

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS

All students must have a total of 8 courses in Grade 9:

6 compulsory courses: English, French, Geography, Math, Phys. Ed, and Science
+
2 elective courses

When choosing your courses, the characters are very important:

Grade 9 course codes contain a “1” in the fourth position

Academic course codes contain a “D” in the fifth position

Applied course codes contain a “P” in the fifth position

Essential course codes contain a “L” in the fifth position

French Immersion course codes contain an “F” in the sixth position

Open course codes contain an “O” in the fifth position

i.e. SNC1**D** MAT1**L** FSF1**P** CGC1**DF** ADA1**O**

As you choose your courses, you will be asked to select the APPLIED or the ACADEMIC or the ESSENTIAL level for each of your compulsory courses. Please note that for September 2021, the District is implementing a **new Grade 9 Math de-streamed course – MTH1W**; we will no longer offer Math at the Applied or Academic level but we will offer Math Essential - MAT1L. *Please click on “Course Levels” for more information.*

Do all courses I select have to be the same level? NO. Students are encouraged to take the level that best suits their interests, goals and/or learning style. For example, a student can take English ACADEMIC but decide to take Science APPLIED.



We are now offering 3 options for Phys. Ed: PPL1O (all genders), PPL1OP (female) and PPL1OQ (male).

For the electives, all options are offered at the OPEN level as they are introductory courses:

ART

-Drama
-Music
-Visual Arts

BUSINESS

-Info & Communication in Business

TECHNOLOGY

-Communications Technology
-Robotics
-Technological Design

For the 1st elective, all students must choose a course in the ART category. Drama and Visual Arts are offered in English and in French for the French Immersion students.

For the 2nd elective, students can take another course in the ART category, OR choose a course in the BUSINESS category or in the TECHNOLOGY category.

Students will choose their courses on Xello, the course planning tool on the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board website. *Please click on “Xello Instructions” for more information.*

► If your child intends to apply to attend another school in the OCDSB, they must still complete an option sheet for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. If your child is accepted at the other school, the school will contact us and we will send over the paperwork.

► If your child does not live in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier attendance area, parents/guardians must apply online. *Please click on “Online Student Transfer Application” for more information and due date.*