

GRADE 10 COURSE SELECTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many courses should show in myBlueprint when I am done with my course selection?

- You should have **NINE** courses (but **EIGHT** credits) plus one alternative course. Careers (GLC2OH) and Civics (CHV2OH) add up to ONE credit but count as TWO courses, since they are a half credit each.

2. How many electives do I get to choose in grade 10?

- Three

NOTE: You need 12 elective courses in order to graduate. All elective courses count towards your diploma, as well as your compulsory courses. In Gr 11 and Gr 12 most of your courses will be electives.

3. I already took BBI1OI in Grade 9, am I able to take the new Business Course that is offered for Grade 10 students

- Yes, the new credit - BEP2OI - Launching and Leading a Business - is a brand new course code that is open to ANY student at PHS

4. I did not take Drama in Grade 9 but would like to try it in Grade 10. Which drama course code should I choose?

- If you have never taken drama previously, select **ADA2OX-** without experience.
- Students who took Grade 9 drama select Gr 10 ADA2OI- with experience.

5. Am I allowed to reach ahead to a Grade 11 class?

- Yes you can but you might miss out on some great Grade 10 electives!
- Students can put both a Grade 10 and a Grade 11 course into their course selections. If the courses are in the same subject, the Grade 10 course will be scheduled in Semester 1 and the Grade 11 course will be scheduled in Semester 2 (ENG2PI + NBE3CI).
- Remember that in your grade 11 year you will be able to take 5 electives, so you will have a chance to take many grade 11 courses in grade 11.

6. I don't know what I want to do in the future, how do I pick my courses?

- Future career plan discussions happen at all grade levels. If you come upon your interest area later in high school, a pathway plan to get to your destination is always possible!
- The best thing to do is to [read the course descriptions found on myBlueprint](#) and to pick courses that interest you!
- Visit myBlueprint.ca/wrdsb and complete the Who am I interest surveys to help you discover your interests. Then make an appointment with your guidance counsellor to discuss the results.
- **All students should see their guidance counsellor at least once a year to talk about possible future options** (especially if you don't know what you want to do!)

7. What are Group 1, 2, and 3 courses? What do I need to know for my Grade 10 Course Selections? See [PHS Course Selection Worksheet](#)

- To graduate you must plan to take 1 course out of each grouping - these do not include the compulsory courses you have to take - these courses are on top of your compulsory courses.

Group 1 credits are easy to get in Grade 11 or Grade 12. In Grade 10, focus on how you will meet your **Group 2** and **Group 3** credits.

Group 1 credits:

- Social Sciences (courses starting with “H”)
- Canadian and world studies (courses starting with “C”)
- French as a second language
- cooperative education

Group 2 credits can easily be accomplished in Grade 10 if you were planning on taking a SECOND COURSE in gym or art or French.

If you didn't take a business course in Grade 9 you could choose BEP2OI on your grade 10 course selection for your Group 2 credit.

Lastly if you have no plan to take these subjects listed above you must plan on taking Cooperative Education in Grade 11 to get your Group 2 credit.

Group 2 credits:

- health and physical education (courses starting with “P”)
- the arts (courses starting with “A”)
- business studies (courses starting with “B”)
- French as a second language
- cooperative education

Group 3 credits must be planned for, particularly if a student does NOT plan to take any more science after Gr 10.

- A Gr 10 technology, computer or academic french credit could be selected in Grade 10 for your Group 3 credit.
- The student could also wait until Gr 11 to take Cooperative Education to get your Group 3 credit.
- Students who took TIJ1OI or TEJ1OI in grade 9, have accomplished their Group 3 credit.

Group 3 credits:

- science (Grade 11 or 12) (courses that start with an “S”)
- technological education (courses that start with a “T”)
- French as a second language
- computer studies (Courses starting with “ICD”)
- cooperative education

8. I want to go to Summer School. How do I sign up?

- You may only take ONE course at Summer School; it is Mon-Fri 8:30-3pm for the month of July; Courses are offered in person and online (asynchronously) based on demand.
- If you are positive that you are registering for Summer School this summer, fill out this [Summer School Registration form](#). This form will also be active in the Grade Google classroom "PHS Class of 20XX".
- You will hear reminder announcements on all Google Classrooms for each grade, as well as announcements over the PA, and notices on the PHS website to register for Summer School before the end of March.
- If you fail a course in June and want to register for Summer School, see your guidance counsellor who can tell you if there is room in the class for a late registration.

9. If my plan is to go to Summer School, what do I put in for my course selections on myBlueprint?

- Choose "SUMSCH" as one of your **alternative courses** in myBlueprint. This will indicate that you have plans to go to Summer School.
- For your course selection requests, assume that you are going to Summer School and that you are going to pass the course you take there. For next year's courses, choose the next course to take based on the course you take in Summer School.
 - ie. If you take ENG2DI at Summer School, choose NBE3UI for next year's courses on myBlueprint. You could also take an elective course.

10. VOLUNTEER HOURS - you need them to graduate!

- We recommend that PHS students complete all 40 hours by the end of the summer after Grade 10
- Please go to the PHS homepage and click on the [Submit Volunteer Hours here](#) to complete the form. This will ensure your hours are entered correctly
- Submit a new google form for each different volunteer activity you did ie. Food Bank -10 hours go on one form and Cambridge Community Clean Up- 4 hours goes on a 2nd form.
- Submit the form right after you finish volunteering so it is fresh in your mind
- We recommend you get a signature on the tracking form and keep it for use on your resume, listing dates and activities done
- Volunteer hours will show as "Completed" on *myBlueprint* when the information gets uploaded. Your hours will not be visible immediately on *myBlueprint*.
- [Volunteer Waterloo Region](#) is a good database to sort opportunities available in Cambridge

11. How many E-learning credits do I need to complete?

- You only need to complete 2 E-Learning credits
- You are allowed to opt-out of this course if you and family think this does not suit your learning style. Please fill out the green form and return it to Guidance.
- E-Learning classes are run **asynchronously**. This means that you will need to be able to complete the work on your own with minimal teacher direction. You need to reflect on your learning style to ensure this is the right choice for you. Students doing an E-learning course will have a blank in their timetable where you would be expected to be in the cafeteria or library to work on your course.
- If you are interested in taking E-Learning courses you must choose these at **Course Selection time** by clicking on the Discipline tab. All available E-learning courses will show