

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION



A look at all the choices you have
and where to find the information

THESE SLIDES WILL BE POSTED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Overview

- What the transition process looks like
- What awaits you at High School
- Courses in High School
- Special Programs
 - IB
 - ECI Arts
 - Preston Enhanced
 - Fast Forward

Transitioning to High School

Step 1: Learn about all options for high school (November-January)

- Attend Open Houses
- Look on wrdsb.ca for more information
- Talk with your family, teachers and friends

Step 2: Applying to Special Programs (January-February)

- IB, Enhanced, Fast Forward

Step 3: Choose your courses (February)

- Choose which classes are right for you!
- Discuss these choices with your family and teachers.

Finding a balance in High School

- Athletics
- Academics
- Arts
- Friends
- Clubs
- Community Involvement

Streaming in High Schools

All Core subjects (English, Math, Science, French, etc.) have 2 main streams

Academic

- Recommended to have over a 70% average in the subject
- Emphasis on theoretical, abstract applications of the essential concepts
- Lead towards university and college degrees after high school

Applied

- Emphasis on practical, concrete applications of the essential concepts
- Lead to senior courses preparing students for college, apprenticeship, skilled trades and the workplace

Grade 9 Mandatory Courses

- **English** (Academic or Applied)
- **Geography** (Academic or Applied)
- **Math** (Academic or Applied)
- **Science** (Academic or Applied)
- **French** (Academic or Applied)

The Grade 9 and 10 Schedule

The bolded courses below are mandatory

GRADE 9	GRADE 10
English	English
Geography	History
Science	Science
Math	Math
French	Civics and Careers
Physical Education	ELECTIVE
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Credits to Graduate High School

Credits required to graduate

- 4 English
- 1 French
- 3 Mathematics
- 2 Science
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts
- 1 Physical Education
- .5 Career Studies
- .5 Civics (Government)
- 12 Electives

Credits left to complete after Grades 9 and 10

- 2 English
- 1 Mathematics
- 1 Arts
- 1 Physical Education
- 7 Electives

Possible Electives

Arts

- Drama
- Band
- Choir
- Guitar (Grade 10 or 11)
- Visual Arts

Languages (Grade 10)

- French
- German
- Spanish

Possible Electives

Business

- Intro to Business
- Business Tech. (Communication)

Computers (Grade 10+)

- Computer Tech.
- Computer Studies

Possible Electives

Humanities

- Food and nutrition

Tech

- Tech Design (Grade 9)
- Auto/Wood/Metal Shop (Grade 9)
- 6 different tech options in Grade 10

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Uniques opportunities that you must apply for.

Special Programs

- Fast Forward
- Eastwood Arts Program
- International Baccalaureate
- Preston Enhanced (Preston must be your home school to apply)

Fast Forward

- Focuses on helping students acquire the skills needed to get a job after high school.
- I will be seeing students to talk more about this program later this month.
- Jacob Hespeller S.S. is where the program is located.
- OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday December 2 @ 6:00 pm

Eastwood Arts Program

- Focuses on Arts programs: visual, vocal, instrumental, drama, design
- Take core classes such as English, Math, Science, Geography
 - academic and applied available for each
- You must apply to be in this program
 - the application involves an audition in 1 of the arts areas
- Eastwood Collegiate in Kitchener is where the program is located
- OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday December 2nd @ 6:30pm
- INFO SESSION- Tuesday November 24th @ 1st Nutrition Break in Library

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- High level academic program
 - 83% or higher in every subject strongly recommended
 - Graduate high school with an IB certificate
 - Counts as university/college credits
 - You must apply for a chance to be in this program
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- Glenview Park S.S. is where the program is located
 - OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday November 18th @ 6:30pm

Preston Enhanced

- Academic level classes for all subjects, looking for 80% or more in most classes
 - Extra opportunities such as field trips, guest speakers, etc.
 - Take AP exams in Grade 12 for University credits.
 - Need to apply to be in this program
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- Runs out of Preston, you can only apply if you would attend PHS regularly
 - OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday December 2nd @5:30
 - This is the same night as Eastwood Arts, plan carefully

Goals of the Enhanced Program:

- to provide academic programming throughout high school at an increased depth and pace for gifted and extremely capable learners as preparation for post-secondary destinations
- to allow for extension of learning and diversity in intellectual stimulation
- to create a stimulating environment for intellectual inquiry and growth
- to offer the opportunity to obtain Advanced Placement credit(s)

Characteristics of Enhanced Learners:

- rapid rate of processing information and linking concepts
- creative thinking reaching beyond society's accepted and/or expected pattern
- insightful response and awareness in social issues
- motivated to learn independently; takes initiative for own learning
- ability to accept or create new learning environments
- above average academic ability often paired with strong academic results

Where to find more information

- The bulletin board across from Mr. Ross' room
 - Important dates and info for each program will be posted here
- Open Houses at High Schools
 - GO TO THEM, if you have interest, attend
 - Best source of information
- Internet
 - School websites and the board website wrdsb.ca
- Mr. Ross
 - Let me know if you have a quick question or want to sit down and talk about high school and what is available for you
- Family and friends.
 - Talk to the people around you, they want what is best for you

What Mr. Ross needs from YOU!

- Go to the Open Houses
- Let Mr. Ross know by Friday November 27th:
 - If you are moving before September of next year
 - If you are planning on attending a high school other than PHS
 - If you are applying to a special program (IB, ECI Arts, PHS Enhanced, Fast Forward)
 - If you don't talk to Mr. Ross he will assume you are going to Preston HS.

MAKE SURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH ME!!!

I CANNOT READ YOUR MIND!!!