

GRAND ERIE | 2017 - 2018

PARIS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

The Course Calendar is your starting point when planning your secondary school education. Take the time to look over it carefully with your parents, and take advantage of the excellent advice available to you in our Guidance Department. You are responsible for taking all of the courses you need to prepare you for the next step in your life after high school. We are here to help you along the way and to assist you with any questions you may have. Please complete and return your online course selection on time in order to give yourself the best chance of getting into the courses you want.



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SCHOOL SERVICES & RESOURCES

LIBRARY

The PDHS Library/Information Centre is an attractive facility where students and staff can locate varied research materials easily by using an automated catalogue. An excellent and extensive book collection includes both non-fiction and fiction materials to serve curriculum and recreational needs. Seven newspaper subscriptions and many magazines are featured and can be read in the inviting entrance area of the library. Audio-visual equipment and software (most notably CBC News in Review) are also available for classroom presentation.

Computers in both the teaching area and the seminar room provide internet access for work on assignments. Particularly useful are the school library's subscriptions to electronic databases. Password-activated, they are powerful research tools that are available to students at home as well as at school. They are virtual libraries that provide in skills-appropriate format, up-to-date, reliable and comprehensive information from around the globe. Their seemingly limitless sources include books and encyclopaedias, newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals, TV and radio scripts, and even maps.

Students are encouraged to use the library during their free time as well as during reserved class time. Individual carrels are always available to them for quiet study. The library staff, in partnership with classroom teachers, strives to provide the most effective resources and program to engage students in reading for pleasure and to motivate and assist students to acquire the research skills necessary to function independently and confidently as life-long learners.

COMPUTER LABS

The computer assets of PDHS are distributed throughout the school in lab locations. Four of the five labs are dedicated to specific curriculum while the fifth lab serves as a cross curricular lab available to users from all subject areas. All of the computers at PDHS are running on a Windows XP platform and run industry standard software in a variety of curriculum. Students have access to the Internet while at PDHS and access is controlled by a Grand Erie District School Board filtering



system. Student usage is governed by an in-school Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) whose larger purpose is to develop responsible computer users of the resources at PDHS.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students at PDHS have many opportunities to be involved in a variety of school activities outside the classroom. These activities provide the students with opportunities to compete, develop new skills and friendships, give back to their school and community and experience school life to the fullest. The lists below outline the many school activities that are available to the students of PDHS.

GROUPS	ACTIVITIES	SPORTS
Safe Talk Athletics Council Bands Book Club CiSS Drama Environmental Club Positive Space OSAID Peer Council Peer tutors Positive Climate Group Social Committee Students' Council Yearbook	Athletic Banquet Chicago and Greece trips Christmas dinner for Seniors Christmas food drive Environthon Hoops for Hearts ISE French Exchange Pelee Island exploration Pep Rallies Prom Relay for Life School dances School Trips – Quebec, France Ski & Snowboard trips Theatre Trips Winter and Spring Concerts	Badminton Baseball Basketball Cheerleading Cross Country Curling Fastball Football Golf Hockey Intramurals Rugby Soccer Tennis Track & Field Volleyball

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

BEHAVIOUR

At Paris District High School, students are expected to show respect for their peers, their teachers, the school property and building, the community, and themselves. As well, students are expected to adhere to all school rules and regulations while on the way to school, at school, on the way home from school, and at school sponsored, off-campus activities.

ATTENDANCE

Students must make every effort possible to attend every class and to be punctual, recognizing that absences do have an adverse effect on achievement. Upon their return after an absence, students must provide a note explaining the absence. If a student leaves during the school day, he/she must present a signed note and sign out at the Main Office.

ACHIEVEMENT

At Paris District High School, we believe that our goal is to assist our students in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and values that will allow them to lead full and productive lives and will help them to become lifelong learners. As a result, we expect that students will maintain a positive attitude and will strive for excellence in an effort to achieve their potential.

COURSE CODING

Each course is identified by a six character code

- The first three characters identify the subject
- The fourth character identifies the grade
 - 1 – grade 9
 - 2 – grade 10
 - 3 – grade 11
 - 4 – grade 12
- The fifth character identifies the course destination
 - A – academic
 - P – applied
 - O – open
 - C – college preparation
 - U – university preparation
 - M – university/college preparation
 - E – workplace preparation
 - L – locally developed compulsory course (essentials)
- The sixth character is reserved for school specific information
 - e.g. **TMJ 3EC**
 - TMJ - Manufacturing**
 - 3 - Grade 11**
 - E - Workplace**
 - C - Co-op**

SEMESTER SYSTEM

The school year is divided into two systems. Semester One extends from September to January and Semester Two, from February to June. In each semester, there are four class periods so that a student may study four courses in each half year. At the end of each semester there are final examinations for courses studied during that semester.

CREDIT DEFINITION

A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course for which work, equivalent to a minimum of 110 hours, has

been scheduled. Unnecessary or extended absence from classes may result in the loss of a credit if the required work in the course cannot be completed.

STUDENT TIMETABLE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 9 and 10 students will be scheduled in 4 courses per semester. Grade 11 students will be scheduled in 4 courses per semester. Exceptions to this requirement may be made due to scheduling difficulties or through consultation with the guidance department and school administration. Grade 12 students must be scheduled in a minimum of 3 credits per semester. Grade 12 students are allowed 1 study period if they have successfully completed 23 credits and 2 study periods if they have successfully completed 24 credits. Fifth year students are required to be in a position to graduate and maintain 3 courses per semester. Fifth year students may be allowed to take less than 3 credits if they are working part time and have permission of the school administration.

COURSE SELECTION

All students are strongly encouraged to review their course selections with their teachers and guidance counsellor. Counsellors will provide assistance and direction in course selection but the final responsibility for course selections is that of the students and their parents. Requirements for graduation and admission requirements for post secondary education or training must be given careful consideration. Students are permitted to repeat a course for the purpose of upgrading their mark. In scheduling, priority is given to students attempting the course for the first time. Students desiring to

repeat a course will be scheduled if space permits.

GEDSB – NIGHT SCHOOL

The Grand Erie District School Board offers evening education courses for credit in both semesters of the school year. Classes are 3 hours in length and are held two nights per week at the GELA campus in Brantford. The purpose of the evening education program is to offer courses to students who have special curriculum needs. Students are advised to see their guidance counsellors for details and registration forms. All courses offered are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

GEDSB – SUMMER SCHOOL

The Grand Erie District School Board offers summer education courses for credit during the month of July. Both new credit courses (110 hours) and repeat credit courses (55 hours) are offered. Summer school information packages and registration forms are available in the guidance office at the beginning of May each year. Students are advised to see their guidance counsellor to discuss summer school plans. All courses offered are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

GEDSB - ELEARNING

The Grand Erie District School Board offers students an alternative method to obtain secondary school credits through eLearning using the internet. The successful students are self directed, familiar with email communications and are independent learners. All course assessments and evaluations are based on curriculum expectations and the achievement charts outlined in the Ontario curriculum documents. Visit the website www.granderie.ca/elearning for details.

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

This department and its programs are provided to allow 'exceptional students' to benefit from the public education system. These programs are delivered in the most enabling environment that is required to meet the academic needs of the students with identifications. The school and parents/guardians work with resource staff and other involved agencies, using all available information, to develop an understanding of each student's strengths and needs and to program in the most appropriate manner.

Students who are formally identified as exceptional are offered a network of tutorial, remedial and organizational support. The amount of time the student spends in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) varies according to individual needs.

The Learning Resource Teacher (LRT): collaborates in the IEP (Individual Education Plan) process, provides diagnostic assessments as appropriate to determine the student's strengths and needs, generates ideas and suggestions for program modification, differentiation or accommodation, provides advice about materials and resources, provides support to the student's classroom teachers, plans and carries out instructional programs for the student, develops strategies for assessing and communicating the student's progress and maintains ongoing communication with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), teachers and other support staff.

THE IDENTIFICATION, PLACEMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The IPRC has three basic purposes: to identify whether or not a student is exceptional, to recommend a placement for the student and to review the appropriateness of the placement at least once a year.

STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

LOCALLY DEVELOPED AND WORKPLACE PATHWAY

A range of Locally Developed and Workplace courses are offered to support a variety of learners and learning styles. With the students' future goals in mind, the courses help improve foundational knowledge and skills in English, Mathematics and Science. Opportunities to visit workplaces, hear guest speakers, tour post secondary schools, and support cross-curricular learning are all unique aspects of this pathway. Smaller class sizes allow for individual support and programming.

TURNING POINT

This alternative learning environment program is available to individuals who made the decision to return to school after a period of absence (at least a year) and are within a reasonable number of credits to graduate. Students work on an individual program, which could include a co-op placement, leading towards graduation. Acceptance into this program is on an individual basis.

PEER HELPERS

Senior students are placed within the school to assist other students with their daily school work, assignments, test and exam preparation. Students who are interested in acting as peer helpers

can apply through the Special Services Department.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION COMMENCEMENT

Graduates will only be eligible to attend commencement in the calendar year that they qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. No deferment is allowed.

ONTARIO SCHOLAR CRITERIA

A student may be designated an Ontario Scholar if he or she satisfies both of the following requirements: The student has been recommended by the school principal for the OSSD in either the current school year or the previous school year. The student obtains an aggregate of at least 480 marks in any combination of 6 ministry approved grade 12 courses. A student's mark, in any course, shall be multiplied by the credit value of the course. Marks from magnet courses, summer school, night school, elearning and ILC courses may be included.

HONOUR ROLL CRITERIA

A student, at Paris District High School, may be designated for inclusion on the Honour Roll, at the end of the school year, if the following requirements are met:

GRADE 9 STUDENTS

achieve an average of 80% in a minimum of 8 credits taken that year (September – August)

GRADE 10 STUDENTS

achieve an average of 80% in a minimum of 8 credits taken that year (September – August)

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

achieve an average of 80% in a minimum of 7 credits taken that year (September – August)

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

achieve an average of 80% in a minimum of 6 credits taken that year (September – August)

A student's mark, in any course, shall be multiplied by the credit value of the course. Marks from magnet courses, summer school, night school, eLearning and ILC courses may be included.

A student may be considered for inclusion on the honour roll if they do not meet the required number of courses due to extenuating circumstances. The final decision will be made by the school administration.

PDHS SUBJECT AWARDS CRITERIA

All school subject awards are based only on courses taken at Paris District High School.

Top student awards, in each grade, are based on the following minimum credit requirements:

GRADE 9 STUDENTS

8 credits taken in a given school year (September – June)

GRADE 10 STUDENTS

8 credits taken in a given school year (September – June)

GRADE 11 STUDENTS

7 credits taken in a given school year (September – June)

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

6 credits taken in a given school year (September – June)

Students returning to PDHS, after they receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, are not eligible for any academic awards.

MAGNET PROGRAMS

Magnet Programs are specialty programs offered at other secondary schools in Brantford. These programs are offered in Grade 11 or 12 to all senior students as extensions to the elective programs of their home schools. Application forms are available in the guidance office.

TOLLGATE TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS CENTRE

The 2 credit courses offered are:

- Auto Body Repair and Detailing
- Brick and Stone Masonry
- Construction Technology & Carpentry
- Hairstyling & Cosmetology
- Health Care
- Hospitality, Cooking & Event Planning
- Green Industries - Horticulture & Landscaping
- Outdoor Education
- Professional Baking
- Small Engine Repair

NORTH PARK COLLEGIATE

Health Sciences - Through a partnership between North Park Collegiate and the Brantford General Hospital, the Health Sciences magnet program provides a unique opportunity for senior students from Brant County high schools to gain an understanding and appreciation of the theoretical and practical aspects of health care. This 2 credit program is designed for the student who has expressed an interest in and who has the aptitude to pursue post-secondary health care studies.

Through partnerships with members of the healthcare community, this course focuses on health science from both individual and community perspectives. Following a problem based, student centred learning model, students will investigate real-life clinical problems (case studies) to understand the "whole" patient — one with biological, social and psychological needs. Current issues in healthcare and various medical technologies will be examined. Throughout the course, students will be exposed to numerous healthcare careers and opportunities. Students will receive credits in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDP 4U1) and Science (SNC 4M1).

GRADE 11 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

This program has been designed for the student interested in pursuing a career in the Architectural, Interior Design or the Construction fields. North Park in cooperation with Conestoga College and Mohawk College has developed an innovative curriculum that will allow students a smooth transition to a post secondary education. The program explores how architecture defines our society, residential architectural history, residential design, model building, layout and construction. A variety of mediums such as board drafting, AutoCAD and other software will be used. Students will receive 2 credits in Design Technology (TDA3M2).

GRADE 12 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

The grade twelve Architectural Magnet Program is an extension of the grade eleven program.



Everyone has **Mental Health**.
Everyone's **Wellness** is Different.
How will you **Be Well**?

North Park, in cooperation with Conestoga College and Mohawk College, has developed an innovative curriculum that will allow students a smooth transition to a post secondary education. The program explores Commercial Architecture, Architectural history, Model building, Quantity Takeoffs and Estimating. A variety of mediums such as board drafting, AutoCAD and other software will be used. Students will receive 2 credits in Design Technology (TDA4M2).

PAULINE JOHNSON COLLEGIATE

The Media Technology/Journalism Program is a four credit package which runs all morning, all year long. The program is intended to help the student develop the skills and a portfolio in preparation for college and university programs. This package will provide students with a portfolio of work and the skills which will help prepare them for college and university programs as well as the world of work in the following fields: Journalism, Graphic Design, Digital Graphics, Advertising, Marketing, Film/Video, and Writing. Students will receive credits in Writer's Craft (EWC4U/4C), Visual Arts (AWS4M1), Visual Arts - design (AWE4M1) and Visual Arts – applied design.

GUIDANCE & CAREER EDUCATION

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The goals of guidance and career education programs are that students:

- Understand the concepts related to lifelong learning, interpersonal relationships and career planning.
- Develop learning skills, social skills, the ability to formulate and pursue educational and career goals
- Apply this learning to their lives and their work in the school and the community
- Will acquire these skills and knowledge through guidance and career education courses, cooperative education courses and the development of the Pathway Planner.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING	CAREER PLANNING	COUNSELLING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student registrations • Course selection • Development of a 4 or 5 year program plan • Liaison with elementary schools. • Discuss learning strategies and study skills • Process night school and summer school applications. • Explore magnet programs offered throughout the GEDSB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss career pathways • Examine college and university admission requirements and the application process. • Explore apprenticeship programs. • Encourage students to use the Career Resource Centre to investigate part-time and full-time employment opportunities. • Coordinate university and college presentations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal counselling • Problem solving and planning with students and parents • Liaison / referrals to community agencies. • Access to: Child and youth worker Social worker Sexual assault counsellor Substance Abuse counsellor OPP community resource officer

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

Grand Erie District School Board	www.granderie.ca
Career Cruising user name – erie password – 11950	www.careercruising.com
Ministry of Education	www.edu.gov.on.ca
Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)	http://osap.gov.on.ca
Ontario School Counsellors' Association	www.osca.ca
Ontario Universities' Application Centre (with links to all Ontario universities)	www.ouac.on.ca
eINFO (university admissions information)	www.electronicinfo.ca
Ontario College Application Services (with links to all Ontario colleges)	www.ontariocolleges.ca
Ontario: College – University Transfer Guide (transfer agreements between colleges and universities)	www.ocutg.on.ca
Canadian Forces Recruiting	www.forces.ca
Apprenticeship	www.apprenticeships.com www.apprenticesearch.com
Scholarship Information	www.studentawards.com www.canlearn.ca www.scholarshipscanada.com
Private Career Colleges	www.ontario.ca/pcc
Ontario Association of Career Colleges	www.oacc.ca

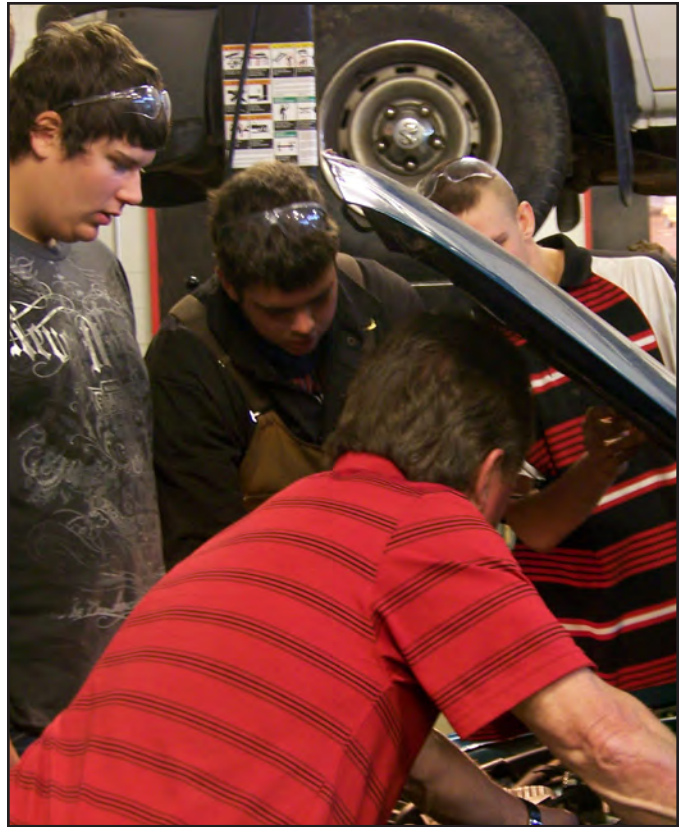
CAREER EDUCATION & CIVICS PACKAGE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CHV 20 (OPEN) CIVICS

This course explores what it means to be an informed, participating citizen in a democratic society. Students will learn about the elements of democracy in local, national, and global contexts, about political reactions to social change, and about political decision-making processes in Canada. They will explore their own and others' ideas about civics questions and learn how to think critically about public issues and react responsibly to them. Note: this course is worth 0.5 credit.

GLC 20 (OPEN) CAREER STUDIES

This course teaches students how to develop and achieve personal goals for future learning, work, and community involvement. Students will assess their interests, skills, and characteristics and investigate current economic and workplace trends, work opportunities, and ways to search for work. The course explores postsecondary learning and career options, prepares students for managing work and life transitions, and helps students focus on their goals through the development of a career plan. Note: This course is worth 0.5 credit.



COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Cooperative Education Programs are available to students at PDHS. These programs combine in-school classroom learning and experiential learning at a related job placement giving the student opportunities to develop and extend knowledge and skills outside the classroom.

The in-school component involves integration activities and reflection on workplace experiences. The out-of-school component allows students an opportunity to experience first hand the training and skill requirements of a specific occupation. This program offers learning experiences that foster social development, preparation for employment and career exploration.

A 20 hour preplacement orientation program is required for all students who select Cooperative Education. Job readiness skills such as writing letters of application, resume writing and a formal job interview are an integral part of this unit.

Student progress is monitored on a regular basis by the teacher in charge of the Cooperative Education program to ensure that course expectations are being met and to evaluate student performance at the job site. Students are required to submit weekly assignments and reports as part of the ongoing evaluation.

In order to be registered in Co-Op, students must have either completed or be enrolled in the corresponding senior course.

Co-Op courses are half day placements worth 2 credits. In

special circumstances a senior student may be scheduled for a full day Co-Op placement worth 4 credits. There is no formal restriction on the total number of cooperative education credits that students may earn in secondary school.

Cooperative Education placements are available in the following subject areas:

- Arts
- Business
- Computer Studies
- English
- Food Services
- French
- Physical Education
- Social Science and Humanities
- Science & Environmental Studies
- Technological Studies & Trades

Grade 12 Cooperative Education courses are not acceptable courses for university admission.

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

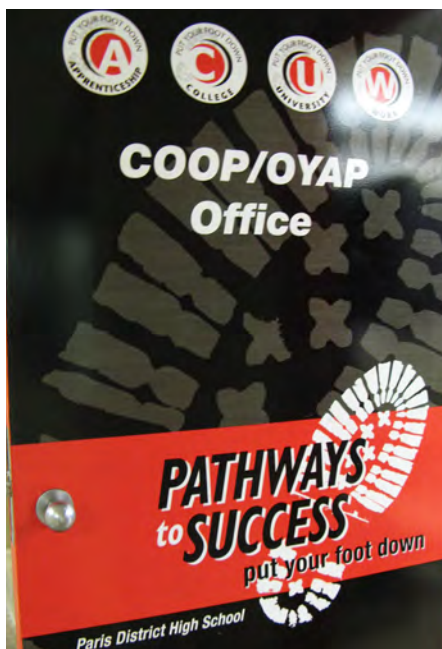
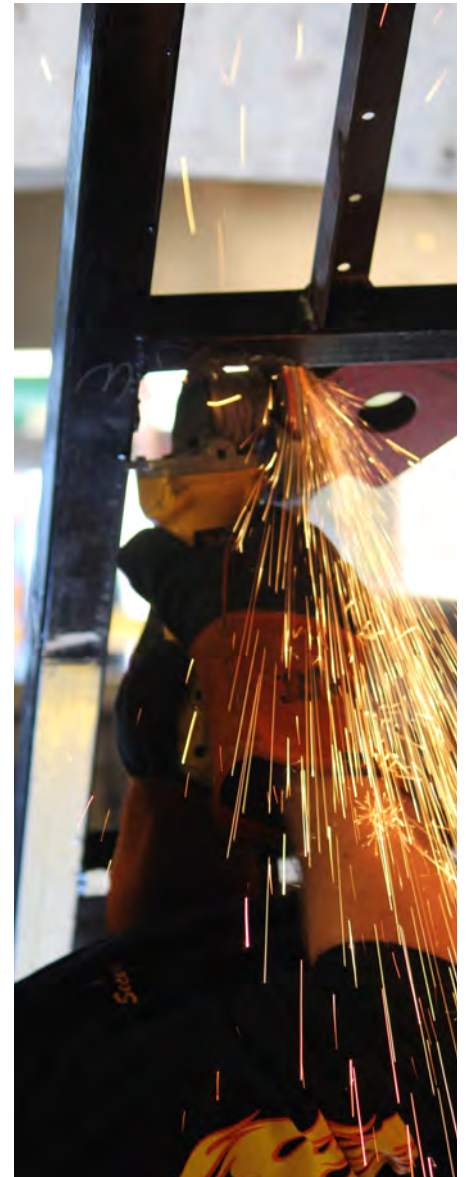
Students participating in a trade related Cooperative Education placement, qualify for the OYAP program. While on placement earning credits, developing knowledge and skills, a student can be registered as an apprentice. An apprenticeship is an agreement between the student (who wants to learn a skilled trade), the employer (who teaches the skills), the school, and the Ministry of Training (Apprenticeship branch).

Students will get a head start on becoming a fully qualified journey person with a skill set that is in demand. Apprenticeships are an excellent way of learning valuable work skills, and are a viable alternative to traditional post secondary programs.

For more information, speak to Mr. Aerts, or Ms. Vink in the Cooperative Education Office.

AOYAP

The Accelerated Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program enables students to begin in-school apprenticeship training at the college level in specified areas. Students are registered as apprentices and begin their formal apprenticeship training while they are still in high school. Two days per week students attend Mohawk College. Three days a week students earn co-op credits (up to 4) working as an apprentice in their trade. The combined program allows students to begin trade training at a MTCU approved site and earn cooperative education credits while completing their OSSD requirements. AOYAP programs are available in the following areas: Child Development Practitioner, Child & Youth Worker, Hairstyling, Automotive Service Technician, Carpenter, Construction, Cook, Craft Worker, General Machinist, and Facilities Maintenance. This program is geared towards grade 12 students. Students must fill out an application and should have previous co-op experience.



COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (CELP)

*CGR 4ME - ENVIRONMENT AND
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT / SVN
3M - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE*

The focus of this program is an environmental curriculum through which students will gain an indepth understanding of environmental science and issues. The inclass component will be enhanced through the participation of students in environmental projects and activities in the community.

Students' leadership skills will be developed as they organize these activities. Students in the program will earn 2 credits as well as certificates in other areas such as first aid and canoeing. This program will run in the afternoon semester 2. Due to the unique structure of the program, students will have the opportunity to participate in many extended out of school activities. These may include a winter camp, canoe trip, field studies and running a residential environmental education camp for elementary students. This program is well suited to those students who might wish to pursue a career or studies in a science, geography, conservation or recreational leadership field. The cost of the program is \$200. This is a limited enrolment program that requires the completion of a registration form and teacher recommendation forms. A detailed information brochure and application package is available in the Guidance Office.

CAREER CRUISING

At GEDSB we have a vision that all students leaving our secondary schools have a clear plan for their initial postsecondary destination, and have confidence that they can revise their plans as they and the world around them change. We support students with the tools needed so that they become architects of their future.

As a result, we have been working with Career Cruising to assist students in this planning. Career Cruising (ccEngage) is a powerful and complete, web-based solution that give students and schools an easy and effective way to develop skills and knowledge needed for success. It can be used as a single, comprehensive solution or combined with the components in any combination to meet students immediate needs.

It starts with Career Cruising Portfolio (ccSpringboard), where students answer questions like "Who am I?" - in Getting to Know Yourself, "What are my opportunities" - in the Exploring Opportunities section to "Who do I want to Become?" - in Making Decisions and Setting goals and ultimately, "What is my Plan" - in Achieving Goals and Making Transition plans. This is built upon for every grade and phase of career development for children and adults. Once this foundation is in place, we embraced a second component called Career Cruising Planner (ccPathfinder).

Career Cruising Planner (ccPathfinder), is a course planner tool that integrates with ccSpringboard and our Students

Information System (SIS), to provide the ability for our student to plan, select and modify a four-year high school plan that both aligns with their life goals and meets graduation requirements for their school. In addition to the obvious students benefits, a labour-intensive and cumbersome course selection process is automated, freeing up time for our Guidance Staff to work directly our students. A win win for all!

Together GEDSB and Career Cruising work together to create an Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) for for all students. This plan becomes a valuable archive of student learning and a catalogue of resources they will need as they continue to plan for the future.

www.careercruising.com

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PRE-REQUISITE PATHWAY CHARTS

The charts contained in this link map out all the courses in each discipline and show the links between courses and the possible prerequisites for them. They do not attempt to depict all possible movements from course to course, but rather serve as a pathway planning tool.

View the flow charts by visiting the Course Calendar section under the Student Tab at granderie.ca



WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry initiative which allows students to focus on a career path that matches their individual skills and interests. SHSM programs achieve this focus by

- Bundling Credits – a defined bundle of eight to ten Grade 11 and 12 credits, including cooperative education
- Certification and Training – Sector-recognized courses and programs
- Experiential Learning and Career Exploration – explore activities within the given sector
- Reach Ahead Experiences – learning experiences connected with the student's postsecondary plans
- Essential Skills and Work Habits – recorded using the tools in the Ontario Skills Passport

At Paris, students can choose to be certified in two sectors: Environment, or Information and Communication Technologies.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Become more engaged in learning by relating your studies in core subject areas to your chosen interest area.
- Graduate with a SHSM seal of designation on your secondary school diploma, a designation on your transcript and a separate official certification record detailing your courses and training completed.
- Gain sector recognized certification and career relevant training
- Develop skills essential to post-secondary education and the workplace documented through the Ontario Skills Passport
- Identify, explore and refine career goals and make informed decisions about your future

WHEN CAN I GET STARTED?

- Apply in your Grade 10 year.
- Complete the SHSM application form available in the guidance office.

REACH AHEAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROGRAMS MAY INCLUDE:

- Visits to specialized college or university labs
- Research partnership with college/university/ community group
- Participation in post-secondary classes
- Trade fair

ENVIRONMENT

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program in Environmental Sustainability and Leadership gives students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Environmental sector while still in high school. Habitat restoration, watershed management, working with renewable energies such as solar and geothermal, field trips to Algonquin - just some of the highlights of this opportunity. This program presents an approach to learning that is application focused and tailored to the direction of 'Green Jobs' for the future.

Credits		Apprenticeship		College		University		Workplace	
		Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Environmental Major		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Includes content delivered in the sector's context	English	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Mathematics	1		1		1		1	
Cooperative Education		2		2		2		2	
Total Number of Credits		9		9		9		9	

*** At PDHS many of the requirements of the SHSM program can be achieved through the CELP program!**

CERTIFICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENT SHSM

4 COMPULSORY

- CPR
- Standard First Aid
- WHMIS
- Global Positioning System (GPS)

3 ELECTIVES WHICH MAY INCLUDE

- Orcka Level 1 Canoe Skills
- Map and Compass Use
- Watershed Management
- Habitat Restoration
- Geographic information system (GIS)
- Species/Tree/Bird Identification

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Because of today's digital technology, students live a media rich, connected, and mobile lifestyle and are just as often designers of digital content as they are consumers. This Specialized High Skills Major in Design is intended for students wishing to pursue the wide variety of career opportunities in Design related pathways beyond secondary school. The advantage of the SHSM lies within the 'experiential learning' or "hands-on" aspects of the program. Students will also acquire skills such as innovation and creativity, critical thinking and problem- solving, information and design literacy to succeed in design.

SHSM Students follow a selection of courses from a pathways chart and also undertake a two-credit co-op placement in a related Computer / Design engineering field.

Credits		Apprenticeship		College		University		Workplace	
		Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Information and Communications Technology Major		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Includes content delivered in the sector's context	English		1		1	1	1		1
	Mathematics	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	The Arts or Science or Business Studies	1		1		1		1	
Cooperative Education		2		2		2		2	
Total Number of Credits		10		10		10		10	

CERTIFICATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES SHSM

3 COMPULSORY

- CPR
- Standard First Aid
- WHMIS

3 ELECTIVES WHICH MAY INCLUDE

- Electrical Safety
- Photography
- Software
- Digital Lighting
- Fall Protection
- Health and Safety - basic
- Equipment interfacing
- Intellectual Property

COURSE SUMMARY CHART				2017 - 2018
Area of Study/Subject	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ARTS				
Drama		ADA2O	ADA3M	ADA4M
Instrumental Music	AMI1O	AMI2O	AMI3M	AMI4M
Vocal Music		AMV2O		
Visual Arts	AVI1O	AVI2O	AVI3M	AVI4M
Drawing			AWL3O	
Fashion and Textile Design			AWI 3O	
BUSINESS				
Introduction to Business		BBI2O		
Accounting			BAF3M	
Marketing			BMI3C	
Entrepreneurial Studies			BDI3C	
Information Technology	BTT1O		BTA3O	
Computer Studies		ICS2O	ICS3U	ICS4U
CAREER AND CIVICS				
Careers (1/2 credit)		GLC2O		
Civics (1/2 credit)		CHV2O		
CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES				
Canadian Geography	CGC1P			
	CGC1D			
Travel and Tourism			CGG30	
Environment & Resources Mgmt.				CGR4M
Canadian & World Issues				CGW4U
Canadian History		CHC2P		
		CHC2D		
The 16th Century			CHW3M	
The West and the World				CHY4U
Law			CLU3M	CLN4U
Community Environmental Leadership Program (2 credit pkg)			SVN3M	CGU4M
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION	2 credit co-op programs (COOP2) are available to all grade 11 and 12 students. 4 credit co-op programs (COOP4) are available to grade 11 and 12 students with permission of the co-op teachers.			
ENGLISH				
English	ENG1L	ENG2L	ENG3E	ENG4E
	ENG1P	ENG2P	ENG3C	ENG4C
	ENG1D	ENG2D	ENG3U	ENG4U
Writer's Craft				EWC4U
Media Studies			EMS3O	
Ontario Literacy Course				OLC4O
FRENCH				
Core French	FSF1P	FSF2P		
	FSF1D	FSF2D	FSF3U	FSF4U

COURSE SUMMARY CHART				2017 - 2018
AREA OF STUDY/SUBJECT	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
MATHEMATICS				
MATHEMATICS	MAT1L	MAT2L	MEL3E	MEL4E
	MFM1P	MFM2P	MBF3C	MAP4C
	MPM1D	MPM2D	MCF3M	MCT4C
			MCR3U	
DATA MANAGEMENT				MDM4U
ADVANCED FUNCTIONS				MHF4U
Calculus & Vectors				MCV4U
PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
female	PPL1OG	PPL2OG	PPL3OG	PPL4OG
male	PPL1OB	PPL2OB	PPL3OB	PPL4OB
FITNESS (CO-ED)			PAF3O	PAF4O
RECREATION LEADERSHIP				PLF4M
HOCKEY (CO-ED)	PAL1OH	PAL2OH	PAL3OH	PAL4OH
EXERCISE SCIENCE				PSK4U
SCIENCE				
GENERAL SCIENCE	SNC1L	SNC2L		
	SNC1P	SNC2P		
	SNC1D	SNC2D		
BIOLOGY			SBI3C	
			SBI3U	SBI4U
CHEMISTRY				SCH4C
			SCH3U	SCH4U
PHYSICS				SPH4C
			SPH3U	SPH4U
ENVIRONMENTAL			SVN3E	
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES				
INDIVIDUAL FAMILY LIVING	HIF1O			
FOOD & NUTRITION		HFN2O		HFA4C/HFA4U
FOOD & CULTURE			HFC3M	
WORKING WITH INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN			HPW3C	
INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY			HSP3C/HSP3U	
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SOCIETY				HHS4C
CHALLENGE & CHANGE IN SOCIETY				HSB4U
TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION				
EXPLORING TECHNOLOGIES	TIJ1O			
CONSTRUCTION		TCJ2O	TCJ3EA	TCJ4EA
			TCJ3CA	TCJ4CA
CUSTOM WOODWORKING			TWJ3EA	
CARPENTRY				TCC4EA
TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN		TDJ2O	TDJ3MA	TDJ4MA
COMMUNICATIONS		TGJ2O	TGJ3MA	
GRAPHICS				TGG4MA
PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL IMAGING				TGP4MA
MANUFACTURING		TMJ2O	TMJ3EA	TMJ4EA
			TMJ3CA	TMJ4CA
TRANSPORTATION		TTJ2O	TTJ3CA	TTJ4CA



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their high school experience to fit career interests. Offered in grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized high school diploma that is recognized in economic various sectors in all four pathways.

What does an SHSM look like?

An SHSM is a bundle of 8 to 10 grade 11 and grade 12 credits that include two Experiential Learning (Co-op) credits.

What do you get by taking an SHSM?

- Sector-recognized certifications and training
- Real workplace experience
- Learning experiences connected with post-secondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for employment success



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Specialist High Skills Major

The Communication Technology Program Design Focus

Paris District High School

The Communication Technology program explores specializations and career possibilities in the areas of interior design, industrial design, product design, mechanical and architectural design as well as virtual gaming design.

"The SHSM Communication Technology program at Paris District High School prepared me with the tools and skill sets that I needed to be successful in my first year of design school. Other first year students struggled with getting their ideas down on paper and figuring out how to use software and equipment. My experience and confidence allowed me to excel in my studies!" PDHS graduate

Benefits of the Communication Technology Program:

- Students will learn about the latest technologies and software utilized in design development
- Experience real world design applications
- Receive certifications and training in software, health and safety
- Meet and work with industry professionals such as interior designers, engineers and architects
- Amazing field trips to colleges and universities with a specialization in design disciplines

The Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Program Management Focus

Paris District High School

The Environmental Sustainability and Leadership program gives students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Environmental sector, while learning hands-on.

"The opportunities I have had in SHSM have changed my life. I realized I loved working outdoors and wanted to find a career that would let me do that. I now go to college in the Forestry Technician program, and I love it. I am using lots of skills I learned in SHSM and I totally recommend SHSM to anyone who likes the Environment." PDHS graduate

Benefits of the Environmental Sustainability Program:

- Receive certifications from industry leaders in Habitat Restoration, Watershed Management, First Aid/CPR, GPS use, canoeing ORKA Level 1, and more
- Visits to Guelph University, Algonquin Park and other highlights of green industry expand understanding of the wealth of occupations attached to the "Environment"
- Co-op placements include working at a Nature Center, assisting with sustainable farming, research and technical support with partners like Brant County Power, and assisting with environmental projects
- Make connections that may support future career goals

Learn more information about Specialist High Skills Majors, visit www.granderie.ca





Are you interested in an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is an education and training program for people who enjoy learning by doing and who want to work in a skilled profession.

Once education and training is complete, you can receive a Certificate of Qualification, which identifies you as a skilled professional. This can lead to a career in a trade sector such as construction, industrial, motive power and service.

How to enroll?

Students, 16 years of age or older, who are enrolled full-time in secondary school with 16 completed credits can speak with a Guidance Counselor. Be sure to also ask about Specialist High Skills Major, Co-op and Dual Credit, three additional programs that feature OYAP.



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Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Join the thousands of high school students throughout Ontario who have chosen to take control of their future.

Earn high school credits while exploring the world of a skilled trade profession through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). Discover the educational opportunities that can give you an advantage.

How does OYAP work?

As an OYAP student, you will earn Co-op credits for work experience in an apprenticeship occupation while completing the requirements for your Ontario Secondary School Diploma. You may be formally registered as an apprentice while attending secondary school. Accelerated OYAP is also available for students. Speak with your Guidance Counselor for more information.

What are the benefits of OYAP?

- Gain a head start towards a chosen career
- Ease the transition from school to work
- Increase opportunities for post-secondary training and employment
- Earn work experience hours in addition to secondary school credits
- Develop general and specialized job skills
- Understand employer expectations
- Significant reduction in post-secondary tuition costs
- Increase of employable opportunities

"This semester had a rough start, but the placement turned me around as I was allowed to do more and more things. I'm glad I took the OYAP program and in my opinion it is the most influential and educational course that a school could offer. I now know that this is definitely the career I want to pursue," said a Grand Erie OYAP student.



PARIS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Notes:

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Choosing course types:

In order to ensure student success, Grand Erie encourages all students to give careful consideration to the course type chosen in each subject area.

GRADE 9 – 10 PROGRAMS:

Four types of courses are offered:

Academic courses emphasize theory and abstract thinking skills. These courses provide the foundation for students for the University course type in grade 11.

Applied courses focus on practical applications and concrete examples. These courses prepare students for the College course type in grade 11.

Locally Developed compulsory courses are designed to remediate students who are working below grade level and prepare students for the Workplace course type in grade 11.

Open courses are available to all students regardless of their destination after secondary school. These courses often present a balance of theory and practical work and offer an opportunity for students to explore particular areas of interest or skill.

Special Education Courses allow students to focus on functional life skills and/or job readiness skills within schools that have a self-contained special education setting and are non-credit bearing.

GRADE 11 - 12

Five types of program pathways are offered:

College courses are designed to prepare students for a variety of community college programs and some apprenticeships.

College/University courses are designed to prepare students for either community college or university programs.

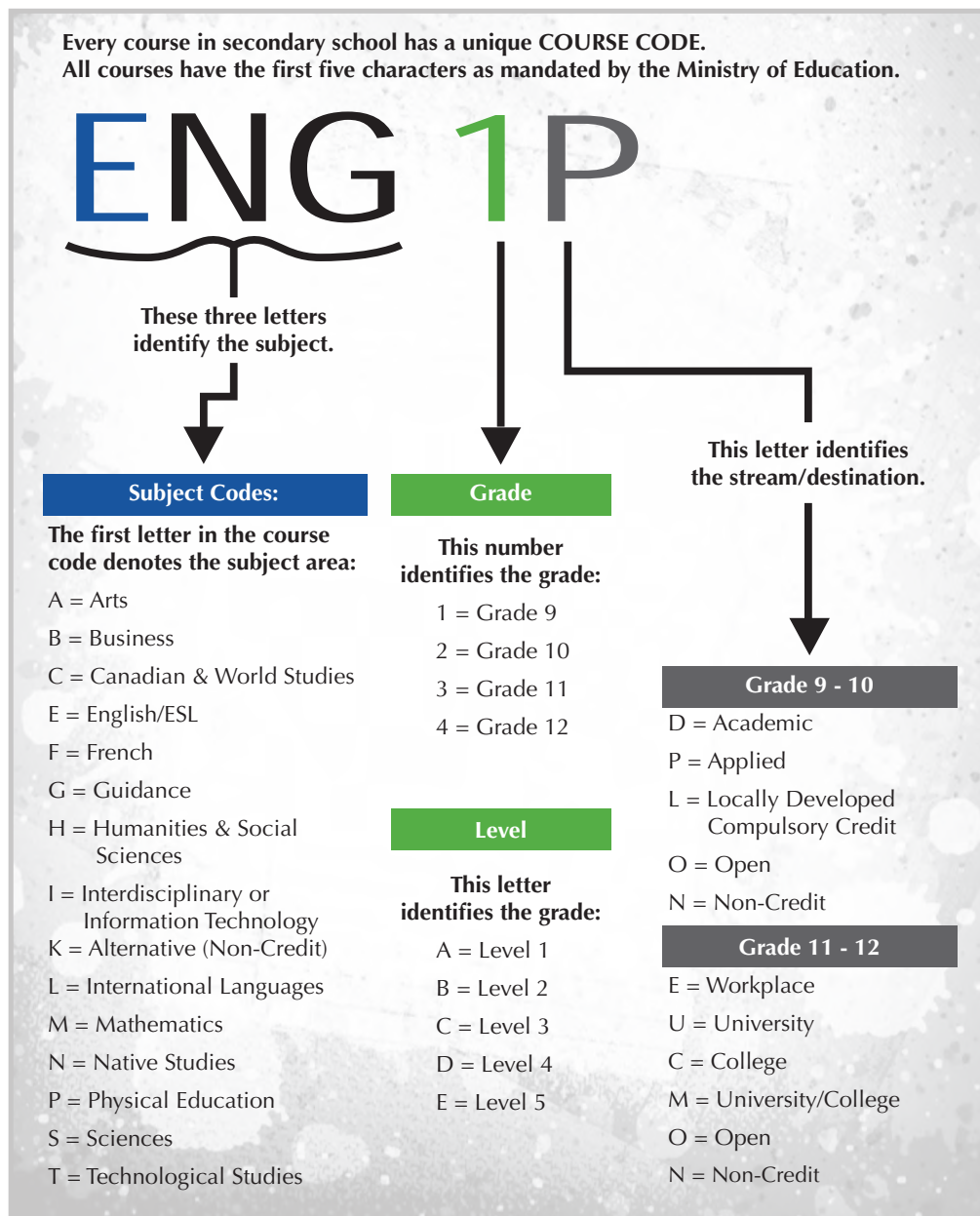
Workplace courses are designed to prepare students for entry to the workplace and/or apprenticeship.

University courses are designed to prepare students for transition to a variety of university programs.

Open courses are available to all students regardless of pathway.

12 OPTIONAL CREDITS

Optional credits may be earned in all subjects, including those named in the compulsory credit list, provided that such optional credits are additional to the compulsory credits. The optional credits allow for concentration in a curriculum area of special interest.



What do you need to graduate?

18 Compulsory Credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits *** to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English*					
3	credits in mathematics					
2	credits in science					
1	credit in Canadian history					
1	credit in Canadian geography					
1	credit in the arts					
1	credit in health and physical education					
1	credit in French or Native Language as a second language					
0.5	credit in career studies					
0.5	credit in civics					
Plus 1 credit from each of the following groups:						
1	additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language or a social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education **					
1	additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language, or cooperative education **					
1	additional credit in science, or technological education, or French as a second language, or computer studies, or cooperative education ** (Grade 11 or 12)					
In addition to the compulsory credits, the students must complete:						
12	optional credits ***					
40	hours of community involvement activities					
Ontario Literacy Requirement OSSLT or OSSLC						
* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course. ** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. *** May include up to four credits achieved through approved Dual Credit courses.						

GRADE 10 - ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

All students must successfully complete this test which will be administered by the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office). Students will first write this test in the spring of their grade ten year. Unsuccessful candidates will be given the opportunity for remediation at the school and will be able to rewrite the test. Students identified through an IPRC (Identification, Placement, and Review Committee) will be allowed accommodations for writing of the test. Students not working towards an OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) may be exempted from writing the test.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY COURSE (OSSLC)

Students who have written the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) once and were unsuccessful are eligible to take the OSSLC (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course), either OLC3O or OLC4O. Successful completion of the OSSLC satisfies the secondary school literacy graduation requirement.

40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Forty hours of Community Involvement is a requirement for graduation. Community Involvement is a set of self-directed activities in the community that do not involve remuneration and do not replace a paid worker. A pamphlet entitled "Information on Community Involvement for Students and Parents" is available from the guidance office. The pamphlet will provide all the details concerning the Community Involvement requirement.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

The **Ontario Secondary School Certificate** will be granted on request to students who leave school before earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, provided that they have earned a minimum of 14 credits as follows:

7 Compulsory Credits (2 English, 1 Canadian Geography or Canadian History, 1 Mathematics, 1 Health and Physical Education, 1 Science, 1 Arts or Technological Education or Computer Studies)

7 Optional Credits Selected by the student from available courses

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Students who are not working towards an OSSD or an OSSC may be awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment upon leaving secondary school. The Certificate of Accomplishment is a useful means of recognizing achievement for students who plan to transition directly to employment after leaving school. The Certificate of Accomplishment is to be accompanied by the student's Ontario Student Transcript. For students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a copy of the IEP may be included.

% Grade Range	Achievement Level	Summary Description
80 – 100%	Level 4	A very high outstanding level of achievement. Achievement is above the provincial standard.
70 – 79%	Level 3	A high level of achievement. Achievement is at the provincial standard.
60 – 69%	Level 2	A moderate level of achievement. Achievement is below, but approaching, the provincial standard.
50 – 59%	Level 1	A passable level of achievement. Achievement is below provincial standard.
Below 50%		Insufficient achievement of curriculum expectations. A credit will not be granted.

Programs

NIGHT SCHOOL/SUMMER SCHOOL

Night school classes are offered in Brantford, Haldimand and Norfolk. They are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A wide variety of compulsory courses are offered. For additional information call Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) 519 753-6079.

Grand Erie District School Board will be offering summer school for grades 9 - 12 credits during the month of July. Locations will be sent to each school in the spring. For additional information call 519-753-6079.

GRAND ERIE LEARNING ALTERNATIVES (GELA)

GELA provides an alternate opportunity for secondary school students who, for various reasons, are not experiencing success in a regular school setting or who want to re-enter school after leaving.

Scheduled day programs and Independent Learning Courses (ILC) and e-Learning are available.

STUDENT TRANSITION EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (STEP)

The STEP program provides students with the opportunity to earn credits, gain work experience and develop a career plan. The STEP Program is designed for students transitioning to work upon completion of secondary school. The program is appropriate for students that experience difficulty in an academic timetable and who may be at-risk of not completing their secondary school diploma.

The program consists of training in health and safety for the workplace, workplace literacy, reading and numeracy. In addition, students will participate in a wide variety of experiential learning activities.

STEP programs are uniquely designed to meet the needs of students in a particular setting or community. For more information contact your guidance counsellor.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND PRE-AP

The Advanced Placement Program allows students to pursue university level studies while still attending secondary school. In May of each year, students may wish to write the standardized AP challenge exam in the course offered by their school. Students have an opportunity to receive advanced credit at many universities across Canada, the United States, and around the World. Advanced Placement Exams train students in taking high level tests, get a head start on university-level work and develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work essential for success at the tertiary level of education. Students wishing to write the exam

should contact their guidance department for more information.

Due to the rigorous nature of the AP exam, some schools will be offering a Pre-AP program for students prior to grade 12. A Pre-AP program allows students the time to expand and enhance their understanding of the subject material being tested during the exam while still meeting the requirements of the Ontario Curriculum. These programs may begin as early as grade 9 via enhanced classes and/or club formats. For more information, please talk to the guidance department at the secondary school you are attending.

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)

Grand Erie District School Board, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Education, offers SHSM programs to secondary school students.

Students enrolled in a Specialist High Skills Major program are required to complete a bundle of classroom courses, workplace experiences and sector certifications to receive a special designation on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Grand Erie District School Board has programs in the following sectors:

- **Arts & Culture** – Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School: Performance and Production; Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School: Journalism and Media;
- **Construction** – Cayuga Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, McKinnon Park Secondary School, North Park Collegiate-Vocational School, Waterford District High School
- **Environment** – Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School and Paris District High School
- **Health & Wellness** – Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School: Fitness; Dunnville Secondary School: Healthy Living; North Park Collegiate-Vocational School: Health Care; Waterford District High School: Fitness; Tollgate Technological Skills Centre: Hairstyling
- **Horticulture & Landscaping** – McKinnon Park Secondary School
- **Hospitality & Tourism** – Hagersville Secondary School, McKinnon Park Secondary School and Tollgate Technological Skills Centre
- **Information & Communications Technology** – North Park Collegiate-Vocational School, Paris District High School and Simcoe Composite School
- **Justice, Community & Emergency Services** – Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School
- **Manufacturing** – Cayuga Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School and Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School

- **Sports** – North Park Collegiate-Vocational School
- **Transportation** – Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, Hagersville Secondary School, Simcoe Composite School and Valley Heights Secondary School, Tollgate Technological Skills Centre

Participation in an SHSM program can help students prepare for apprenticeships, college, university or transition to work.

DUAL CREDITS

Grand Erie District School Board has partnered with Conestoga College, Fanshawe College and Mohawk College to allow students to earn college credits before they graduate secondary school. These credits are delivered in three different ways within the Board.

- **School Within A College (SWAC)** - Is offered by Conestoga in Brantford (Fit and Wellness / Media), Fanshawe in Simcoe (Human Services / Intro to Trades) and Mohawk in Ohsweken (Intro to Trades). If you are between the ages of 17 and 20 years old and need 5 – 10 credits to graduate, speak to your guidance counsellor about this program.
- **Team Taught** - Is taught in combination with a college instructor and secondary school teacher during a student's regularly scheduled class.
- **After School** - Is taught by a college instructor (and supported by a secondary school teacher) after school in one of the local secondary schools. Students from other schools are welcome to enrol. Speak with your guidance counsellor for further information.



e-LEARNING COURSES

Virtual Courses are often called e-Learning courses. e-Learning courses use a virtual classroom and are accessed by a computer, tablet or smart phone. Your teacher may be a teacher from a school in the Grand Erie District School Board, or he/she may be in another city somewhere across Ontario.

e-Learning courses are typically taken by senior students. e-Learning courses provide opportunities for students to be able to access courses that they might not otherwise be able to take in a face to face class. As well, e-Learning is a now commonly found at the post-secondary level (apprenticeships, college, or university), and is often used in workplace training.

In order to register for an e-Learning course you need to see your guidance counsellor. You

will need to have a "Change of Program" form completed and signed by your parents and the school Principal.

More information, including what e-Learning is all about, the characteristics of successful e-Learning students, and the technological requirements for taking an e-Learning course can be found at www.granderie.ca/elearning/

TURNING POINT PROGRAM

The Turning Point Program offers a combination of work experience, course study, and teacher directed credit courses for students who have left secondary school prior to completing their secondary diploma. The program is offered in an alternative learning (non-school) environment to assist students in earning credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The following secondary schools offer a Turning Point program: Cayuga, Delhi, Dunnville, Hagersville, McKinnon Park, Pauline Johnson, Paris, Simcoe Composite, Valley Heights and Waterford District HS. Please see your guidance counsellor for more information.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Grand Erie believes in providing an inclusive culture for students on a continuum from "most enabling" to "least restrictive". Each one of our secondary schools has a Special Education department with Learning Resource teachers ensuring Individual Education Plans are in place and implemented. Our schools have Self-Contained programs to support the learning needs of individuals that require intensive support. In addition, we have a system Student Support Services that offer services such as, Psychological Consultation, Behaviour Counselling, Child and Youth Work and Social Work.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION (CO-OP)

Co-op is a planned learning experience that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences at a workplace which enable students to apply and refine the knowledge and skills acquired in a related curriculum course or a locally developed course.

Co-op courses include a classroom component comprised of preplacement and integration activities and a placement component. Students earn co-op credits by integrating classroom theory with planned learning experiences in the community. Students are assessed and evaluated on their demonstration of tasks linked to curriculum expectations of the related course(s) as outlined in students' Personalized Placement Learning Plans.

Students interested in Co-op Education must apply for the program and complete an interview. Successful candidates will be notified and the recruitment process of an appropriate placement will follow.

There is no formal restriction on the total number of co-op credits that students may earn in secondary school.

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

Students gain knowledge and experience in an apprenticeable trade while working at an eligible work placement. Students acquire hours toward the completion of their apprenticeship while earning credits. An apprenticeship is an agreement between the student (who wants to learn a skilled trade), the school, the employer (who teaches the skills) and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) (Apprenticeship Branch).

Students will get a head start on becoming a fully qualified journey person with a skill set that is in demand. Apprenticeships are an excellent way of learning valuable work skills and are a viable alternative to traditional post-secondary programs.

For more information speak to your school's Co-op or OYAP teacher.
Visit www.apprenticesearch.com

TO BEGIN AN APPRENTICESHIP DURING SECONDARY SCHOOL A STUDENT MUST:

- successfully complete 16 credits and be enrolled full-time in school
- be 16 years of age or older
- successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement
- complete all compulsory credits required for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma

ACCELERATED OYAP

Accelerated OYAP is a specialized program being offered in partnership with local post-secondary institutions, the MAESD and other local school boards. This program is offered to senior students from every secondary school in GEDSB. In Dual Credit programs, students can earn up to 4 credits toward their OSSD. The in-school component is facilitated by a post-secondary instructor.

GRAND ERIE IS COMMITTED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

Besides our regular secondary school programs we offer:

Special Education • e-Learning
• Turning Point • Cooperative

Education • Ontario Youth
Apprenticeship Program • Specialist
High Skills Major Programs
• Credit Recovery

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Additional Information

COMPULSORY SUBSTITUTIONS:

In order to allow flexibility in designing a student's program and to ensure that all students can qualify for the secondary school diploma, substitutions may be made for a limited number of compulsory credit courses. To meet individual student needs, principals may substitute up to three compulsory credits with courses from other subject areas that meet compulsory credit requirements, including all Guidance and Career Education courses. Substitutions will be made to promote and enhance student learning or to meet special needs and interests.

CREDITS:

A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course for which a minimum of 110 hours has been scheduled. Scheduled time does not include additional time spent on a course, for example time spent on homework.

PLAR:

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process whereby students may obtain credits for prior learning. Prior learning includes the knowledge and skills that students have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school. Students may have their knowledge and skills evaluated against the expectations outlined in provincial curriculum policy documents in order to earn credits toward the secondary school diploma. The PLAR process involves two components: "equivalency" and "challenge".

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English. A Grade 12 English course must be completed to earn the fourth credit.

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION:

The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning. Information gathered through assessment helps teachers to determine students' strengths and weaknesses in their achievement of curriculum expectations. This information also serves to guide the teachers in adapting instructional approaches to students' needs and in assessing the overall effectiveness of program and classroom practices.

Assessment is the process of gathering information from a variety of sources, including assignments, quizzes, demonstrations, and performances, that accurately reflects how well a student is achieving the curriculum expectations in a course. As part of the assessment, teachers provide students with descriptive feedback that guides their efforts towards improvement.

Evaluation refers to the process of judging the quality of student work on the basis of established criteria, and assigning a value to represent the level of achievement. In Ontario secondary schools, the value assigned will be in the form of a percentage grade.

Assessment and evaluation will be based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the achievement charts. For more information on specific course curriculum expectations go to www.edu.gov.on.ca

As of September 2010, assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Ontario schools is based on the policies and practices described in Growing Success. (also available on the above website)

REPORT CARD:

The report card focuses on two distinct but related aspects of student achievement:

- achievement of curriculum expectations
- development of learning skills.

To more clearly reflect these two aspects of student achievement, the report card contains separate sections for reporting on achievement of the curriculum expectations, and for the reporting on demonstrated skills required for effective learning.

EXAMINATIONS /CULMINATING ASSIGNMENTS:

Summative evaluations take place at the end of a unit or period of time. The purpose is to judge the student's achievement in relation to the course curriculum expectations. Formally scheduled examinations and/or culminating assignments shall be held in most if not all courses. The precise weighting of final examinations/culminating activities will be communicated to students the first week of the course. The only acceptable reasons for failure to write a formally scheduled examination and/or culminating assignment are illness, bereavement or subpoena. Supporting documentation must be presented.

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ONTARIO STUDENT RECORD AND TRANSCRIPT:

The Ontario Student Record (OSR) is the official, on-going educational record for each student and is stored in the school most recently attended by the student. Teaching staff, each student, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student are entitled to have access to the student's OSR. Supervised access can be arranged by appointment during normal business hours. Transcripts of marks are issued on written or personal request. Once a student reaches the age of 18, by law, they control access to the OSR by anyone not mentioned above. Parents of adult students will only have access to a student's academic records upon written authorization from the student. All senior level courses remaining on a student's timetable five days after the first provincial report will be recorded on the transcript.

Transcripts requested after a student has graduated and is no longer attending secondary school are subject to a charge of \$5.00 per copy.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE - GRADES 11 & 12:

If a student (including a student with a completed Individual Education Plan) withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course within five instructional days following the issue of the first provincial report card in a semestered or non-semestered school, the withdrawal is not recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript (OST). If a student withdraws from a course after five instructional days following the issue of the first provincial report card in a semestered or non-semestered school, the withdrawal is recorded on the OST by entering a 'W' in the 'Credit' column. The student's percentage grade at the time of the withdrawal is recorded in the 'Percentage Grade' column.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS THROUGH REFERRAL PROCESS:

While the focus of Guidance and Career Education is to assist students with the development of the entire student, some families and students may require additional social support from Board employees. Students under the age of 18 must have their parent/guardian sign the referral form for the student/support intervention.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC):

SEAC is an advisory committee mandated through the Education Act as a standing committee of each school Board. The committee reports to the school Board and makes recommendations to the board on special education programs and services. The committee is comprised of Trustees, Board personnel, community members, and associations representing a wide variety of interests related to students with exceptional needs.

CREDIT RECOVERY:

Our provincially-recognized Credit Recovery program is an in-school program for students who have not successfully completed some of their courses. In a credit recovery classroom, students work on recovering previously failed courses and have the opportunity to get their credit accumulation back on track. Credit Recovery offers students a supportive environment that focusses on the key expectations of a course and also assists students with pathway planning and developing improved learning skills that will help them in earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

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