

## Course Selection GUIDELINE; Some course selection tips for students entering Grade 10

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Grade 10 students must choose 8 subjects; 5 compulsory (including half-credits in both Civics and Careers) and 3 electives. Spare periods are not permitted for Grade 10 Students.

- ✓ Check carefully to ensure that you have all required compulsory courses. Use the information in your “Official High School Plan” in myBlueprint to assist you.
- ✓ All courses except Open level courses have *\*prerequisites* – check prerequisites carefully as you plan your course selections for next year, and beyond.
- ✓ Students who are unsuccessful in one or more compulsory credits should plan to attend summer school in order to stay on track to graduate.
- ✓ Students are encouraged to take courses which reflect both interests and areas of aptitude in order to explore the many pathways options available.
- ✓ A final course mark of 70% or higher in Grade 9 Academic courses is a good indication of continued success in Academic courses in Grade 10. *Remember, not all courses need to be taken at the same level.*

\* A “Prerequisite” course is one that must be taken prior to the chosen course. Seventy percent (70%) in the prerequisite course is a good indicator of continued success – especially with regard to university preparation courses.

Compulsory Courses	Applied	Academic	Online	French Immersion
<b>English</b>	ENG2P1 <b>OR</b>	ENG2D1		
<b>Math</b>	MFM2P1 <b>OR</b>	MPM2D1		
<b>Science</b>	SNC2P1 <b>OR</b>	SNC2D1		
<b>Canadian History</b>	CHC2P1 <b>OR</b>	CHC2D1		CHC2D4
<b>Careers/Civics</b>	GLC2O1+CHV2O1		GLC2O0+CHV2O0	GLC2O4+CHV2O4
				FIF2D4

**ARTS:** Students may take Drama, Music or Visual Arts at the Grade 10 level without having taken the Grade 9 course.

**BUSINESS:** Grade 10 students may take BBI2O1 as an elective course, or may reach ahead to take Grade 11 Business courses, when appropriate.

**CANADIAN AND WORLD STUDIES:** Grade 10 students are required to take the compulsory Canadian History at the Academic or Applied level (CHC2P1 or CHC2D1). The Academic level is recommended for students who were successful in Grade 9 Academic English (minimum 70%), as the writing and research components of the course require these skills. Civics and Careers (CHV2O1 + GLC2O1) is a full credit package (0.5 credit per course) that is required for Grade 10 Students.

**CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION:** Co-op is available to all students in Grades 11 and/or 12. It is a two-credit package. It is helpful if students obtain most of their compulsory courses prior to taking Co-op.

**ENGLISH:** Academic English in Grade 10 is recommended for students who earn a mark of 70% or higher in Grade 9 Academic English.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Students in Grade 10 may continue in Healthy Active Living Education (PPL2OM or 2OF).

**MATHEMATICS:** Students who were successful in MPM1D1 (minimum 70%) are encouraged to continue in Academic Math at the Grade 10 level (MPM2D1). Students and parents are encouraged to carefully review the courses and prerequisites for Math courses, particularly to ensure appropriate pathway planning looking ahead to Grades 11 and 12.

**SCIENCES:** Students who were successful in SNC1D1 (minimum 70%) are encouraged to continue in Academic Science at the Grade 10 level. Remember that the prerequisite for Grade 11 University Science courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics is Grade 10 Academic science.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE and HUMANITIES:** Grade 10 students have the option of taking Grade 10 Food and Nutrition (HFN2O1) as an elective course, or may elect to reach ahead to Grade 11 Social Science courses, when appropriate.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Grade 10 students may choose any of the Technology courses at the Grade 10 level. This includes courses in Construction, Manufacturing, Computer Engineering and Communications Technology. We also offer a two-year Specialist High Skills Major program in Manufacturing that begins in Grade 11. Please see the HDSB Guide to Secondary School or our school website for further details about the SHSM Manufacturing program.

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS:** At the Grade 10 level, the Bronte Creek "Trailhead" Program is appropriate. SHSM, OYAP and many other regional programs are available in Grades 11 and/or 12. Most regional programs require online registration, completion an application package and an interview. Please visit [www.haltonpathways.ca](http://www.haltonpathways.ca) and visit Ms. Robbins in Student Services for more information.

**ON-LINE LEARNING:** The Halton District School Board offers a number of online courses. Online courses are designated with an "O" as the sixth character in the course code. At the Grade 10 level, Civics and Careers are offered online. However, e-learning is not appropriate for all students. For full details and assistance to determine a student's suitability for online learning, please visit the Halton District School Board e-learning website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/hdsbelearning/>.

**A few final notes and pieces of advice: this is the time to plan course selections carefully. As part of your pathway planning process, please be sure to:**

- Use myBlueprint to make a 3-year "rough plan" of course selections that are appropriate for your own unique pathway, interests and strengths.
- Do the research to check College and/or University admission requirements for program options in your area(s) of interest.
- Talk with your parents/guardians and teachers to get their advice and recommendations, and see a guidance counsellor in Student Services for further support in this process, if necessary.