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HAGERSVILLE
SECONDARY SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE TO THE STUDENTS ...

Here at Hagersville Secondary School we stress the importance and value of completing a secondary education and of the school's commitment to each and every student to help them achieve a successful outcome from their secondary school experience.

"STUDENTS, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY – TOGETHER WE CREATE OUR FUTURE"



Principal – Shaun McMahon

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SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

1. Help all students develop the capacity to think critically and communicate effectively.
2. Develop a feeling of respect for self and others.
3. Encourage a positive attitude towards learning.

STAFF:

Vice Principal -
Mrs. Shannon Love

Head of Student Services -
Mr. Mark Kolenc

Head of Special Ed -
Ms. Dawn Tanner

Cooperative Education -
Mrs. April Johnston

GEDSB Administration:

Brenda Blancher
Director of Education

Denise Martins
Superintendent of Education

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

ACHIEVEMENT

Students are expected to commit themselves to their academic responsibilities, for each of their assigned classes.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is the responsibility of the student and the home. Poor attendance means:

- fundamental skills are not developed
- credits are not achieved
- career possibilities are limited

BEHAVIOUR

At Hagersville Secondary, we believe that every person who attends the school as either a student, staff member or visitor has the right to respectful, courteous and co-operative treatment and that the school should be a safe environment for all. We further believe that all students are responsible for their own behaviour and are capable of making appropriate choices.

The purpose of school is to help people to learn certain skills and develop knowledge and values which will help them to live full and productive lives. Secondary students have a right to an education, but with that right comes the responsibility to try to do as well as he/she can and also to abide by a code of conduct that requires appropriate behaviour. A

committee of staff, students, parents and School Council have established a set of guidelines for the students in attendance at Hagersville Secondary School.

HSS STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

MEET CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- Come to class prepared to work
- Arrive on time
- Complete your work
- Allow others to get their work done
- Work safely
- Be respectful to all
- No backpacks, gym bags or coats in the classroom
- Cell phones only used in the classroom when approved
- No food or drink in the classroom

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- Show Respect for Authority and School Rules and Procedures
- Meet Our Responsibilities as Learners
- Show Respect and Exercise Self-discipline
- Abide by All Laws
- Show Common Courtesy
- Show Respect for Property and Environment

A complete Code of Behaviour brochure is handed out on the first day of the school year for both students and parents to read.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents have an important role to play in their children's learning. They can encourage their children's learning by:

- Working collaboratively with the school to help students develop their annual education plan, individual pathway plan (I.P.P.)
- Supporting and helping students with critical decision making
- Supporting students' goal-setting activities
- Monitoring students' progress and reviewing their progress
- Maintaining contact with students and teachers
- Supporting and taking an interest in all their children's assignments and activities both inside and outside the school

SCHOOL AND COURSE FEES

Student Fee	\$40
Athletic Fee per Team	\$40

****NOTE ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS FEES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR EACH SPORT (EXAMPLE: EQUIPMENT REPAIR, UNIFORM SAFETY EQUIPMENT, ETC.)**



SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES AND RESOURCES



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The role of the Library and Information Services includes:

- providing a location for independent computer use, recreational reading and quiet study
- helping students access print and non-print sources of information (e.g.: books, magazines, vertical files, videos, Data base information electronic encyclopedias, the internet)
- helping students use the information they have retrieved to successfully complete class assignments

MODIFIED NON-CREDIT COURSES

For Special Education students who are still developing the necessary skills to be successful in the regular credit courses, Hagersville Secondary offers a selection of special non-credit courses which focus on literacy, numeracy, life skills, social skills, and vocational skills. Although the specific course offerings many change due to availability of staff, the following courses have been offered in the past:

KENAN	Modified English and Literacy
KMMAN	Modified Math and Numeracy
KGLAN	Modified Life Skills
KHIAN	Modified Cooking and Hospitality
KTTAN	Modified Computers
KCWAN	Modified Communications Technology
KSNAN	Modified Science and Greenhouse
KPHAN	Modified Physical Education and Healthy Living Choices
KALAN	Modified Arts and Crafts
KHDAN	Modified Social Skills
KGWAN	Modified World of Work and Careers

These courses do not follow the expectations of credit-bearing courses. The focus is on the individual working at his or her level. At times these courses may act as a springboard to future credit bearing courses in the regular programs.

GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (S.E.A.C.)
Contact the Grand Erie District School Board Office (519-756-6301) for committee information including:
special education plan, parent guide, policies and programs

TECHNOLOGY

Our state of the art communications lab with new computers has photography, video and audio editing software. HSS has cutting edge cameras and lighting gear for stage and portrait photography and video productions. Students acquire the technical skills needed to produce movies, images, advertising and practical community projects. Students acquire the technical skills needed to produce movies, images advertising and practical community project in all areas of technology including the automotive, hospitality, manufacturing, construction and cosmetology classes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Hagersville Secondary has the services of qualified Special Education teachers. Students identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) as "exceptional" pupils have the support of the special services they require to meet their needs. Hagersville Secondary delivers special education programs through a variety of supports that range from self-contained programs for Certificates of Education,

Resource support in regular classroom programs for credit towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Exceptional pupils are reviewed annually through an Identification, Placement and Review Committee. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is designed for each exceptional pupil centered around the individual's needs. The IEP is developed by the Resource Teacher in cooperation with regular program teachers and contains specific strategies to meet an individual's needs as identified by an IPRC.

CO-CURRICULARS

PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- It is our belief that participation in co-curricular activities enhances the school experience for each student. We encourage participation in sports, clubs, and student organizations but never at the expense of academic achievement.
- It is our expectation that students who participate in co-curricular activities will have regular attendance and good work habits.
- Any student who wishes to

participate in a school sport is eligible to play provided he or she have not exceeded five years of eligibility. (five consecutive years from the date of entry into Grade 9.)

SPORTS

Sports Available at HSS – Spring Football, Basketball, Baseball, Hockey, Volleyball, Track and Field, Lacrosse, Golf, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, Field Hockey, Badminton and Tennis.

CLUBS

Clubs Available at HSS - Student Council, Crime Stoppers, Link Crew, Student Senate, Student Action Team, Prom Committee, Indigenous Students Association, ECO Club and Drama.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

TURNING POINT

The Turning Point Program offers a combination of work experience, elearning, blended learning and teacher directed credit courses for students who have left secondary school prior to completing their secondary diploma. The program is offered at our alternative learning environment in town (not HSS) and assists students in earning credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

NEW START

The New Start program offers a combination of elearning, blended learning and teacher directed credit courses for Six Nations and New Credit students. All grade and program pathways are made available for students 16 yrs of age to up to 21 years of age. The program is offered at our alternative learning environment located at 2319 3rd. Line with transportation provided.

NATIONS

The NATIONS program offers a combination of elearning/blended learning and teacher directed credit courses for Six Nations and New Credit students. Students between the age of 13 and 17 years may participate in Grade 9 and 10 Locally Developed or Applied courses. The program is offered at our alternative learning environment located at 2319 3rd. Line with transportation provided.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (CO-OP):

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

Cooperative education courses include a classroom component, comprised of pre-placement and integration activities, and a placement component. Students earn cooperative education

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 Cooperative Education must apply for the program and complete an interview. Successful candidates will be notified and recruitment of an appropriate placement will follow.

There is no formal restriction on the total number of cooperative education credits that students may earn in secondary school.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AT HSS

HSS is the only Haldimand County High School providing access to the Advanced Placement Program. At HSS the AP Program will be available through academic clubs for English Literature, French, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Advanced Placement enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue university-level studies - with the opportunity to earn university credit through writing an AP exam - while still in High School, with the guidance of trained AP subject teachers. AP allows students to build confidence and learn the essential time management and study skills needed for University success. To find out more, check out the information at <https://apcanada.collegeboard.org/>. Information is also available through the HSS Guidance Department and the HSS Advanced Placement Coordinator.

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

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.

To begin an apprenticeship during high 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 Test
- complete all compulsory credits required for an OSSD

Students with special needs also have the opportunity to participate in Coop and OYAP. On the GEDSB Annual Education Pathway Planner all students are encouraged to build experiential learning into their secondary school program.

For more information speak to your school's Cooperative Education or Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program teacher. For additional information on the skilled trades contact the Guidance Department

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

High school students enrolled in a Specialist High Skills Major complete a bundle of classroom courses, workplace experiences and sector certifications to receive a special designation on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. At HSS the Hospitality and Tourism students staff the school Cafeteria. SHSM programs at HSS include:

- Hospitality and Tourism Sector
- Transportation

These majors prepare students for apprenticeships, college, university or the workforce. Through the specialization of skills and knowledge related to specific sectors, and the practical work experience built into SHSM programs, students will have enriched their secondary education program.

E-LEARNING:

The Grand Erie Virtual Campus offers students an alternative method to take secondary school credits through e-learning. E-learning refers to the use of Internet Technology to deliver education. Students registered in a day school in Grand Erie are eligible. Students may choose the E-learning option when course selection is not available in the home school or due to timetable conflicts.

DUAL CREDITS

Hagersville Secondary School has partnered with Fanshawe College to allow students to earn college credits before they graduate high school that count towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree. The program is a "College in High School" that utilizes a Team Taught instructional model where the course is delivered by a college instructor and supported by a HSS certified teacher. These credits are earned during the student's regularly scheduled class. Not only do students receive their high school credit and a credit toward their college completion, they are completely running our HSS Cafeteria!



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 gives 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 with our students. A win win for all!

Together GEDSB and Career Cruising work together to create an Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) 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 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 various economic 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



Student Success
A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie... **SUCCESS** for Every Student

Specialist High Skills Major

The Transportation Program, Automotive Service Focus

Hagersville Secondary School

The Transportation High Skills Major at HSS has an Automotive Service focus. Students explore career options at local shops and in industrial settings.

"The Specialist High Skills Major program allowed me to be accepted at a great co-op placement. Working at a dealership allowed me to learn new mechanical skills." - Brittany Gyokery

Benefits of the Transportation Program:

- Students explore career options through Co-operative Education working as Automotive Service Technicians, Auto Body Technicians and Heavy Equipment Technicians in industrial settings and with small business owners
- Reach Ahead activities are available at no cost including college visits and guest speakers and exploration of the Automotive Service career sector
- Students receive WHMIS, Vehicle Safety, Forklift Safety and Customer Service Certifications as well as CPR/First Aid

The Hospitality and Tourism Program Culinary Arts Focus

Hagersville Secondary School

The Hospitality and Tourism High Skills Major at HSS has a culinary arts focus where students are involved in food preparation courses, catering and a school based Bistro program.

"If it wasn't for the SHSM program in high school, I never would have been prepared for college or the workforce. The co-op department helped me get my foot in the door of the culinary industry. I met new people and had many new experiences while having a blast!" - Amanda Lickers

Benefits of the Hospitality and Tourism Program:

- Students explore career options through Co-operative Education working with chefs, bakers and small business owners
- Reach Ahead activities are available at no cost including college visits and guest speakers and exploration of the culinary arts career sector
- Students receive Smart Serve, Safe Food Handling and Customer Service Certifications as well as CPR/First Aid

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



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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:

Five types of courses are offered:

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

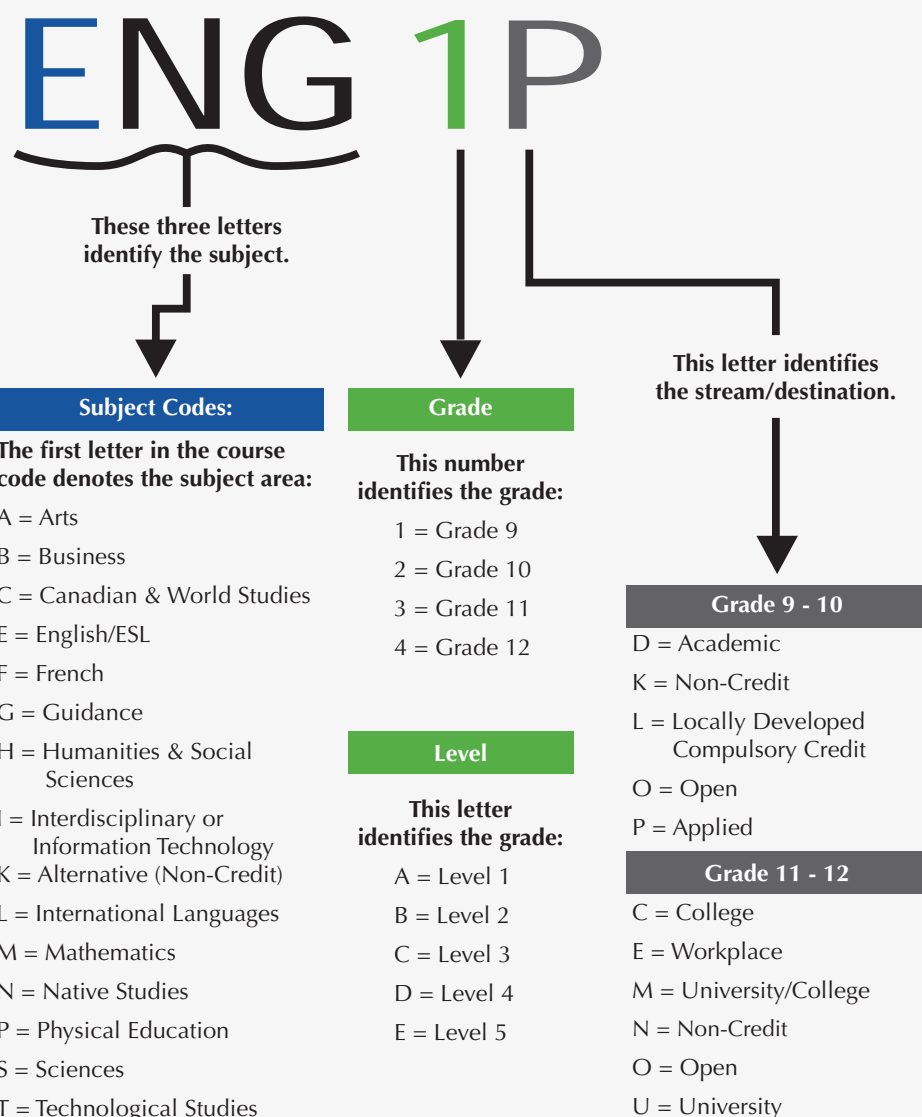
Special Education courses allow students to focus on functional life skills and/or job readiness skills within schools that have a self-contained special education setting and are non-credit bearing.

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.

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

Every course in secondary school has a unique COURSE CODE.
All courses have the first five characters as mandated by the Ministry of Education.



GRADE 11 - 12

Five types of program pathways are offered:

College courses are designed to prepare students for college programs and apprenticeships.

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

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

Open courses are available to all students regardless of pathway.

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

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?

COMPULSORY CREDITS (TOTAL OF 18)	
4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) may be used to meet either the Grade 11 or the Grade 12 English compulsory credit requirement. The Grade 11 Contemporary Aboriginal Voices course may be used to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement. For English language learners, the requirement may be met through earning a maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD); the fourth credit must be a Grade 12 compulsory English course. 	
3 credits in math (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)	
2 credits in science	
1 credit in the arts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grade 9 Expressing Aboriginal Cultures course may be used to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts. 	
1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)	
1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)	
1 credit in French as a second language	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who have taken Native languages in place of French as a second language in elementary school may use a Level 1 or 2 Native language course to meet the compulsory credit requirement for French as a second language. 	
1 credit in health and physical education	
0.5 credit in career studies	
0.5 credit in civics	
3 additional credits, consisting of 1 credit from each of the following groups:	
<p>Group 1: English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course), French as a second language, classical languages, international languages, Native languages, Canadian and world studies, Native studies, social sciences and humanities, guidance and career education, cooperative education</p> <p>Group 2: French as a second language, the arts, business studies, health and physical education, cooperative education</p> <p>Group 3: French as a second language, science (Grade 11 or 12), computer studies, technological education, cooperative education</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The following conditions apply to selections from the above three groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language may count as additional compulsory credits, 1 credit from Group 1, and 1 credit from either Group 2 or Group 3. A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education may count as additional compulsory credits, selected from any of Groups 1, 2, or 3. 	

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). 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, booklet and e-Learning are available.

STUDENT TRANSITION EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (STEP)

The STEP program is designed to engage students by ensuring that their individualized strengths, needs and interests are addressed in an alternative setting within the school.

The program provides students with the opportunity to earn credits, engage in experiential learning activities, explore career opportunities, and develop pathway plans and personal life management skills.

For more information, contact your school's 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** – Performance and Production, Journalism and Media
- **Construction**
- **Environment**
- **Health & Wellness** – Fitness, Healthy Living, Health Care, Hairstyling
- **Horticulture & Landscaping**
- **Hospitality & Tourism**
- **Information & Communications Technology**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Sports**
- **Transportation**

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 under the Secondary tab at granderie.ca

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' Cooperative Education Learning Plan.

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 Students' Cooperative Education Learning Plan.

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 MTCU 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
- Alternative Education • Cooperative Education • Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program • Specialist High Skills Major Programs
- Credit Recovery



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". For more information on PLAR procedures, see your secondary school principal.

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 assess the student's achievement in relation to the course curriculum expectations. Formally scheduled examinations and/or culminating tasks shall be held in 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.

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC):

IEAC is an advisory committee mandated by the Ministry of Education in September of 2017. The mandate of the committee is to enhance and improve Indigenous Education for all students. The committee reports to the board on the Board Action Plan and programming for both Elementary and Secondary panels. The committee is comprised of board personnel, community members and organizations with an interest in Indigenous Education, including parents.

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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