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Choices for 9  
Interactive Guide

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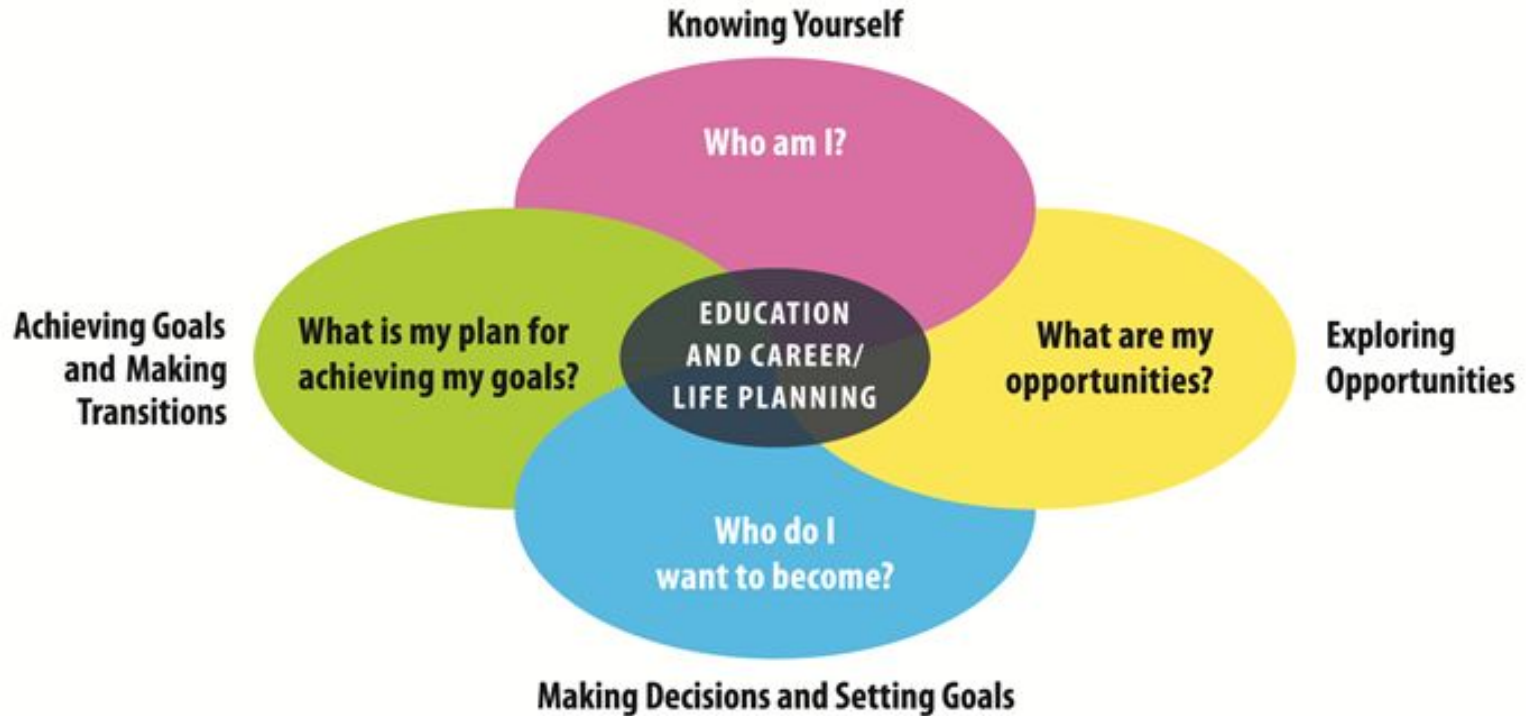
**Grade 8 to 9  
Transition Information  
Session for the  
2018-2019 School Year**



## 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?**



my **Blueprint**

Signup with **myBlueprint** and get prepared.

## CREATE YOUR INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLAN (IPP)

- 1 Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb](http://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

THE EASIEST WAY TO PLAN  
YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

[www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb)  
Activation Key: tdsb

# 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:



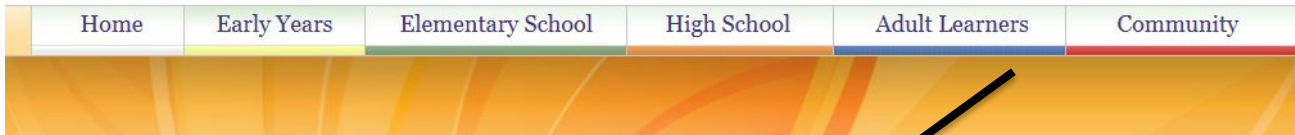
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## High School

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[School/SpecializedSchoolsandPrograms.aspx](#)

Find out which high school is right for you. See a [list of high school information nights and open houses](#).

## High School

As a high school student at the TDSB, you have access to an incredible variety of [schools](#), [programs](#) and courses. From [Africentric](#) and specialized arts programs to technology and athletics, we have something for every student and can help you find the [right path](#) for a successful experience in high school and beyond.

There are also many opportunities to get involved [outside of the classroom](#), from leadership and volunteer activities to [sports](#) and clubs. Your high school experience is what you make of it and at the TDSB we provide the opportunity for each individual student to find and follow your passion.



Pay School Fees Online with [SchoolCashOnline](#)

## School Year Calendar

» Find out when holidays, PD days and key dates are



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Student **SAFETYLINE**  
416-395-SAFE(7233)

» Or get help online, [click here](#)



» Log on to Academic Workspace

# 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?



## The Year Ahead: Educational Planning and Course Selection Process

- Planning for the coming year is a process (myBlueprint)
- That process begins now and will continue until Course Selection Sheets are due in late February

[www.tdsb.on.ca/GoingtoHighSchool](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/GoingtoHighSchool)

# Find Your School

The screenshot shows the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) website homepage. At the top left is the TDSB logo and the text "Toronto District School Board". To the right, there is a navigation menu with links: "Find Your School" (circled in green), "Newcomers", "Media", "About Us", "Staff", "Innovation", "Leadership", and "Contact Us". Below the navigation is a search bar with the text "Search TDSB Here" and a magnifying glass icon. A horizontal menu below the search bar contains links for "Home", "Early Years", "Elementary School", "High School", "Adult Learners", and "Community". The main content area features a large banner with the text "From the latest news to lunch time recipes" and "Follow TDSB on social media" with icons for Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram. To the right of the banner is a "Latest News for: Oct 02, 2013" section with three news items: "Remembering Joshua at Ellesmere-Statton PS", "Etobicoke School of the Arts Photography Students Receive ...", and "Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. Public School is Celebrating 50 Years". A "Read More News Here" button is located at the bottom of the news section.


www.tdsb.on.ca  
Click on “Find your School”


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- Find your...
- ▶ **School**
    - By Address
    - By Name
    - Elementary
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    - 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. 

# Choices for Nine

Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Next			Last	
			Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary	Technological Programming	Commercial School
Toronto	Dundas Sq	All Numbers	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis CI</a>	<a href="#">Central Technical School</a>	<a href="#">Central Toronto Academy</a> */ <a href="#">Northern SS</a>
Toronto	Dundas St E	1-445 (Odd)	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis CI</a>	<a href="#">Central Technical School</a>	<a href="#">Central Toronto Academy</a> */ <a href="#">Northern SS</a>
Toronto	Dundas St E	2-308 (Even)	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Lord Dufferin Jr &amp; Sr PS</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis CI</a>	<a href="#">Central Technical School</a>	<a href="#">Central Toronto Academy</a> */ <a href="#">Northern SS</a>
Toronto	Dundas St E	310-744 (Even)	<a href="#">Nelson Mandela Park PS</a>	<a href="#">Nelson Mandela Park PS</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis CI</a>	<a href="#">Central Technical School</a>	<a href="#">Central Toronto Academy</a> */ <a href="#">Northern SS</a>
Toronto	Dundas St E	465-761 (Odd)	<a href="#">Nelson Mandela Park PS</a>	<a href="#">Nelson Mandela Park PS</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis CI</a>	<a href="#">Central Technical School</a>	<a href="#">Central Toronto Academy</a> */ <a href="#">Northern SS</a>

# 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.

## Alternative Schools

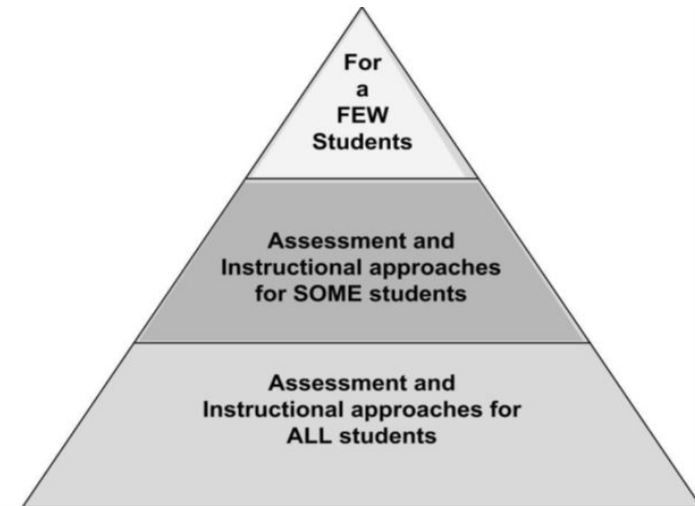
- Students should explore schools of all sizes and program availability
- Alternative schools are places where students find their way through learning environments that vary widely and often include self-directed projects, experiential learning, business and entrepreneurial mentorship programs, strong co-op programs and credit recovery opportunities – all while earning OSSD credits.

For a full list of our Alternative Schools please visit:

[http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/  
Alternative-Schools](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Alternative-Schools)

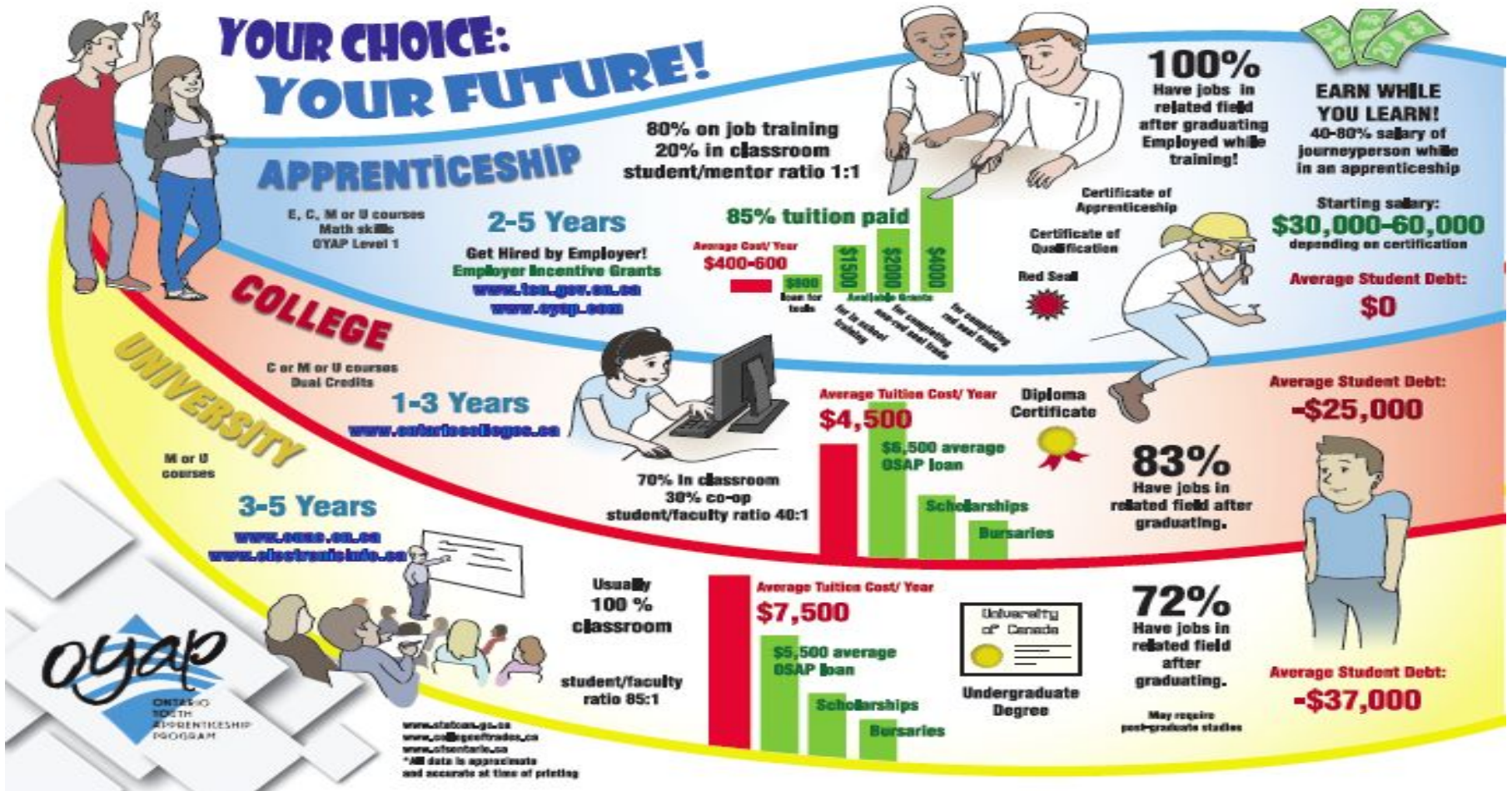
# Special Education Supports

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





# Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Pathways Chart Comparison



# 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

# 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*

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## 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

[www.tdsb.on.ca/FindyourSchool/OptionalAttendance](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/FindyourSchool/OptionalAttendance)

# Important Dates

- **February 1, 2019** Optional Attendance applications due to secondary schools – delivered by student/parent/guardian
- **February 15, 2019** Secondary schools will inform Optional Attendance applicants by this date
- **February 22, 2019** completed via myBlueprint and returned to elementary teacher/counsellor
- **March 1, 2019** 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



# Questions?



