



Waterloo Region  
District School Board



***FAST  
FORWARD***  
Your Future is Waiting

# FAST FORWARD

A WRDSB Magnet Program

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# The Fast Forward Program is:

- A unique **diploma granting program** focussing on preparing students for the workplace
- Designed to teach students the knowledge, employability skills and attitudes necessary to be successful in a work environment
- Intended for students who are academically working below grade level

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# Consider the Fast Forward program for a student who:

- Has struggled with numeracy and literacy for a significant period of time
- Is academically 2-4 years out of phase
- Has had significant accommodations or modifications to their elementary school program
- Has an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

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# Fast Forward Program Goals:






- Students earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- Developing literacy and numeracy skills
- Developing learning skills and employability skills
- Preparing students for employment through work-related learning experiences
- Greater student confidence as a learner and improved success in their academic program






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# Building Essential Employability Skills

See the Ontario Skills Passport(OSP) for examples of the identified Essential Skills at: [http://www.skillszone.ca/essential\\_skills/index.htm](http://www.skillszone.ca/essential_skills/index.htm)

OSP Icon	Essential Skill Title
	Reading Text
	Writing
	Document Use
	Computer Use
	Oral Communication

	Money Math
	Scheduling or Budgeting and Accounting
	Measurement and Calculation
	Data Analysis
	Numerical Estimation

	Job Task Planning and Organizing
	Decision Making
	Problem Solving
	Finding Information
	Critical Thinking

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# Academic Program Features

- Building literacy and numeracy through locally developed, essential level programming in grades 9 and 10
- Access to workplace destination programming in grades 11 and 12
- Targeted support for completing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) and/or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)

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# Additional Program Features

The following may be offered, but not limited to:

- Building an Employment Portfolio
- Co-operative Education
- Work-related training (e.g. Safe Food handling, WHMIS, Service Excellence, etc.)
- Sector Certificates recognized by local employers
- Interview skill development (e.g. WRDSB Employment Fair, Employment Ontario workshops)
- Guest Speakers, ZOOM Workplace Career Day and Business Visitation Opportunities

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# Future Employment Opportunities

## Construction

- Carpentry
- Drywall Installation
- Framing
- Masonry
- Roofing

## Green Industries

- Agriculture
- Floristry
- Greenhouse Services
- Landscape Construction & Maintenance

## Healthcare

- Child Care
- Elder Care
- Personal Support Worker

## Hospitality & Tourism

- Baker
- Food Services
- Personal Support Worker

## Manufacturing

- Machine Operator
- Metal Fabrication
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Welder

## Personal Care

- Aesthetics
- Hairstyling
- Nail Technician
- Make-up Artist

## Retail & Business Support

- Office Clerk
- Retail Sales & Service
- Shipping & Receiving

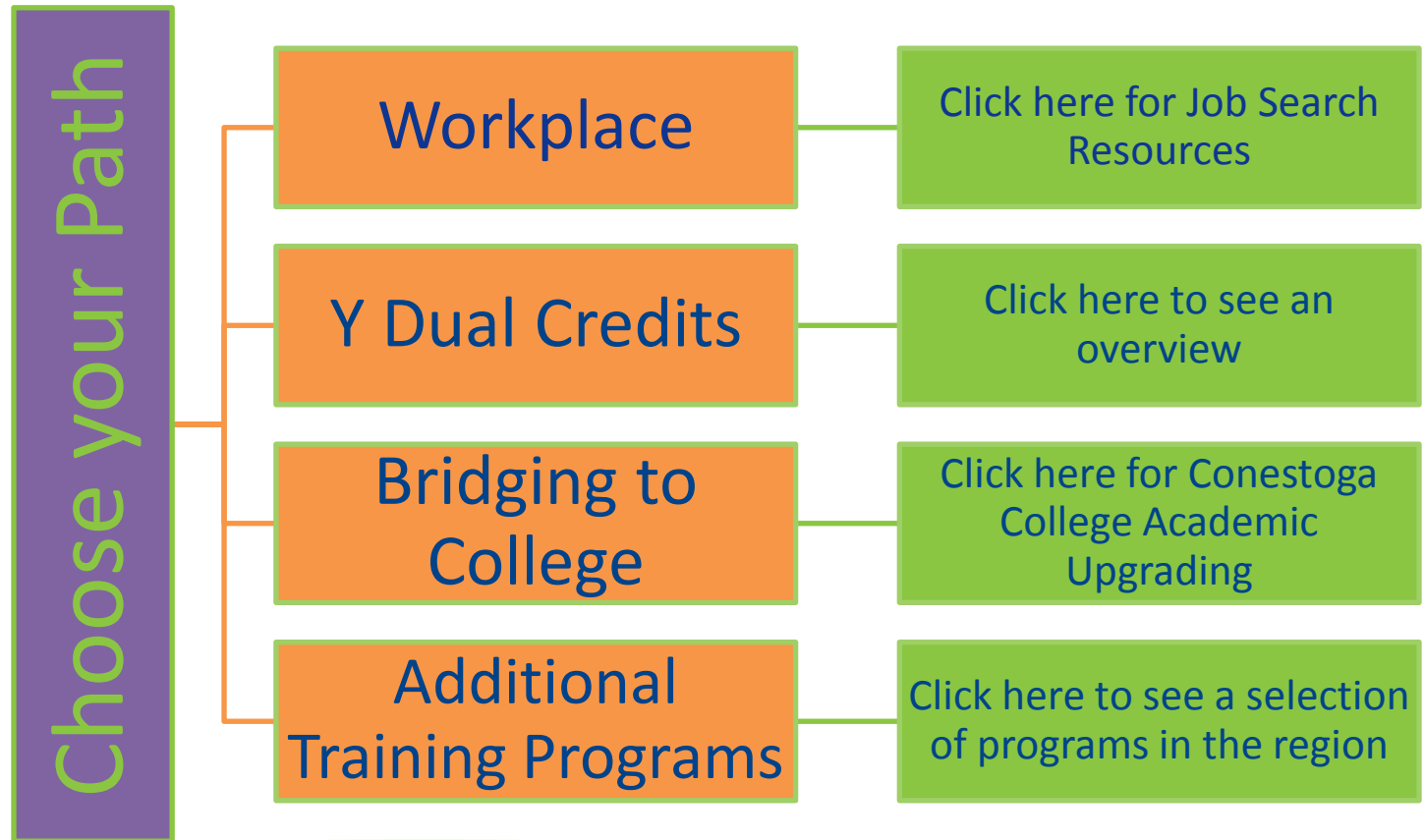
## Transportation

- Auto Service Technician
- Auto, Truck & Coach Detailing
- Small Engine Repair
- Truck & Coach Driver

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# Beyond the Fast Forward Program



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# Applying to the Fast Forward Program

- Applications and recommendations to the Fast Forward program are through Guidance, Spec Ed, or Administration at your current school
- For Non-WRDSB students, please contact your nearest WRDSB high school offering the Fast Forward Program

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For more information on the Fast Forward Program  
please contact:

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