



## Tips To Help Your Teen Succeed In High School

- Encourage your teen to get involved in school teams and clubs.
- Take an interest in your teen's learning by asking what is happening in each class.
- Help your teen organize their time and learning materials.
- Keep an assignment calendar posted where you and your teen can check it regularly.
- Provide your child with a place to study and complete homework.
- Keep track of your teen's school attendance. If you have concerns, please call the school immediately.
- Try to communicate regularly with the school for updates and/or advice regarding your teen.
- Know your teen's friends - they will meet many new people over the next few years.
- Know where your teen is and what they are doing.
- Make sure your teen gets plenty of sleep. Research shows teens need at least nine hours or more per night.



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# Summer Reach Ahead High School Opportunity

(Grade 8 Students)

- ✓ Earn a high school credit!
- ✓ Connect with your community!
- ✓ Learn the skills you need to succeed in high school!



## Reach Ahead!!

This is an exciting opportunity designed to increase your teen's success in secondary school.

By successfully completing the Reach Ahead program, your teen will start Grade 9 having already earned a credit and feeling confident that he/she can succeed in high school.

The program is intended to provide a hands-on, activity-based, engaging experience for all teens.

## Who Is Reach Ahead For?

Reach Ahead is for teens starting Grade 9 in September who:

- are taking mainly applied type courses,
- will be attending a WRDSB high school,
- want to learn the strategies needed to succeed in high school, and
- want to earn a credit before they start Grade 9.

## What Credit Will My Teen Take?

Teens in the Reach Ahead program will take the Learning Strategies 1: Skills for Success in Secondary School (GLS 10I) credit.

The focus of this course is on learning strategies that will foster your teen's independent learning skills. Your teen will work on developing their personal management, organizational, interpersonal and teamwork skills. This course builds the confidence and motivation needed to maximize learning and achievement in secondary school.



## When?

### Start:

Thursday, July 2, 2015

### End:

Friday, July 24, 2015

### Time:

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Where?

Sir John A. Macdonald S.S.  
Cameron Heights C.I.  
Jacob Hespeler S.S.  
Bluevale C.I.

### Registration Deadline:

Friday, May 1, 2015

*Location availability is  
dependent on enrolment*

## Transportation

To determine eligibility for transportation, visit [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca)

## Reach Ahead Attendance Policy

### Daily attendance is mandatory.

Your teen is earning a high school credit. Attendance is an essential requirement in all summer school courses. After two absences, your teen should expect to be withdrawn from the summer school course. Please note that two lates equal one absence.

### What happens if your teen misses the first day?

If your teen does not attend the first day of summer school classes he/she will be removed from the course.

