



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Secondary School Course Guide

*Online!* 

## Offering students and parents quick and easy access to:

- ◆ Course descriptions and specific course offerings at all of our secondary schools;
- ◆ Information about online courses;
- ◆ Information about secondary pathways, programs and prerequisites;
- ◆ Graduation requirements; and,
- ◆ General information to help students and parents navigate through secondary school course selections.

***Please note that the online course guide includes the most up-to-date information.***

**Visit our website under Students at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca)**



## Explore Your Options

Educational planning is important to your success at school. Making informed decisions will help you to choose the most appropriate courses for your strengths, interests and abilities. Take a few minutes to read about district programs and pathways to success. Ensure you understand the course codes when you are making your selections. Check Important Information, to learn more about credit requirements.

## What do you need to graduate?

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements include:

- ◆ 30 credits (18 of which are compulsory courses),
- ◆ 40 hours of community involvement,
- ◆ Successful completion of the EQAO Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course.

When choosing your courses, ask yourself:

- ◆ Where are you now?
- ◆ How many credits have you achieved to date?
- ◆ How many compulsory credits do you still require?
- ◆ What are your subjects of interest and strength?

Choosing your courses:

1. For online course selection, you will find a link at the top of the curriculum areas;
2. Use the Education Planner as a resource tool;
3. Think about your interests and identify any courses that appeal to you;
4. Consider your future pathways and identify which courses would be required for that pathway;
5. Identify the compulsory courses and confirm how many you must still complete;
6. Verify that you have the prerequisite for each course that you have selected;
7. Finalize your course selections; and,
8. Consult with your teacher or a Guidance Counsellor to confirm course selections or to discuss any questions.

## Other Resources for Students and Parents

There are many resources available to support students and parents. If you have questions, contact your Guidance Department.

- ◆ Ministry of Education  
[www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)
- ◆ Ontario Colleges Information  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
- ◆ Ontario Universities Information  
[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)
- ◆ Apprenticeship Programs in Ontario  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca/SearchResults/\\_/N-1z141mr](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/SearchResults/_/N-1z141mr)  
[www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/)
- ◆ Education Planner  
<http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/sec/SecondarySchoolCourses/Documents/Education%20Planner%20pdf.pdf>
- ◆ Career Cruising  
<http://www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/OCD>

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