

SELECTING COURSES FOR GRADE 10

The Grade 10 program usually includes:



English



Math



Science



History



Civics and
Careers



Additional
Courses

In Grade 10, students will select an appropriate combination of academic, applied and locally developed courses to add to their knowledge and skills, as well as explore their interests. Check out your school's Course Selection guide for all additional course options.

Keeping More Pathways Open

Thames Valley believes that the decision on which pathway a student may take should be made after a strong foundation in both Grades 9 and 10.



Selecting academic courses in Grade 10 empowers students to pursue any future they want in apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace.

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/destreaming-in-secondary-schools.aspx>

SELECTING COURSES THROUGH MYBLUEPRINT

This online tool is available to all TVDSB students (Grades 7-12), teachers and parents/guardians to:

- investigate and research educational options for all pathways (apprenticeship, work, college and university)
- discover learning styles
- explore career interest surveys
- plan secondary school courses, set short-term and long-term goals,
- build resumes and much more.

For more information visit: www.myblueprint.ca/tvdsb or <https://education.myblueprint.ca/tvdsb-course-selection>

my **Blueprint**



Course Options for Grade 10

ACADEMIC	APPLIED	LOCALLY DEVELOPED
<p>Academic courses develop students' knowledge and skills through the study of theory and abstract problems, while also incorporating practical, concrete applications of concepts.</p> <p>Academic courses keep ALL pathways open for post-secondary learning, and allows students to take Grade 11 and 12 University, Mixed, College, Workplace and Open classes.</p>	<p>Applied Courses develop students' knowledge and skills by focusing on practical, concrete applications of concepts and incorporating theoretical applications.</p> <p>Prepares students for future studies in Grade 11 and 12 College, Open and Workplace courses. Students may select a Grade 10 Applied course to build skills before selecting a Grade 10 Academic course.</p>	<p>Locally developed courses focus on relevant and practical activities that provide opportunities to develop literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, decision-making, and communication skills.</p> <p>Prepares students for future studies in Grade 11 and 12 Workplace courses. Grade 9 and 10 De-streamed or Academic courses may be available for students to take depending on the courses they have selected for Grade 9.</p>

Please speak with your guidance counsellor for more information and support with pathways planning.

Course Selection Timeline

January 8, 2024

Course Selection begins in myblueprint.

January 8 -
February 16

Students will select their courses for Grade 10. Students submit courses and sends parent/guardian an email through myBlueprint to approve course selection. Parents approve or reject course selection through the email they received, or paper copies can be provided by the school. Guidance teachers will reach out to students and parents/guardians if they have any questions or concerns with course selection to help with pathway planning. Parents and students can reach out to Guidance to help with selecting courses and pathway planning.

February 16*

Course Selection is complete and students must have submitted courses by the deadline. *schools may set an earlier deadline for course selection to be due. Please follow your school's deadline for submissions



Don't forget to complete your
community involvement hours

www.tvdsb.ca/highschool





What do you need to graduate?

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

30 CREDITS
in TOTAL

18 Compulsory + 12 Elective

12 Elective Credits

Elective credits may be earned in all subjects, including those named in the compulsory credit list, provided that such electives are additional to the compulsory credits. The elective credits allow for concentration in a curriculum area of special interest.

2 ONLINE COURSES ****

18 Compulsory Credits

To earn a **OSSD** students must earn the **15** credits listed below, plus an additional **3** credits

4	credits in English* (1 per grade)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	credits in mathematics (1 Senior)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	credits in science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	credit in Canadian history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	credit in Canadian geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	credit in the arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	credit in health and physical education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	credit in French as a second language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.5	credit in career studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.5	credit in civics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Plus an additional **3 credits** (1 from each of the following groups):

1	Group 1 - an additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education**	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Group 2 - an additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language, or cooperative education**	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Group 3 - an additional credit in science (Senior), or technological education, or French as a second language, or Native languages, computer studies, or cooperative education**	<input type="checkbox"/>

40 HOURS of
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

40 Hours Community Involvement

Students require a minimum of 40 hours of community service to graduate High School in Ontario. There are many benefits to volunteering, including giving back to the community, learning new skills, developing awareness about civic responsibility, deepening one's understanding of their role in society and networking opportunities for potential future employment. Students may begin accumulating hours in the summer before Grade 9.

If you have any questions about Graduation requirements, please reach out to your High School Guidance Office, or visit www.tvdsb.ca/HighSchool

COMPLETION of the
LITERACY REQUIREMENT

Graduation Literacy Requirement

In Grade 10, all students must take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) which will be administered through the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Unsuccessful candidates will be given the opportunity to rewrite the test the following school year. There are EQAO permitted accommodations for students with an IEP. Students not working towards an OSSD may be exempted from writing the test.

Students who have been eligible to write the OSSLT and have been unsuccessful at least once may take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC40). Students who successfully complete this course will have met the graduation literacy requirement.

In addition to the 18 compulsory credits, students must complete:

12	elective credits***	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	hours of community involvement activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ontario Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	online courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

*** May include up to four credits achieved through approved Dual Credit courses.

**** The cohort of students who entered grade 9 in 2020-21 and after will be required to complete **2 online courses** as part of their secondary school requirements. Parents/guardians can request to opt out of this requirement.

Speak to your student's guidance counsellor for more information.

Certificate of Accomplishment

Students who leave school before fulfilling the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma or the Ontario Secondary School Certificate may be granted a Certificate of Accomplishment. This certificate may be a useful means of recognizing achievement for students who plan to take certain vocational programs or other kinds of further training, or who plan to find employment after leaving secondary school.

Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC)

On request, students will be granted the OSSC when they leave school before earning the OSSD, provided that they have earned a minimum of 14 credits.

7 Compulsory Credits:

2 English, 1 Canadian geography or Canadian history, 1 mathematics, 1 health and physical education, 1 science, 1 arts or technological education

7 Elective Credits:

Selected by the student from available courses