

Choosing Grade Nine Courses

REQUIRED Applied/Academic Courses

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- French
- Canadian Geography



Open Courses (Choose from three)

- Music, Drama or Visual Arts
- Introduction to Business
- Information and Communication Technology in Business
- Integrated Technology
- Health and Physical Education (**highly recommended)
- Food and Nutrition
- Individual and Family Living

Community Involvement

- Can begin July 2015, right after Grade 8
- Minimum of 40 hours in addition to 30 credits completed over four years
- Broad range of volunteer activities recognized
- Students track volunteer hours and submit to high school guidance department

Grade 10 Literacy Test

- Students will take a literacy test in grade 10 (late March/early April)
- Students must pass the test to graduate
- Achievement is recorded on Ontario Student Record as a pass only
- Based on language and communication expectations of the curriculum, up to and including grade nine
- If student is unable to meet standards in first attempt, remedial help will begin. Student must retake until standard is met or take a Literacy Course.



For more information...

www.wrdsb.ca for general information

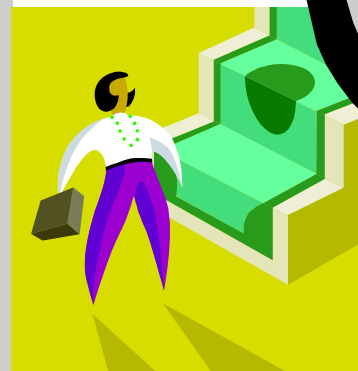
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WCI	http://wci.wrdsb.ca	519-884-9590
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CENTENNIAL GUIDANCE on EDMODO

www.edmodo.com — Group code 7ra5c8



Centennial Public School



Secondary School Information Night 2014-15

General Timelines

November 2014

- Discussion about transition to Grade 9 begins
- Evening info meetings at secondary schools begin
- Class guidance visits to share home school info begin
- Confirm registration procedures, destination schools
- Term 1 report cards go home
- Prepare for online course registration
- MyWay online course registration **opens**
- MyWay online course registration **closes**
- Signed course confirmation pages returned to school

December 2014

January 2015

February 20, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 6, 2015

Secondary School Information Nights

WCI (Advanced Strings and ELL)

Tuesday November 18, 7:00 pm

Cameron Heights (IB Program)

Tuesday November 25, 7:00 pm

Eastwood (Integrated Arts Program)

Thursday December 4, 6:30 pm

SJAM

Wednesday December 10, 6:45 pm

KCI (including French Immersion)

Tuesday January 6, 7:00 pm

WCI

Wednesday January 7, 7:00 pm

** Details subject to change. Please check the WRDSB web site or contact individual secondary schools to verify dates and times.*



What is my child's
home secondary school?
www.wrdsb.ca ➔ School Finder

Specialized (Magnet) Programs

- Cameron Heights offers an **International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Program**
- Eastwood Collegiate offers an **Integrated Arts Program**
- Sir John A. Macdonald S.S. offers the **Fast Forward Program**
- Waterloo C.I. offers **Extended French**, and **Advanced Strings** for current strings students, or those who can demonstrate equivalent experience through audition
- K.C.I. offers a full **French Immersion Program**, the **Fast Forward Program**, and **Extended French*** (***ONLY** for students in the SJAM boundary)

Students currently enrolled in French Immersion or Strings at Centennial may continue in those programs where offered. All other students must apply/audition for specialty programs.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

- 30 Credits (A credit is 110 hrs of successful study in any subject area)
- 18 Compulsory credits or subjects
- 12 Optional credits or elective subjects
- 40 Hours of community involvement
- Successful performance on the grade 10 Literacy Test



Graduation Requirements - Compulsory Credits

- **4 English** - one credit per grade
- **1 French** as a second language (*Grade nine*)
- **3 Mathematics** - *at least one in grade 11 / 12*
- **2 Science**
- **1 Canadian History** (*usually grade ten*)
- **1 Canadian Geography** (*usually grade nine*)
- **1 Arts** (*dance, drama, music, visual arts*)
- **1 Health and Physical Education** (*recommended in grade nine*)
- **1 Civics and Career Studies** (*half credit each, usually done in grade ten*)
- **1 of an extra:** English, or an additional language or social science and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education
- **1 of:** an extra health and physical education *or* business studies *or* the arts, *or* cooperative education
- **1 of:** grade 11 or 12 science *or* a technology course, *or* cooperative education



Optional Courses (*may vary slightly school to school)

- **The Arts** (Visual Arts, Drama, Music)
- **Business Studies** (Introduction to Business, Information Technology, Accounting, etc.)
- **Technology Education** (Manufacturing, Communications, Computer Engineering, etc.)
- **Computer Studies** (Grade 10 and up)
- **Cooperative Education** (Senior Grades)
- **Canadian & World Studies** (Law, Political Science, Economics - Grade 10 and up)
- **Additional Languages** (Latin, Spanish, German)
- **Family Studies** (Beginning grade 9)

Any course can be taken after the required number of compulsory credits are accumulated.

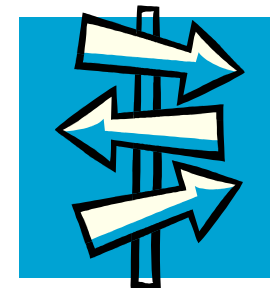
Choosing Streams

Grade nine and ten streams are:

- Academic
- Applied
- Open

Grade eleven and twelve streams are:

- University Preparation
- University/College Preparation
- College and/or Apprenticeship Preparation
- Workplace Destination Preparation
- Open Courses



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