



AJAX HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE **2024-25** SCHOOL YEAR **CURRENT GRADE 9 STUDENTS**

Deadline for submission of courses via myBlueprint - [March 6, 2024 at 4pm](#)

Follow the instructions provided in the “**AJAX H.S. IPP and COURSE SELECTION PROCESS FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS**” handout to choose your courses.

Choose courses wisely - consult your caregiver/guardian(s) and teachers for advice on courses and course pathways. **If you have any questions please see us in the Guidance office.**

It is important to **research** the courses required for post-secondary destinations you are considering:

College – www.ontariocolleges.ca

University - www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

Apprenticeship- www.ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON MYBLUEPRINT! Students are responsible for registering for summer school through the “Continuing Education” section. We highly recommend registering sooner rather than later for failed compulsory courses OR new courses.

What do you do if you failed a compulsory course in Semester 1 that is a prerequisite for a course that you have to take next year?

If you plan on recovering this credit in summer school **DO NOT** add this course as a course selection in your plan. 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. If you do **not** plan on doing this course in summer school, you **must** select this compulsory course as one of your course selections for next year. If you are planning to take credit recovery courses(s) in summer school, please **register now** through the ‘**Continuing Education**’ tab in your MP account so that you are assured of a spot.

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 course in summer school that you have not previously taken, 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. If you are planning to take a new course(s) in summer school (you can do one in July and one in August if you desire), please **register now** through the ‘**Continuing Education**’ tab in your MP account so that you are assured of a spot.

Course Information for Grade 9 students entering Grade 10

French Immersion students must select French Immersion courses in: History (CHC2DF), Science (SNC2DF), Civics (CHV2OF), Careers (GLC2OF), and French (FIF2DF). Careers and Civics is the only grade 10 French Immersion credit that is traditionally offered in summer school.

Select your compulsory courses from the disciplines below:

ENGLISH	ENG2D1: Academic, ENG2P1: Applied, ELS2O1: Open - For students who completed ENG1LS in gr. 9, ESLAO1: English as a second language (semester 1)
HISTORY	CHC2D1: Academic, CHC2P1: Applied, CHC2DF; French Immersion
MATHEMATICS	MPM2D1: Academic, MFM2P1: Applied, MAT2LS: Locally Developed
SCIENCE	SNC2D1: Academic, SNC2P1: Applied, SNC2DF: French Immersion, SNC2LS: Locally Developed
CAREERS & CIVICS	GLC2O1: Careers and CHV2O1: Civics, GLC2OF: Careers and CHV2OF: Civics - French Immersion

*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.*

Please note: Careers and Civics are co-requisites and must be taken together (each course is worth 0.5 credit)

- You must select three “Elective” courses, plus two “Alternate” courses.
- You are **NOT** eligible for *Study Periods, Peer Helping, or Co-operative Education*.
- The **Academic** course pathway is designed for students who intend to pursue postsecondary education at university but can also be taken by students who wish to pursue college or apprenticeships after high school.
- The **Applied** course pathway is designed for students who intend to pursue postsecondary education at college or who are interested in pursuing apprenticeship/skilled trades opportunities.
- **Locally Developed** courses are designed for students who completed Locally Developed courses in their grade 9 year, or who had difficulty meeting the applied course pathway expectations in the previous year. Locally Developed grade 10 classes lead to Workplace pathway courses in grade 11.

Students in the Workplace pathway are preparing for the world of work immediately out of high school, although there are also a few college pathways open to them after high school, as well.

Students are usually recommended into Locally Developed courses at their IPRC meeting.

- **You do not have to take all courses at the same pathway**
If you plan to pursue university directly out of high school, you would need to select at least English in the Academic pathway (depending on what type of degree/program you wish to pursue you may also need Math and/or Science in the Academic pathway - e.g. you may decide to take Academic English

and Applied Math and Science based on your academic strengths and/or goals).

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. Opt out forms can be found in the Guidance Office or in the Guidance Google Classroom. Signed forms must be returned to Ms. Twomey in the Guidance Office.

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 “Asynchronous eLearning Courses”).