

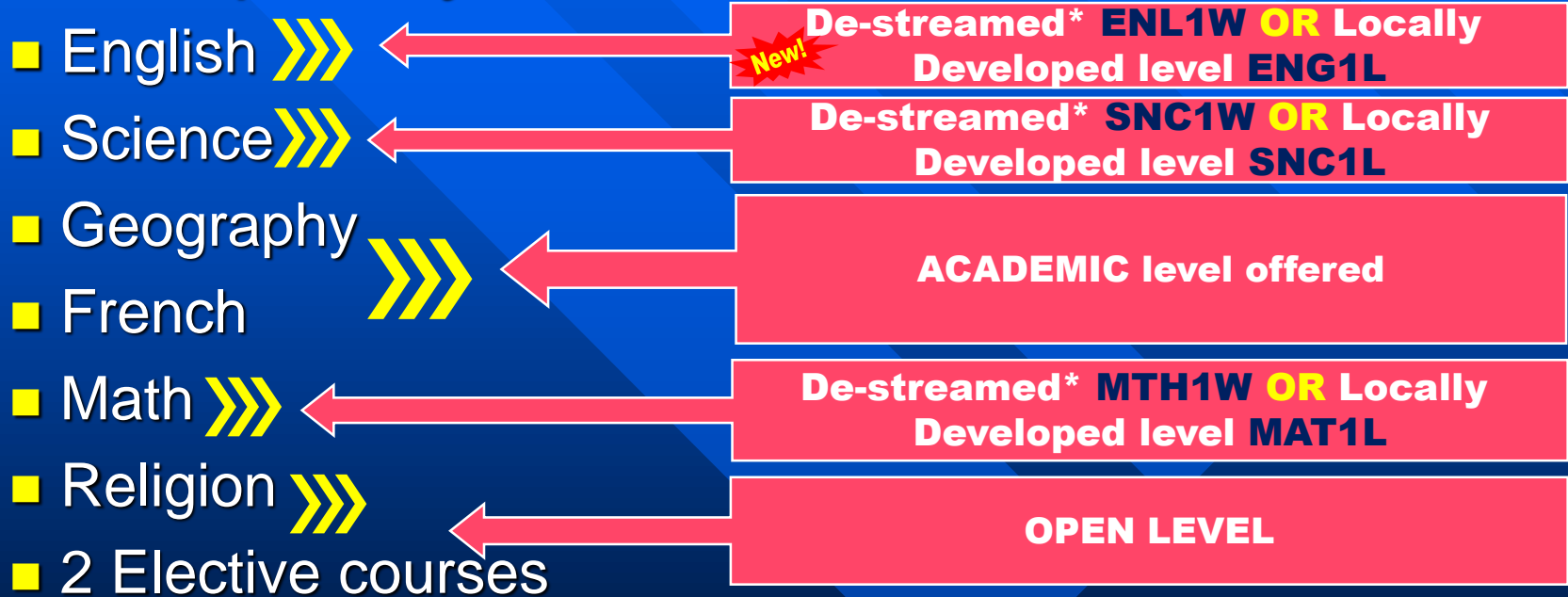
Grade 8 → 9
COURSE
SELECTION

Making Good Choices

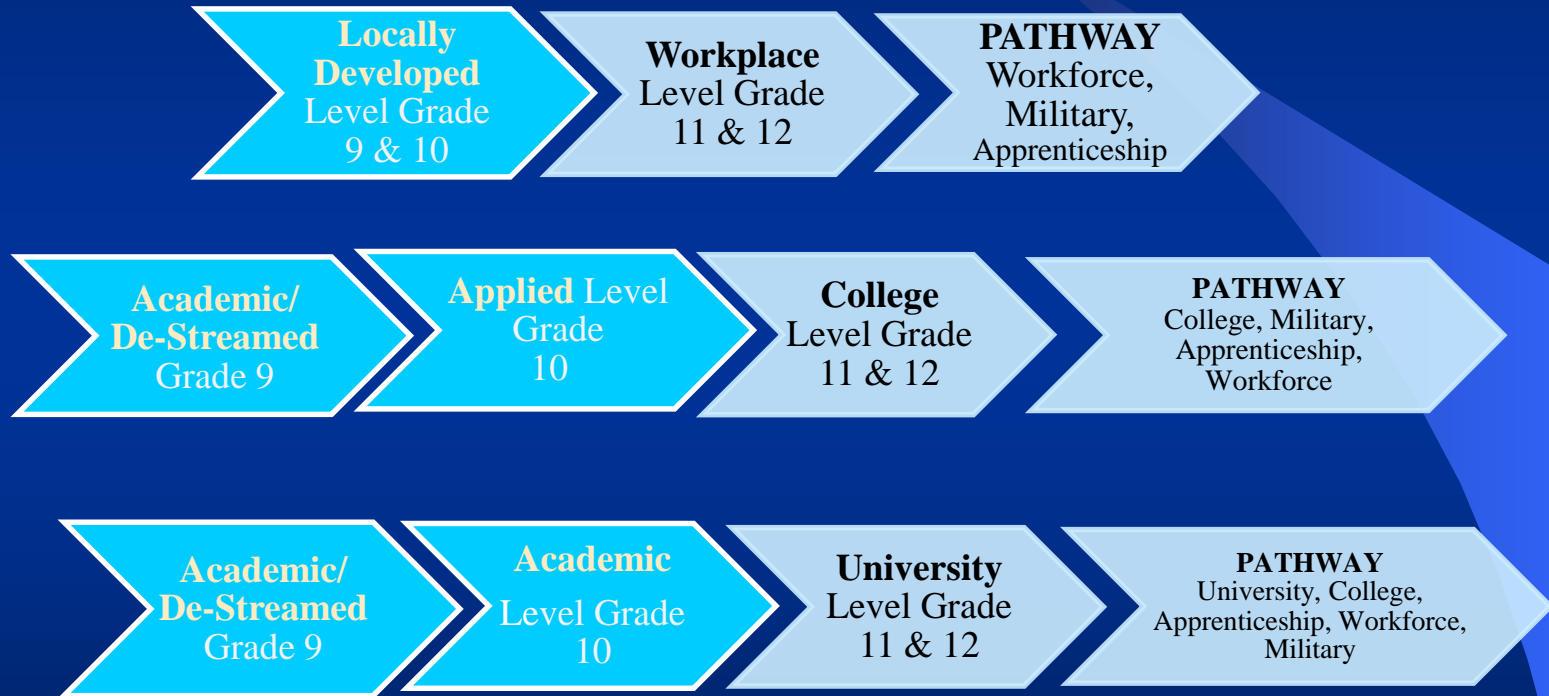


The Grade 9 Program

6 Compulsory and 2 Elective Courses



Levels of Study in High School



De-Streamed Courses

- *Grade 9 is, now, a lot like grade 8*
- *Students at all levels of achievement will be in the same class*
- *This gives you one more year of opportunity for academic growth and to develop your **Learning Skills***
- *After grade 9 you and your parent/guardian will decide which level of study to take in grade 10 - based on: **pathway plan, achievement and Learning Skills***

DESTREAMED

~MATH, SCIENCE & ENGLISH~

- Students will be “de-streamed” into a Math, Science & English course designed for most grade 9 students
- Students who opt for Locally Developed Math/Science/English will continue to study at this level*
- The new course code is **MTH1W1 and SNC1W1**
- After a year of “de-streamed” grade 9 Math/Science students will choose grade **10 Applied** OR Grade **10 Academic** Math/Science depending on:
 - 1) Level of Achievement and,
 - 2) Pathway plan

* If students start with L level but want to change, their Guidance Counsellor can help plan for this

Another level of study...

- Do the student really struggle with a subject(s)? (grades in the 50's) OR
- Is the grade 8 program **MODIFIED**?
- Do they struggle to complete tasks without a lot of assistance?
- *If you answered “yes” to these questions- the student might be a good candidate for Locally Developed Level Courses*

Parent/Guardian & Teacher Conversations...

- The grade 8 teacher is available to discuss the options with student/parent/guardian
- The teacher knows the student, cares about them and wants them to have the best success in grade 9
- *PLEASE contact a Guidance Counsellor @ St. Paul to discuss pathway planning*

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PATHWAY OPTIONS

- WORKPLACE (military, work, etc.)
- APPRENTICESHIP (Skilled Trades)
- COLLEGE
- UNIVERSITY

ALL of these require an OSSD (*Ontario Secondary School Diploma-30 credits*) but students can study at different levels which lead to different *pathways*



Earning Your Diploma

Requirement 1

30 Credits

18 compulsory credits

12 elective credits

Requirement 2

Community Involvement

40 hours—Don't forget about the First 40 Party!

Requirement 3

Literacy Requirement

Test written in Grade 10

Earning Your Diploma



New!

Requirement

- Students entering high school in 2021-22+ are required to take a minimum of 2 eLearning courses to fulfill OSSD requirements
- There is an “Opt-Out” option for parents/guardians to request their child be exempt from this requirement
- They have up to the grade 12 year to “opt out” of this requirement

**More information will be sent home regarding this process*

What do you need to graduate from high school?

18 compulsory credits

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

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
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 as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits [†]
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- 1 • a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- 1 • the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- 1 • technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

Grade 9 Courses at St. Paul C.S.S.

- English (ENL1W or ENG1L)
- Math (MTH1W or MAT1L)
- Science (SNC1W or SNC1L)
- Religion (HRE10)
- Geography (CGC1D)
- French (FSF1D) or (FEF1D)*

*Extended French for students coming from French Immersion

- + 2 electives (your choice)

Which electives should I choose?

- Choose subjects the student enjoys
- All Arts courses (Drama, Art & Music have pre-requisites → need grade 9 or 10 course to be able to take a grade 11 option)
- Keep in mind that by the time the student graduates they must have (at least):
 - 1 **Phys. Ed** credit
 - 1 **Arts** credit (art, drama or music)
 - 1 **Tech/Business** credit

Gr 9 Elective Course Codes

- NAC 10 Fine Art
- ADA 10 Drama
- AMU 10 Music
- AMG 20* Guitar Music
(*open to grade 9 & 10 students)
- PPL 10 Gym
- HFN 10* Food & Nutrition
(*open to grade 9 & 10 students)
- BBI 20* Business
(*open to grade 9 & 10 students)
- TGJ 20* Computer Technology
(*open to grade 9 & 10 students)



**All at the
Open
level**

LOOKING AHEAD→

GRADE 10/11/12 OPTIONS:

ALCDSB “TECH” PROGRAMS

- These are 2 credits (all morning or all afternoon) & **Spaces are limited!**

New! ● *Exploring Technologies & Careers/Civics*

● *Hairstyling and Aesthetics*

● *Construction Technology*

● *Automotive Technology*

● *Hospitality and Foods*

● *Manufacturing Technology*

Let's get started!

The parent/guardian will select and approve course selections through the course selection FORM

- Complete the form (we recommend consultation with the grade 8 teacher)
- Submit the form to Guidance via hard copy OR email to: dcassidy@alcdsb.on.ca

COURSE SELECTION FORM

- Please submit selections at your earliest convenience to help guarantee first choices for elective courses

Reach out if you have questions or require assistance

We are happy to help in this process!

Please reach out to our Guidance Department if you have any questions or concerns about the course selection process!

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