

# 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
- Magnet 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](http://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

# Secondary School Diploma Requirements

- 30 required credits
- 18 compulsory and 12 elective
- 40 hours of community involvement
- Completion of the Ontario Literacy Test



# 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

# The Grade 9 and 10 Schedule

The bolded courses below are mandatory

GRADE 9	GRADE 10
<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>Civics and Careers</b>
Physical Education	ELECTIVE
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# Possible Electives

## Arts

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

## Languages (Grade 10)

- French
- German
- Spanish

## Business

- Intro to Business
- Business Tech.  
(Communication)

## Computers (Grade 10+)

- Computer Tech.
- Computer Studies

## Humanities

- Food and nutrition

## Tech

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

# Grade 9 Mandatory Courses

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



# Streaming in High School

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

Questions??

# Magnet Programs

Unique opportunities that you must apply for.

# Magnet Programs

- Fast Forward - Jacob Hespeler
- Eastwood Arts Program - Eastwood Collegiate
- International Baccalaureate - Glenview Park Secondary School
- Preston Enhanced (Preston must be your home school to apply) - PHS

# Fast Forward

- Focuses on helping students acquire the skills needed to get a job after high school.
- These students will be identified by our Guidance department and conversations will take place with parents about the opportunities presented in Fast Forward
- Jacob Hespeler S.S. is where the program is located.  
OPEN HOUSE- Wednesday, November 28th, 6:00 pm (Jacob Hespeler library)
- [Fast Forward link](#)
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# 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, Applications are Due JANUARY 18th, 2019

- Eastwood Collegiate in Kitchener is where the program is located  
OPEN HOUSE- November 22 @ 6:30.
- [Eastwood Arts Program](#)

# International Baccalaureate (IB)

- High level academic program 83% or higher in every subject strongly recommended
- Graduate high school with an IB certificate
- You can write AP exams for university/college credits
- You must apply for a chance to be in this program
- Glenview Park S.S. is where the program is located
- OPEN HOUSE- Tuesday November 20th, 2018 @6:30pm
- [IB @ Glenview Park](#)
- Info meeting @ 2nd Nutrition Break November 14th - in the Library
- Grade 8 Information Night Wednesday December 5th, 2018 @ 7-9pm.

# 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.
- You may write AP exams in Grade 12 for University credits.
- Need to apply to be in this program
- Runs out of Preston, you can only apply if you would attend PHS regularly
- OPEN HOUSE- Thursday November 29th, 6:30-9pm
- Enhanced Information Thursday November 29th, @ 6:30-9:00
- [Preston Guidance - EP and AP](#) -



## **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 Room 212

  - 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](http://wrdsb.ca)

- Mr. Borghese

  - Let me know if you have a questions 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

# Next Steps

- Speak to your parents about high school - where to go, what magnet programs to apply for
- Log in to School day for permission to attend the PHS day for all grade 8 students on Nov 21st
- Attend open houses, visit websites, get all of the information about high school.

# What we need from YOU!

- Go to the Open Houses
- Let Mr. Borghese know:
  - 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 us will assume you are going to Preston HS.



**MAKE SURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH US!!!**

**WE CANNOT READ YOUR MIND!!!**