

AJAX HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION FOR THE **2024/25** SCHOOL YEAR

- To choose courses, follow the instructions provided in the “**GRADE 8 AJAX H.S. IPP AND COURSE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS (for the 2024-25 school year)**” handout.
- Choose courses wisely - consult your parent/guardian and teachers and your *Course Planning Tool Sheet*.
- Ensure the “*Sign Off Sheet*” from myBlueprint is approved by the parent/guardian through email.
- Ensure your *Course Planning Tool Sheet* is signed by you, your parent/guardian and submitted to your teacher.

Last date for submission of courses via myBlueprint: February 26, 2024

Current grade 8 students entering grade 9

Students must select 8 courses (5 compulsory courses, 3 elective courses (+ 2 Alternates). We recommend that students choose at least 1 course in each of the Arts, Physical Education, Technological Studies in either their grade 9 or grade 10 year.

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| GEOGRAPHY | CGC1W1 (Destreamed) or CGC1WF (French Immersion) |
| ENGLISH | ENL1W1 (Destreamed), ENG1L1 (Locally Developed), <i>For students whose first language is not English, you may choose one of the following:</i> ESLAO1 (English as a second language - semester 1) |
| FRENCH | FSF1D1 (Inclusive Academic), FSF1O1 (Open) or FIF1DF (French Immersion) <i>Other than French Immersion students, all students must choose Core French (FSF1D1) or Open French (FSF1O1...in consultation with your grade 8 teacher) . If you have an IEP, during your IPRC meeting in the spring another course may be substituted for this French course, if applicable.</i> |
| MATHEMATICS | MTH1W1 (Destreamed), MAT1L1 (Locally Developed) |
| SCIENCE | SNC1W1 (Destreamed), SNC1L1 (Locally Developed), or SNC1WF (French Immersion) |
| ELECTIVE COURSES | ADA1O1 (Dramatic Arts) AMG1O1 (Guitar Music) AMI1O1 (Instrumental Music) AVI1O1 (Visual Arts) BEM1O1 (Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset), HIF1O1 (Individual and Family Living) PPL1O1 (Healthy Active Living - Inclusive of All Student Identities) PPL1O3 (Healthy Active Living - Male) PPL1O4 (Healthy Active Living - Female) TGJ1O1 (TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION - Exploring Communication Technologies) TAS1O1 (Exploring Technologies) TAS1OJ (Women in the Trades – Exploring Technologies) |

If an English as a Second Language student wishes to have an additional ESL course in semester 2, they can choose **ESLBO1** (English as a second language - semester 2) as one of their elective courses.

ALTERNATE COURSES This selection, chosen from the grade 9 Elective courses listed above, will only be used if one of your Elective courses cannot be scheduled.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **French Immersion students** must choose these three courses - **FIF1DF, CGC1WF, and SNC1WF.**
- Students who successfully complete Destreamed/Inclusive Academic courses in grade 9 can move directly into courses in that discipline in either the **Applied** or **Academic** stream in grade 10.
- Students who successfully complete Locally Developed courses in grade 9 can move directly into Locally Developed courses in grade 10 in that discipline. If it is academically appropriate, students could take grade 9 Destreamed/Inclusive Academic courses **in their second year of high school** in order to move into the Academic or Applied pathway.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU WISH TO COMPLETE A FULL COURSE IN SUMMER SCHOOL?

- If you wish to “reach ahead” and complete a full grade 9 course in summer school you will include this information in the “**ADD COMMENT**” box when you “**REVIEW YOUR COURSES**” in myBlueprint. In your comment, please indicate that you are going to do summer school and include the specific course that you plan to take.
- This course will **not** be in your schedule for next year. In myBlueprint you will **NOT** choose this course, but instead choose another course to fill this compulsory course slot in your Course Plan.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING FOR SUMMER SCHOOL THROUGH THE “CONTINUING EDUCATION” SECTION IN MYBLUEPRINT.

ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Beginning with the cohort of students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, all students must earn a minimum of two online learning credits as part of the requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. These types of courses are only available in grades 11 and 12 and there is a process for families to opt-out of this graduation requirement.

More information about these grade 11 and 12 courses can be found in our course calendar at <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/ddsb/ajaxhs> (change Discipline Filter to “ELEARNING Courses”).

FAMILIES WHO WISH TO OPT-OUT OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROCESS WHEN STUDENTS ARE CHOOSING COURSES AJAX HIGH SCHOOL.