

CHECKLIST



Graduation Requirements:

- 30 credits** to graduate AND all required credits earned
- Literacy Test (OSSLT) **OR** Literacy Course (OSSLC) Passed
- 40** Hours of Volunteer/Community Service completed
- SHSM- All requirements completed for the Red Seal Diploma (if applicable)

Volunteer hours:

- Entered into MyBlueprint <https://myblueprint.ca/> prior to **the last week of school in June** to be eligible to graduate in the current year.
- **IMPORTANT!!! After June 30, when you become an inactive student, you MUST bring your proof of hours in to the Guidance Secretary or your hours will NOT BE counted for graduation.**
- The **Volunteer Action Centre** has current, up-to-the-minute list of community agencies looking for your help! Follow the link to find your volunteer position at <https://volunteerwr.ca/youth>

Post-Secondary School Applications:

- Colleges: Students can create an account to apply in the fall
- Universities: Students get P.I.N. from Guidance to apply in fall
- Fill applications out **PRIOR** to deadlines and gather other information as needed
- Look into scholarships, bursaries and grants that you can apply for starting early September

Grad pictures:

- Grad pictures typically take place in February. Book your sitting in advance.
- If not taken at school, share a high-resolution copy with the yearbook teacher- see office for info.

Commencement (Graduation Ceremony):

See the date for graduation on the website or check with Guidance/Main Office

- Create an account on [School Day](#) to register
- Through **School Day**, pay for your Commencement package

Grad Google Classrooms:

- Join the Grad Google Classroom and/or Yearbook Classroom (check with Guidance for codes).

Google Account:

When you graduate your WRDSB account is closed and you can't access your drive or files. Backup your files with this helpful app at <https://takeout.google.com/settings/takeout>

Check out this resource!



MyBlueprint <https://myblueprint.ca/>:
Plan your education, career and your future with myBlueprint.

QUESTIONS? SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR!

High School Graduation Information



Eastwood Collegiate Institute

<https://eci.wrdsb.ca/>

519-743-8265

Do you have what you need to graduate?

Graduation Requirements:

- ✓ **30 credits** to graduate AND all required credits earned
- ✓ **Literacy Test (OSSLT) OR Literacy Course (OSSLC)** passed
- ✓ **40** Hours of Volunteer/Community Service completed and recorded
- ✓ **SHSM- All requirements completed for the Red Seal Diploma (if applicable)**

PATHWAYS

WORK

Do you have an up-to-date:
Resume
Reference Sheet
Cover Letter

APPRENTICESHIP

Note: Each trade association has its own educational requirements for apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are skilled job training & work opportunities. As an apprentice, you take classes and learn your trade by working under the direction of experienced workers – and get paid while you do it.

Trades fall into the following sectors:

- Construction (for example, Construction and Maintenance Electrician)
- Industrial (for example, Welder)
- Motive power (for example, Automotive Service Technician)
- Service (for example, Hair Stylist)

Websites for more information:

- www.apprenticesearch.com
- www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship
- Ontario Colleges website @ www.ontariocolleges.ca

COLLEGE

KEY APPLICATION DATE:
February 1 (for equal consideration)

- ❑ You must create an account in the fall by applying at www.ontariocolleges.ca
- ❑ You need to have ENG 4C as a minimum for most programs.
- ❑ Each program has its **own specific requirements**. It is your responsibility to make sure you meet them.
- ❑ The Ontario Colleges site contains information about programs and colleges, along with how to apply.
- ❑ You can apply to **5 programs** with a maximum of 3 at any one College. (See site for fee)

TRANSCRIPT INFO

You do not order transcripts when applying directly from high school to colleges or universities. High schools send it directly there.

UNIVERSITY

KEY APPLICATION DATE:
Mid- January
(for equal consideration)
MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE ACTUAL DATE!

- ❑ Get your P.I.N. in the fall and apply at <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>
- ❑ You need **six** 4U or 4M credits, including a **4U English** credit, to apply.
- ❑ Make sure you **confirm the prerequisite courses** needed for the program.
- ❑ Get your P.I.N. (Personal Identification Number) to access the site from the Guidance office.
- ❑ University Information can be found at <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/>
- ❑ You can apply to **3 programs** for a base fee and pay extra for additional ones.

Check your email and log-in REGULARLY to OCAS or OUAC to check the status of your application!

Employment information websites:

- <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/employment-support.aspx>
- <http://cambridgecareerconnections.com/>
- www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario
- www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs.html
- <https://www.theworkingcentre.org/job-search-resource-centre/84>

LUTHERWOOD EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

165 King Street East, Kitchener
519-743-2460/ after hours 519-743-2246

Lutherwood Employment Services

<https://www.lutherwood.ca/employment>

Get connected to these free services and more...

- Write a resume
- Develop a job search plan
- Prepare for interviews
- Explore and find a career

Lutherwood Youth Job Connection (YJC)

supports young people in developing essential workplace skills, establishing important job search strategies, using job search tools and building a career plan.

<https://www.lutherwood.ca/employment/programs/youth-programs>

NEED MORE CREDITS OR NEED TO UPGRADE COURSES?

Speak to your guidance counsellor or contact the places below if you will need to earn credits or upgrade outside of the traditional school day. Options include:

Essential Skills Upgrading- WRDSB

Free upgrading of your reading, writing, math, computer and other skills essential for work, life and learning. <https://schools.wrdsb.ca/esu/>

Adult Classes- Day School and Correspondence Courses

St. Louis Adult Learning Centre (age 18+) <http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca>

Phone: 519-745-1201

General Education Diploma

GED @ WRDSB <http://www.wrdsb.ca/esu/pre-ged-at-esu/>

GED @Conestoga College

<https://www.conestogac.on.ca/workforce-development-continuing-education-and-online-learning/upgrading-and-skills-development/general-education-development>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ODSP https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/odsp/income_support/IS_Eligibility.aspx

Ontario Disability Support Program provides income and employment support for persons over the age of 18 who have a significant physical or mental impairment that is continuous or recurrent.

Ontario Works Financial and employment assistance (resume writing, job counselling and training, etc.)

<https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/social/ow/index.aspx>

OSAP www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program

College, Apprenticeship, Trade and University tuition support. It is a financial aid program that can help you pay for college or university through:

- **grants:** money you don't have to pay back
- **a student loan:** money you need to repay once you're done school

Scholarships Canada <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

OUInfo <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships>

Colleges <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/paying-for-college>

ScholarTree <https://scholartree.ca/>

Scholarship website for Universities <http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships>