



**GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



# Cayuga Secondary School

**2023-24 SCHOOL PROFILE**



# Cayuga Secondary School

## Welcome

Hello to all students, those new and those returning to CSS. Cayuga Secondary School is such a fantastic place to be. We are a dynamic school that has something for everyone. Our staff work hard day in and day out to provide meaningful, engaging and authentic opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. The information in this School Profile is just the start to uncovering all that CSS has to offer.

CSS has a long tradition of combining academic excellence with extra-curricular activities and community involvement. As a Cayuga Warrior, you will benefit from the host of activities offered to you by a caring staff, who are always prepared to volunteer their time so that your secondary school experience is memorable. Whether you are in grade nine or graduating, it is important that you GET INVOLVED so you can get the most out of your time at CSS. Getting involved is where you find the people who will remain your friends for the rest of your life, where you create memories that you will reflect on for years to come and where you begin to discover all that you have to offer.

Remember also, to always challenge yourself to be the best you can be. This is important academically, socially, mentally and emotionally. Take care of yourself and those around you. If, however, there are moments where you need support, please also know CSS is a place that cares and will make sure you are taken care of. This School Profile will also outline the various supports CSS has to offer. You are not alone.

We look forward to meeting you in person and having you become a part of our CSS family.

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**PRINCIPAL**



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Colin Miller  
**VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Patti Bell  
**OFFICE COORDINATOR**

## Mission Statement

Cayuga Secondary School is a school that promotes (and expects) responsibility, mutual respect, and civility in an environment that is safe, inclusive, caring and accepting in order for our students to be successful (mentally, physically, academically and socially).

The educational objectives of Cayuga Secondary School are consistent with those of the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Grand Erie District School Board. Specifically, our objectives are:

- To provide a relevant and challenging educational experience for all students who come within our care.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop their physical, mental and social potential.
- To ensure that graduates from all programs are well prepared to meet their goals, whether they involve further education or employment.



## Cayuga Secondary School

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# Guidance and Career Education

Ann Smith  
HEAD OF GUIDANCE

## Guidance and Career Education

All Ontario secondary schools have Student Services staff. Guidance counsellors can provide students with detailed information about various careers and about the course selections that will prepare them for entry into those careers. In addition, students will be required to take one half-semester Career Studies course in order to graduate. The Guidance Department will facilitate opportunities for students to obtain information on post-secondary destinations. These opportunities include:

- visits from college and university representatives
- conference involvement
- additional career information

Lindsay Mitchell  
LEARNING RESOURCE TEACHER

## Learning Resource

A student who participates in Specialized Services programs and services in Grade 8 can continue to do so in secondary school. As in elementary school, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be developed and maintained, based on a thorough assessment of the student's strengths, needs, and interests. It will identify what the student is expected to learn and will explain how the Specialized Services program and services will help him or her achieve the learning goals and expectations set out in the plan. The student's Annual Education Plan will be developed on the basis of the IEP. For students with disabilities who are fourteen years of age or older, the IEP will include a coordinated plan to help prepare the student for living independently in the community and to facilitate the transition to post-secondary education or the workplace.



## Specialized Services-Self-contained programs

We have several different self-contained options, from our Intensive Support Classes to our Life Skills, Vocational and Bridge Programs. Our programs focus on supporting student independence and preparing each student for their destination after high school. In addition to the focused programming, our classes can be seen in the community, creating healthy meals in the kitchen, managing the school greenhouse, and caring for our school grounds. We also offer sensory and wellness spaces, a specialized Phys. Ed. Program, and individualized integration opportunities. We work closely with families and community partners to ensure the best care and program options for each student.

## Student Success

Christine Kononiuk  
STUDENT SUCCESS TEACHER

The Student Success Teacher is available to help students with assignments and day to day work for all classes. This support is available for students with and without an IEP. The Student Success room can be a quiet space to work, a lower ratio environment and can provide reinforcement of the lesson taught by the classroom teacher. Credit recovery is offered as an option to complete unsuccessful credits from previous semesters.

## Student Responsibilities

Education is a process of learning that requires continuity in and exposure to learning experiences. Students must learn to work as individuals and with others. This involves the student in listening, cooperating, sharing, interacting, and experiencing mutual evaluation. Students should be able to individually and in groups, investigate, analyze, synthesize, and make occasional intuitive leaps in the pursuit of knowledge. Regular student attendance is an important component of this process and of the evaluation of student achievement.

A student who fails to attend classes is at risk for not achieving the course credit.

With the assistance of students, parents and teachers, a school policy on student behaviour has been developed. This policy outlines the general expectations we have for CSS students, the specific requirements, and consequences that may be involved for infractions.

## The Parents, The Student, The School

We believe that education is a partnership between the student, the parents, and the school. The student's educational goals will be communicated to the parent to ensure that they are supported at home as well as at school.

- Involvement and participation as a parent are vital to the success of all our efforts.
- Parents may call the school at any time to discuss a student's progress.
- Interviews can be arranged with teachers in areas of particular concern.
- Parent interviews are held one week after each report is issued.
- All course selections must meet with parent approval.
- Notes or a phone call are required from a parent to explain absences.
- Students who must be excused early during the day, require a signed note from a parent.



# Programs

## Co-Operative Education (Co-Op) and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

### 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 pre-placement 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.

### OYAP

Students gain knowledge and experience in an apprenticeship 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](http://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



# Graduation Requirements

## Compulsory Credits (Total of 18)

### 4 Credits In English (1 Credit Per Grade)

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) may be used to meet either the Grade 11 or the Grade 12 English compulsory credit requirement.
- Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit 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

- The Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit 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

- 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:

**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, FNMI studies, social sciences and humanities, guidance and career education, cooperative education

**GROUP 2:** French as a second language, the arts, business studies, health and physical education, cooperative education

**GROUP 3:** French as a second language, science (Grade 11 or 12), computer studies, technological education, cooperative education

**NOTE:** The following conditions apply to selections from the above three groups:

- 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 a test administered by 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.

## Community Involvement

Students are responsible to complete 40 hours of community service as a requirement for graduation. Grade 8 graduated students can start accumulating during the summer prior to entering Grade 9. Grade 12 graduating students are required to have all hours submitted by June 30 of their graduating year. If hours handed in after that date, there is no guarantee that they will be included in the Fall Graduation preparations.

It is the responsibility of the student to find opportunities for achieving community service hours. Various opportunities are communicated through the announcements, Twitter, or on the bulletin board outside of the Guidance office throughout the year.

## Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Students who entered Secondary School since September 2020 onward are expected to complete two of their 30 credits via asynchronous eLearning. This graduation requirement can be opted out of by parents or students over the age of 18 by completing the online opt-out form. This form is located on secondary school and the Grand Erie websites.

## 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.



# Courses

## Grade 9 – 10 Course Pathways

### Academic Courses (D)

Academic Courses are suited to students who are comfortable with theoretical concepts and enjoy solving problems by applying what they have learned.

#### Academic Courses:

- Focus on the essential concepts of a subject and explore related concepts
- Develop students' knowledge and skills through the study of theory and abstract problems
- Incorporate practical applications as appropriate
- Present and evaluate curriculum at a measured/brisk pace according to students' needs
- Often lead to post-secondary education, including College, University, and Apprenticeship, or to Workplace.

### Special Education Courses (K)

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. Expectations are individualized for students who have a variety of strengths and needs. In some cases, these courses can be preparation for participation in Locally Developed Compulsory Courses.

#### Special Education Courses:

May lead to a Certificate of Accomplishment, support work/ living, and in some cases, an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC).

### Locally Developed Courses (L)

Locally Developed Courses are designed for students who have specific learning needs and require more direction in the classroom. Students will learn essential and practical concepts of a subject.

#### Locally Developed Courses:

- Are intended for students who require a measure of flexibility and support in order to meet the compulsory credit requirements in English, mathematics and science for the OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) or (OSSC).
- May lead directly to the Workplace.



### Open Courses (O)

Open Courses allow students to learn concepts and skills designed to prepare them for further study in the subject area. Generally, in Grade 9, optional courses are offered as open courses, for example music, art, drama, business studies, family studies, physical education and technological studies. Expectations are created for all students and these students can use their variety of learning skills to succeed.

### Applied Courses (P) (Grade 10 only)

Applied Courses teach students using practical examples and offer the chance to apply what they have learned to the work around them.

#### These Courses:

- Focus on the essential concepts of a subject

- Develop students' knowledge and skills through practical applications and concrete examples
- Use familiar situations to illustrate ideas
- Present and evaluate curriculum at a gradual pace according to students' needs
- May lead to post-secondary education, including College or Apprenticeship; or to Workplace

### De-Streamed Courses (W) (Grade 9 only)

Single stream courses are courses that are taught to all learners at that grade level. It will use a variety of teaching and learning strategies to engage students. It will be taught as a progression of skills and topics from previous courses that will lay a foundation for further courses in that subject area.

## What Courses Do I Choose for Grade 9?

Grade 9 students will select De-streamed Math and Science as well as Academic English, French and Geography. Each student will choose optional credits based on offerings at their secondary school.

# Choosing Courses

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 11 - 12

There are 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

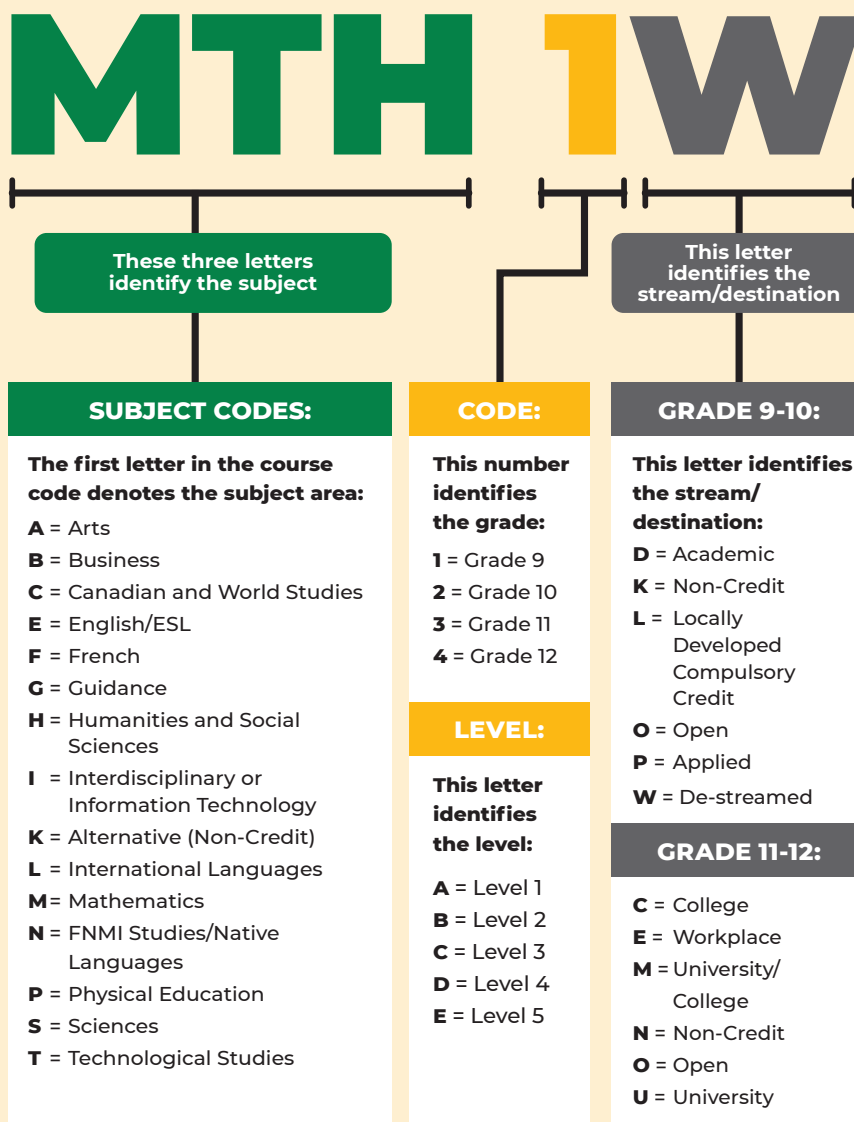
Are designed to prepare students for transition to a variety of university programs or apprenticeship.

## 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.

Every subject is identified by a common course code. The code consists of five mandated characters and a sixth character for school use. 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 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 standards.
Below 50%		Insufficient achievement of curriculum expectations. Credit will not be granted.

# Opportunities

## Withdrawing from a course

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.

## 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 focuses 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.

## DEL F

The DELF (diplôme d'études en langue française, or French language studies diploma) is an internationally-recognized certification of proficiency in French for non-francophones. DELF exams take place in 175 countries worldwide. There are six separate diplomas possible, based on the six levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): A1 and A2 (basic user), B1 and B2 (independent user), and C1 and C2 (proficient user). In Ontario, Grade 12 Core, Extended, and Immersion FSL (French as a Second Language) students have the opportunity to challenge one of the following three exams, under the guidance of their French teacher: A2, B1, or B2. French language skills



are evaluated in the four areas of oral comprehension, oral expression, written comprehension, and written expression. Obtaining DELF certification not only opens doors to post-secondary and employment opportunities, it also serves as an official, internationally-recognized testament to a student's language learning journey and accomplishments. Grand Erie encourages its students in all FSL pathways to challenge the DELF in their Grade 12 year.

## 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 and Fanshawe in Simcoe. 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.

## eLearning

Grand Erie offers access to a variety of courses (9-12) through eLearning, which features entirely online learning through the Brightspace platform. The teacher may be from a school in Grand Erie District School Board or from another school board in Ontario. In eLearning courses, students will not have an assigned classroom or live taught lessons at a specific time in the day, but will instead navigate the learning and assignments on their own asynchronously with the digital support of their teacher. Students enrolled in eLearning courses are required to attend and engage in their eLearning courses regularly and consistently, just as they do for face-to-face classes. Grand Erie students will have access to a device within their home school during their eLearning period so that they can work on their course during the regular school day. eLearning courses can be selected during the course selection process on myBlueprint or through home school guidance counsellors.



# Opportunities

## 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.

For more information, contact your school's Guidance Counsellor.

## Night 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.

## Summer School

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.

## 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.

## myBlueprint

At Grand Erie, we have a vision that all students leaving our secondary schools have a clear postsecondary plan. We support students with the tools they require to become the architects of their future.



As part of our commitment to Career Education and supporting the ministry mandate for Creating Pathways to Success, we have moved forward with a board license of the myBlueprint Education Planner. Our license provides access to all students 7-12, their families, and all 7-12 staff in Grand Erie.

myBlueprint has been supporting Ontario school boards for 13+ years. The service supports teachers, empowers students, and engages parents with their child's education, career, and life planning. Accessible via the website on any browser, myBlueprint captures current progress in the classroom and offers a complete representation of a child's unique pathway.

myBlueprint's Education Planner is mobile-friendly, and ever-evolving to support the needs of Grand Erie students. The program allows students to view their graduation requirements and over 12,000 post-secondary programs across the country based on their Ontario specific courses.

Grand Erie and myBlueprint 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. Visit [myblueprint.ca](http://myblueprint.ca) for more information.

## Ontario Student Record (OSR)

The 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.

# Opportunities

## Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

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".

## 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.

## 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 SHSM 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 (OSSD).

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

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

- Agriculture
- 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

## Special Education (Specialized Services)

Grand Erie District School Board special education programs and services are delivered in safe and enabling environments in order to promote success for students with special education needs. An enabling environment is positive, inclusive and fosters student independence and well-being.

Each one of Grand Erie's Secondary schools has a Special Education department with Learning Resource teachers that can support the development and implementation of Individual Education Plans. Some of our schools have Self-Contained programs to support the learning needs of individual students for which the most enabling environment for them to meet their program goals is in a smaller class setting with higher staff to student ratio. In addition, system Student Support Services are available to support students and programming in the areas of Speech and Language Services, Psychological Services, Social Services and Behavioural Services.





# Extracurriculars

## Special Events

- Grade 9 Orientation
- High School Challenge
- Holiday Assembly
- Pep Rallies
- Prom
- School Dances
- School Assemblies
- Truth and Reconciliation Activities
- Relay For Life
- Haunted Hallways
- Semi Formal Dinner and Dance
- Rock Your Mocs
- Love Week
- Buyouts for Sports Events and Drama Productions
- Baseball Tournament
- Tom Longboat Run
- Band and Vocals Concert
- Leadership Camp
- Talent Show
- Terry Fox Run
- UK/Europe trip
- National Theatre School Competition
- College and University Presentations

## Clubs

- Art
- White Pine Book Club
- Christian Fellowship
- Concert Band
- Drama
- Geek Squad
- Gender Sexuality Alliance
- Humans of CSS
- Indigenous Students' Association
- Math
- Newspaper
- Students' Council
- Vocal Ensemble
- Yearbook



## Sports

Intramural sports are held during lunch periods. All students are encouraged to participate.

Inter-school sports involve school teams that train and compete against other schools. Some of the activities are:

- Golf
- Cross Country Running
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Badminton
- Cheerleading
- Hockey
- Track and Field
- Powerlifting
- Lacrosse
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Baseball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Wrestling

## Library Learning Commons

The new and improved Library Learning Commons provides a safe, friendly environment, offering a balanced collection of print and digital resources to meet both curricular and personal interest needs. Through virtual and physical learning partnerships, we provide integrated learning opportunities which are global, connected, social, cross-curricular and interdisciplinary. In partnership with classroom teachers, the teacher-librarian teaches guided inquiry, whereby students learn to define problems, form questions, explore ideas, analyse, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate new understandings. We strive to challenge students to think critically about the information they find, to instill in them a passion for reading and learning, and to equip them with multiple literacy skills for success in life after secondary school.

At CSS, students are encouraged

to use the library to improve their information skills and enjoy the leisure reading area. Skills such as accessing, gathering, analyzing, synthesizing and communicating information are becoming increasingly necessary in the world today.

The teacher-librarian is available to assist students when accessing the electronic catalogue to locate books, films, magazines. There is a computer lab available in the library for online research. We subscribe to several online databases, which allow students to access hundreds of magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, maps, transcripts and photos. The service is available from any internet-ready computer in the school and there is a home-user licence as well. The White Pine Book Club runs during second semester. The library also hosts visiting authors and poets from time to time. Listen to the announcements for contests.

## Students' Council

Students' Council is elected each year by the student body. Council offers leadership opportunities in executive and representative positions. Students' Council is a great way to get involved in secondary school life; students plan activities for the school and organize fundraisers to support the various clubs, sports, and events at CSS Students' Council members also have the opportunity to attend leadership camps and conferences.

## The Drama Club

The Drama Club is welcoming to all. Students are able to gain self-confidence through performing in the school play or musical production. CSS students are able to participate in all aspects of theatre production including acting, producing, stage crew, and technical crew.

## Yearbook

Writers, photographers, and creative minds are welcome to join in preserving memories of each school year. Students photograph events, create layouts for pages and write copy in this year-long project that will be enjoyed for years to come.

## What is a Specialist High Skills Major?

An SHSM allows students to customize their secondary school experience to fit career interests.

Offered in Grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized secondary school diploma that is recognized in various economic sectors in all four pathways.

## What does a 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

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

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

### The Manufacturing Program Welding Focus

#### Cayuga Secondary School

The Manufacturing Specialist High Skills Major at CSS has a welding focus. Students explore career options at local shops and in industrial settings.

"Getting to do some hands-on work and the customized projects like creating a trailer lift, an ATV basket, and a hook for pulling trees has been my favourite part of the program. I'd like to pursue a career in welding after high school."

**WYATT EDWARDS (GRADE 11)**

#### Benefits of the Manufacturing Program:

- Students will be prepared for the workplace, apprenticeship or post-secondary;
- Complete First Aid, CPR and WHMIS training;
- Earn certification for Propane Safety, and Canadian Welding Bureau training; and
- Students are exposed to fall protections, hoisting and rigging and lift truck safety and training.



### The Transportation Program Automotive Service Focus

#### Cayuga Secondary School

Students in the Transportation SHSM learn the fundamentals of vehicle systems, safe and proper tool use and develop practical skills for the service and repair of vehicles.

#### Benefits of the Transportation Program:

- A focused approach to a career pathway;
- Three senior credits (English, Math, and Science or Business) with units contextualized to the transportation industry;
- A chance to work in the trade and apply skills and knowledge in a Co-operative work placement (two credits); and
- Trade related certifications such as First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, Propane Handling, Lockout/tagging, customer service, and more, paid for by the SHSM program.

**CAYUGA SECONDARY SCHOOL**





ONTARIO YOUTH  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

## 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 are 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 (OYAP)

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.

"OYAP was the right program for me. After I completed my two construction technology credits, I applied to the four credit accelerated carpentry OYAP for semester two. My construction classes taught me so much about building. We were able to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. It was awesome; we were doing the things that we had been taught about, a real hands-on experience."

Grand Erie OYAP student

## 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



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# A Bold Multi-Year Strategic Plan for Grand Erie



## Our Vision

Learn

Lead

Inspire

## Our Mission

Together, we build a culture  
of **learning**, **well-being**  
and **belonging** to  
inspire each learner.

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