <p>19 - William Lyon Mackenzie C.I. ★ ⚙️ GI
20 Tillplain Rd.
416-395-3330
November 3, 2016
(MACS) 7:00 pm
December 6, 2016
7:00 pm</p> |
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Learning Centre 3

- 1 - Agincourt C.I.** ✕ ★
2621 Midland Ave.
416-396-6675
November 22, 2016
7:00 pm
- 2 - Albert Campbell C.I.** ★ 🗣️ GI
1550 Sandhurst Circle
416-396-6684
November 10, 2016
6:30 pm
- 3 - Alternative Scarborough Education 1 ALT**
60 Brimorton Dr.
416-396-6914
by Appointment
- 4 - Bendale B.T.I.** 🗣️ 🗣️
1555 Midland Ave.
416-396-6695
November 16, 2016
6:30 pm
- 5 - Birchmount Park C.I.** 🗣️ GI
3663 Danforth Ave.
416-396-6704
November 1, 2016
6:30 pm
- 6 - Cedarbrae C.I.** ✕ ◆
550 Markham Rd.
416-396-4400
December 7, 2016
6:30 pm
- 7 - David & Mary Thomson C.I.**
🗣️ ★ *
2740 Lawrence Ave. E.
416-396-5525
November 2, 2016
6:30 pm
- 8 - Delphi Secondary Alternative School ALT**
109A Chartland Blvd.
416-396-6919
December 8, 2016
7:00 pm
January 19, 2017
7:00 pm
- 9 - Lester B. Pearson C.I.** 🗣️ ★
150 Tapscott Rd.
416-396-5892
November 9, 2016
6:30 pm
- 10 - Maplewood High School**
120 Galloway Rd.
416-396-6765
By appointment only
- 11 - R.H. King Academy** * 🗣️ 🗣️
3800 St. Clair Ave. E.
416-396-5550
November 23, 2016
6:00 and 7:30 pm
- 12 - SATEC@W.A. Porter C.I.** * 🗣️ ⚙️ 🗣️
40 Fairfax Cr.
416-396-3365
November 10, 2016
6:00 pm
- 13 - Sir Oliver Mowat C.I.**
5400 Lawrence Ave. E.
416-396-6802
January 18, 2017
7:00 pm
- 14 - Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I./Native Learning Centre** 🗣️ 🗣️
145 Guildwood Pkwy.
416-396-6820
November 10, 2016
6:30 pm
- 15 - Sir William Osler H.S.** 🗣️
1050 Huntingwood Dr.
416-396-6830
March 23, 2017
5:00 pm
- 16 - West Hill C.I.** ◆ ★
350 Morningside Ave.
416-396-6864
November 24, 2016
6:30 pm
- 17 - Wexford Collegiate School of the Arts** 🗣️
1176 Pharmacy Ave.
416-396-6874
November 8, 2016
(Visual & Media Arts)
- 7:00 pm
November 9, 2016
(Performing Arts)
7:00 pm
- 18 - Winston Churchill C.I.**
🗣️ ★ * ■
2239 Lawrence Ave. E.
416-396-6883
November 14, 2016
6:30 pm
- 19 - Woburn C.I.** GI
2222 Ellesmere Rd.
416-396-4575
November 22, 2016
6:30 pm



Legend

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| ★ | Advanced Placement | ✕ | Entrepreneurship | ⚙️ | Math and Science Focus |
| ■ | Africentric Program | GI | Extended or French Immersion | 🗣️ | Media Arts |
| ALT | Alternative | 🗣️ | Gifted | * | Pre-Advanced Placement |
| 🗣️ | Art Focus | 🗣️ | International Baccalaureate | 🗣️ | Skills Enhanced |
| 🗣️ | Cyber Arts | ✈️ | International Studies | 🗣️ | Specialist High Skills Major |
| 🗣️ | Cyber Studies | 🗣️ | Integrated Technology | | |
| * | Cisco/Nortel Systems | 🗣️ | Leadership Pathways | | |
| 🗣️ | Elite Athletes/Arts | ◆ | LEAP | | |

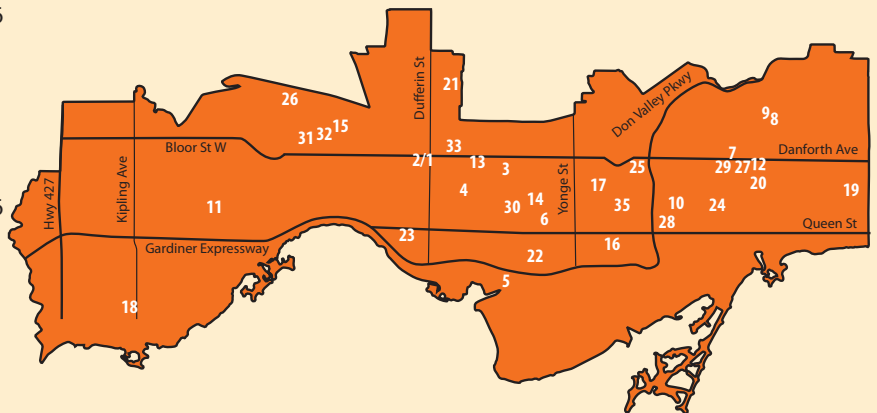
For specific information regarding admission requirements to specialized programs, please contact the appropriate school directly.

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Learning Centre 4

- 1- Alpha II Alternative School**
ALT
1141 Bloor St. W.
416-393-0501
January 18, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 2- Bloor C.I.** ★ ✨ *
1141 Bloor Street W.
416-393-1420
November 9, 2016
(Regular and T.O.P.S. on Bloor) 6:30 pm
- 3- Central Technical School**
* ✨ * 📞
725 Bathurst St.
416-393-0060
November 23, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 4- Central Toronto Academy**
📞 * ★
570 Shaw St.
416-393-0030
November 30, 2016
6:30 pm
- 5- City School** ALT
635 Queens Quay W.
416-393-1470
November 22, 2016
6:30 pm
- 6- Contact Alternative School**
ALT
132 Saint Patrick St.
3rd floor
416-393-1455
by Appointment
- 7- Danforth C.T.I.** ✨ 📞
800 Greenwood Ave.
416-393-0620
November 8, 2016
(MaST Info) 7:00 pm
December 6, 2016
(Regular) 7:00 pm
- 8- East York Alternative S.S.**
ALT
670 Cosburn Ave.
416-396-2925
by Appointment
- 9- East York C.I.** 📞
650 Cosburn Ave.
416-396-2355
November 16, 2016
6:30 pm
- 10- Eastdale C.I.**
701 Gerrard St. E.
416-393-9630
November 24, 2016
6:00 pm
- 11- Etobicoke School of the Arts** 📍
675 Royal York Rd.
416-394-6910
November 1, 2016
(Grades 8) 1:00 pm
November 3, 2016
(Parents) 6:00 & 7:30 pm
- 12- Greenwood S.S.** ✨
24 Mountjoy Ave.
416-393-0744
By appointment only
- 13- Harbord C.I.** ✕ 📞
286 Harbord St.
416-393-1650
December 8, 2016
7:00 pm
- 14- Heydon Park S.S.**
70 D'Arcy St.
416-393-1710
October 26, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 15- HumberSide C.I.** ✕
280 Quebec Ave.
416-393-8122
January 17, 2017
7:00 pm
- 16- Inglewood C.H.S.** ALT
19 Sackville St.
416-393-0560
by Appointment
- 17- Jarvis C.I.** ★ ✨
495 Jarvis St.
416-393-0140
November 15, 2016
6:00 pm
- 18- Lakeshore C.I.**
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350 Kipling Ave.
416-394-7650
November 16, 2016
7:00 pm
- 19- Malvern C.I.** ✕ 📞
55 Malvern Ave.
416-393-1480
January 11, 2017
7:00 pm
- 20- Monarch Park C.I.** 📞
1 Hanson St.
416-393-0190
November 15, 2016
7:00 pm
- 21- Oakwood C.I.** ✕ 📞
991 St. Clair Ave. W.
416-393-1780
November 8, 2016
7:00 pm
- 22- Oasis Alternative S.S.** ALT
20 Brant St.
416-393-9830
by Appointment
- 23- Parkdale C.I.** 📞 📞 ✨
209 Jameson Ave.
416-393-9000
December 6, 2016
7:00 pm
- 24- Riverdale C.I.** ✕
1094 Gerrard St. E.
416-393-9820
January 12, 2017
7:00 pm
- 25- Rosedale Heights School of the Arts** 📍
711 Bloor St. E.
416-393-1580
November 17, 2016
(Parents) 6:15 & 7:00 pm
- 26- Runnymede C.I.** ✨ * 📞
569 Jane St.
416-394-3200
November 17, 2016
7:00 pm
December 13, 2016
(Specialized Programs)
7:00 pm
- 27- School of Life Experience** ALT
24 Mountjoy Ave.
416-393-0756
by Appointment
- 28- S.E.E.D. Alternative** ALT
885 Dundas St. E, Floor 2nd
416-393-0564
by Appointment
- 29- Subway Academy I** ALT
16 Phin Ave.
416-393-9466
by Appointment
- 30- Subway Academy II** ALT
64 Baldwin St.
416-393-1445
by Appointment
- 31- THE STUDENT SCHOOL** ALT
160 Glendonwynne Rd.
416-393-9639
by Appointment
- 32- Ursula Franklin Academy** 📞
146 Glendonwynne Rd.
416-393-0430
November 1, 2016
7:00 pm
- 33- West End Alternative** ALT
777 Bloor St. W. 3rd fl.
416-393-0660
by Appointment
- 34- Western Tech-Commercial**
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125 Evelyn Cr.
416-393-0500
October 25, 2016
6:30 pm
- 35- Native Learning Centre**
83 Alexander St.
416-393-0358



These events are held so that you can become an informed decision maker and be involved in your own educational planning.

Take advantage of the opportunity!

Community Involvement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities before graduation.

- School staff will discuss appropriate types of community involvement activities and projects with students and may offer suggestions, but the selection and management of the involvement is to be directed by the student.
- The TDSB publishes a list of approved and non-approved activities. Students choosing an activity not on the approved list must apply for permission in writing to the school Principal.
- Activities may take place inside or outside the school. If inside, activities may not be part of a credit course.
- The student may not displace a worker who would normally have been paid to perform the same function or receive pay.
- Community involvement may begin in the summer after Grade 8.
- An indication of completion will be entered on the student's Ontario Student Transcript when the 40 hours have been submitted and approved.

Learn more about community involvement at www.tdsb.on.ca/highschool
For volunteer opportunities visit www.volunteertoronto.ca

Community Involvement FAQs:

What is community involvement?

- A volunteer activity – not for pay or credit
- A constructive contribution to the community

Why does the Ministry of Education mandate it?

- Reinforces civic responsibility
- Strengthens the community
- Enhances self-confidence and self-image
- Offers networking for future employment
- Provides an experience for students to include in their career portfolio, also known as their Individual Pathways Plan

When must students complete it?

- Any time during the secondary school program after the student has graduated from Grade 8
- Outside class hours, for example:
 - During lunch breaks
 - In the evening
 - On weekends
 - During school breaks
 - During summer months



Where can I find more information?

Valuable information is also available on the TDSB website on “School Profiles”. Profiles include an overview of the school, special features, programs, and test results published by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). After school, access to computers is available through public libraries so you and your parents/guardians can research together. Hard copies of the course charts can also be requested from an individual school.

www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool

How do I apply for optional attendance?

Provided you meet the criteria and the school is permitted to receive applications, you may decide to apply to attend a specialized program or school of your choice. Some schools require a supplementary application and some have highly specific requirements for admission. You may apply to two regular schools beyond your home school (determined by your residential address) and two specialized schools/programs. Your counsellor and your parents/guardians can help you determine if your choice is in line with the educational plans that you have been working towards.

Optional Attendance Forms are available from your current school. Details about this policy are available at www.tdsb.on.ca/findyourschool/optionalattendance

If you choose to apply for optional attendance you should know:

- You will be responsible for your own transportation.
- You may only apply to two regular and two specialized schools/programs.
- You may not apply to a school that is not permitted to receive applications. A list of those schools is produced by mid-January.
- A school/program that receives more applications than it has space will run a lottery to determine the successful applicants.
- Once you accept an offer of admission to a specialized school/program it becomes your home school and you are expected to remain there until graduation.

Important Dates:

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February 17, 2017 - Deadline for parents/guardians to be informed of the status of the application request.

February 24, 2017 - Course selection sheets due at elementary schools.

March 3, 2017 - Course selection sheets due at secondary schools.

What else do I need to know?

To get the most from your high school experience, be prepared to commit to your learning, try new things, be open to making mistakes and embrace them as opportunities to learn.

It is especially important for parents/guardians of Grade 8 students deemed exceptional to attend the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) review meeting. This way, parents can ask specific questions around what the placement setting means in relation to the IPRC's Decision.

and finally... You are engaged when your courses provide learning experiences that are clearly aligned with your strengths, interests, needs, preferred learning style and aspirations. When this occurs, you have increased chances for success. You will know if you have made appropriate course and program selections when:

- You are also able to participate in a range of extra-curricular programs in addition to your courses and studies
- You attend school consistently and regularly
- You have a positive mindset to learning and the school experience.

You can maximize engagement, build confidence and have success by personalizing your school program to include courses from all subject areas, particularly in Grades 9 and 10.



Are you ready for
high school?



Signup with **my Blueprint** 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

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