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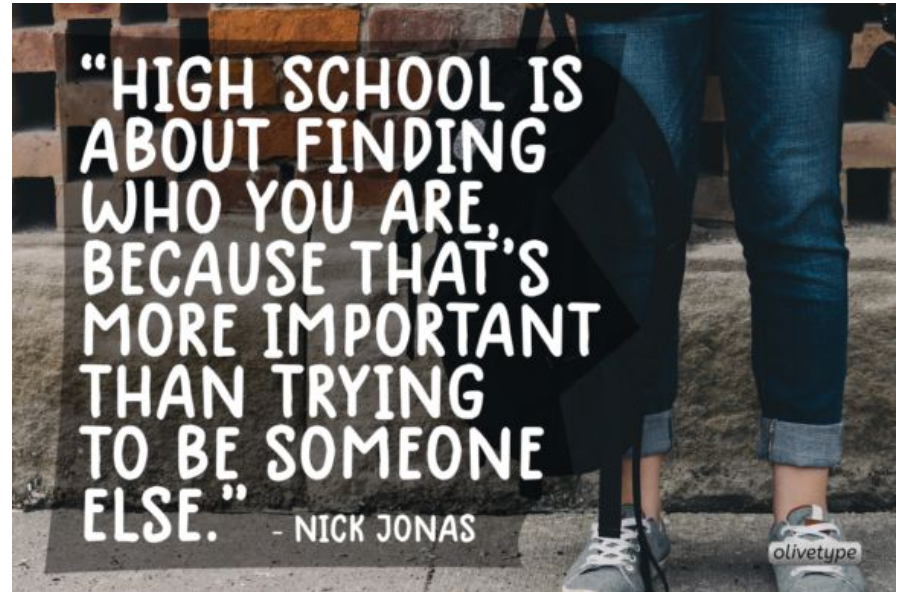
# Grade 9



**WELCOME FUTURE Wildcats!**  
**Class of 2030**

# Learning Goals for Today

- Transition events
- High school life/responsibilities
- Role of your guidance counsellor
- Graduation requirements
- Course information
- Extra curricular activities (Life as a Wildcat!)
- Next steps
- Contact information
- Questions



# Transition n Events

## Pathways to Success

November/December 2025

Grade 8 students and teachers

Hosted at elementary school

## Course Selection I

January 2026

Course Planning Guidance Counsellor visit

Grade 8 students and teachers

Hosted at elementary school

## Grade 8 Information Night

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30 - 8 pm

Grade 8 students and supporters

Hosted at I. E. Weldon

## Course Selection II

Friday, February 6, 2026

Signed copy to Grade 8 teacher

Online entry using PowerSchool

## Level Up!

April 2026 (dates TBD)

Grade 8 teachers and students

Meet teachers, tour, complete activities

Hosted at I. E. Weldon

## LINK Day/Orientation

Late August/Early September (date TBD)

New Grade 9 students

Hosted at I. E. Weldon



We are here!

What do you think are some differences between ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL?



## Elementary School

## High School

Take same courses for the whole year

Take 4 different courses each semester

All courses picked for you

You pick pathway and some courses

Move from grade to grade

Pass/fail individual courses

Tests and Assignments

Plus exams

Coat rack/desk cubby

Locker

Nutrition breaks

50 minute lunch

Classes start at 9:00 a.m.

Classes start at 8:10 a.m.

Some independence

More independence

Performance expectations

Performance expectations

Accessing extra support

Accessing extra support



# High School Student Responsibilities

***What do you think responsibilities are?***

Attendance	Punctuality
Meeting deadlines	Completing your best work possible
TCOB before or after an absence (take care of business)	Self-regulating cell phone use
Conversations with teachers	Organizing binders or google drive
Time management	Balancing school and social
Limiting social distractions/conflicts	Participating in school life
Asking for help when met with challenges	Being prepared
Practice during class and at home	Putting pencil to paper

# A Typical Day in the Life of a Wildcat

PERIOD 1 ( <i>Announcements</i> )	8:10 am – 9:25 am
<b>Break</b>	9:25 am – 9:35 am
PERIOD 2	9:35 am – 10:50 am
<b>Lunch</b>	10:50 am – 11:45 am
PERIOD 3	11:45 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Break</b>	1:00 pm – 1:10 pm
PERIOD 4	1:10 pm – 2:25 pm
<b>Final Bell</b>	<b>2:25 pm</b>

## Bus Departures:

First Wave @ 2:34pm  
Second Wave @ 2:38pm

## Tumble

Week 1 ABCD  
Week 2 DCBA  
Week 3 BADC  
Week 4 CDAB



# Role of a Guidance Counsellor

- To support students/families in the course selection process
- To support Pathway planning throughout high school and onto Post-Secondary
- To link students/families to resources and supports

We're here  
to help!

## Student Services



### How to make an appointment



OR



OR



### Reasons for an appointment

- Address change
- Co-op
- Course selection
- Dual Credits
- Community Service Hours
- Job Postings
- Mental Health and Wellness
- OYAP
- Pathway planning
- Post-secondary planning
- SHSM
- Timetable change
- Transportation

...and so much more!





# Graduation Options

## **COA - Certificate of Accomplishment**

- Programming consists of life skills and mainly not-for-credit courses

## **OSSC - Ontario Secondary School Certificate**

- 7 compulsory credits + 7 optional credits

## **OSSD - Ontario Secondary School Diploma**

- 17 compulsory credits + 13 optional credits

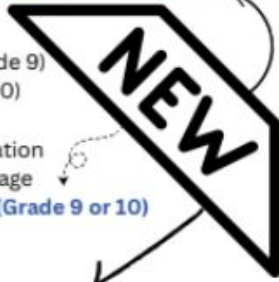


# Full OSSD Graduation Requirements

## Entering Grade 9 in 2024 or Later

### 17 Compulsory Credits

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade) \*
- 3 credits in Mathematics (**Grade 9, Grade 10, and 1 credit in either Grade 11 or 12**)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts\*\*
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- **1 credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)**
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship
- **1 credit from the STEM-related course group**



### STEM-Related Course Group

- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technological Education

### Other Requirements:

- 13 optional credits\*\*\*
- OSSLT or OSSLC
- 40 hours of community involvement
- 2 e-learning credits
- Financial Literacy Requirement (2025)

## Notes:

**Community Involvement** - Students can begin collecting hours in the summer after Grade 8. Hours are now entered online from the IE Weldon website

**e-Learning Requirement** - Students/families can choose to opt out through the IE Weldon website

<https://iew.tldsbc.on.ca/>



# Weldon Offers Multiple Pathways



# Course Planning Worksheet



## IEW Grade 8 Course Planner - Class of 2030

IE Weldon Secondary School 24 Weldon Road, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4R4

<https://iew.tdsb.on.ca/> 705-324-3585 [iewguidance@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:iewguidance@tdsb.on.ca)

### Regular Program Course Selection

*Note: Students must complete course selection using PowerSchool.*

*Please use this as a guide as a course selection planner and submit it to your Grade 8 teacher.*

Legal Last Name:	Legal First Name:	Preferred First Name:
Circle One: He/Him    She/Her    They/Them	D.O.B.(MM/DD/YYYY):	<input type="text"/>
Feeder School: CSS    DDES    JCPS    RHPS    SYPS    QVPS    OTHER: _____		
Do you have an IEP?    Yes    No	Grade 8 Teacher(s):	

**ALL STUDENTS MUST SELECT A TOTAL OF 8 COURSES**



# Course Planning Worksheet - French Immersion



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### French Immersion Program Course Selection

*Note: Students must complete course selection using PowerSchool.*

*Please use this as a guide as a course selection planner and submit it to your Grade 8 teacher.*

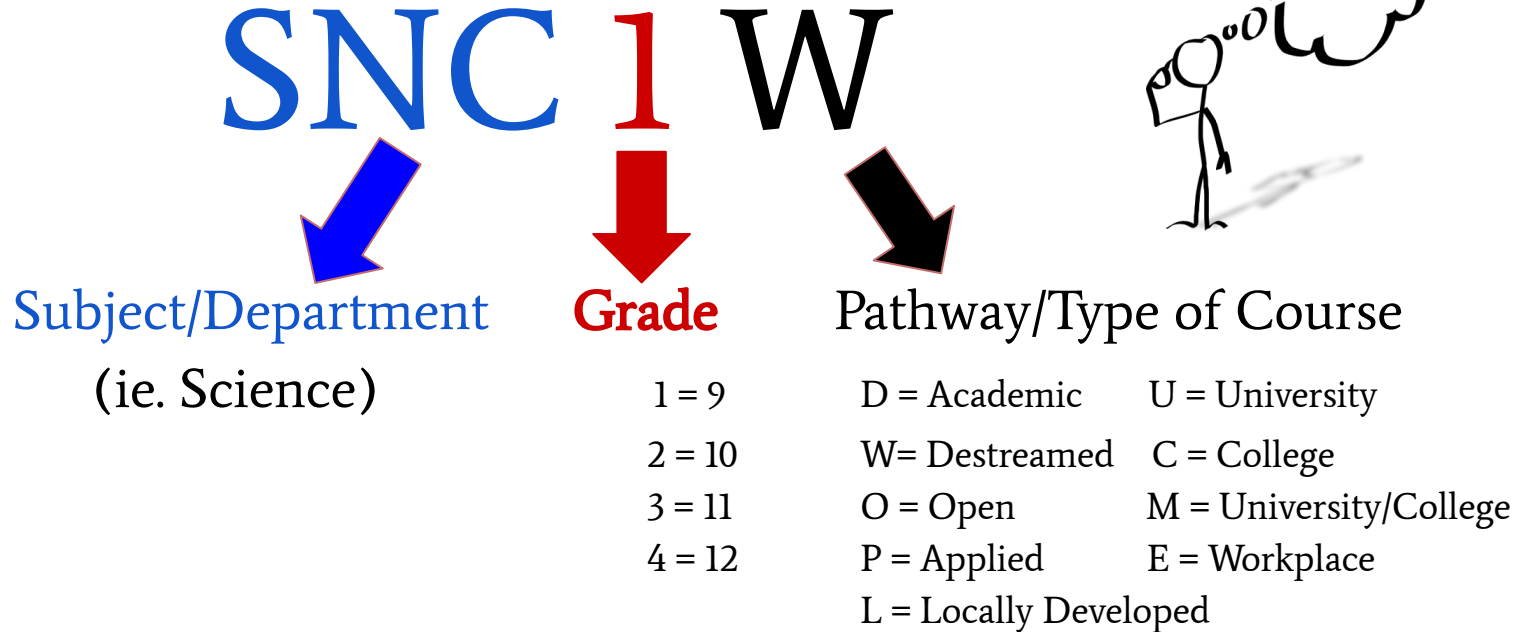
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Do you have an IEP?    Yes    No	Grade 8 Teacher(s):	

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# Grade 9 Choices: Common Questions

How do I read a course code?



# Compulsory Courses

REQUIRED SUBJECTS		<i>* Students selecting locally developed courses should consult with the Department Head of Special Education.</i>	
English	<input type="checkbox"/> ENL1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> ENG1LR (Locally Developed)*
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> MTH1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> MAT1LR (Locally Developed)*
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> SNC1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> SNC1LR (Locally Developed)*
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> CGC1WR (Destreamed)	<i>Students must select CGC1W to meet the Geography OSSD requirement.</i>	
French	<input type="checkbox"/> FSF1DR (Destreamed/Academic) <i>For students who have completed the required 600 hours of French instruction</i>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> FSF1OR (Open) <i>For students without the required 600 hours of French instruction</i>		



# Additional Courses

## ADDITIONAL COURSES - STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE THREE

- ADA1OR - Drama (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- AMU1OR - Music (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- ATC1OR - Dance (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- AVI1OR - Visual Arts (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- GLE1OR - Learning Strategies (Open)** *Available to students with an IEP*
- HFN1OR - Food and Nutrition (Open)**
- PPL1OR - Healthy Active Living (Open)** *Students must complete one Health & Physical Education credit in high school*
- TAS1OR - Technology and the Skilled Trades (Open)** *Students must complete one Technological Education credit in Grade 9 or 10*

# French Immersion Pathway

- Elementary French Immersion students have the option of continuing on in the program at IE Weldon. After the successful completion of **ten courses** taught in French in high school, students will earn a **French Immersion Certificate**.
- The French Immersion Program requires demonstrated interest in francophone cultures and languages. Students must show serious commitment to their written and spoken French in order to be successful in these credits.

REQUIRED SUBJECTS		<i>*Students selecting locally developed courses should consult with the Department Head of Special Education.</i>	
English	<input type="checkbox"/> ENL1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> ENG1LR (Locally Developed)*
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> MTH1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> MAT1LR (Locally Developed)*
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> SNC1WR (Destreamed)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> SNC1LR (Locally Developed)*
Geography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGC1WI (Destreamed - French Immersion)		
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIF1DR (French Immersion)		

# French Immersion Pathway

## ART SUBJECTS

*Students must complete one Art credit in high school*

- ALC10I - Integrated Arts (Open - French Immersion)**

## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*Students must complete one Health & Physical Education credit in high school*

- PAF10I - Personal Fitness (Open - French Immersion)**

## ADDITIONAL COURSES - FI STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE ONE

- ADA10R - Drama (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- AMU10R - Music (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- ATC10R - Dance (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- AVI10R - Visual Arts (Open)** *Students must complete one Art credit in high school*
- GLE10R - Learning Strategies (Open)** *Available to students with an IEP*
- HFN10R - Food and Nutrition (Open)**
- TAS10R - Technology and the Skilled Trades (Open)** *Students must complete one Technological Education credit in Grade 9 or 10*

# French Immersion Program

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p><b>ALC1OI</b> Integrated Arts <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>CHC2DI</b> Canadian History Since WW I <i>Academic/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>HSP3UI</b> Anthro, Psych, Soc <i>University/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>FIF4UR</b> French <i>University/Immersion</i></p>
<p><b>CGC1WI</b> Exploring Canadian Geography <i>Destreamed/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>GLC2OI - half credit</b> Career Studies <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>FIF3UR</b> French <i>University/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>FIF4OR</b> French <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>
<p><b>FIF1DR</b> French <i>Academic/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>CHV2OI - half credit</b> Civics <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>FIF3OR</b> French <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>	
<p><b>PAF1OI</b> Personal Fitness <i>Open/Immersion</i></p>	<p><b>FIF2DR</b> French <i>Academic/Immersion</i></p>		

**Note: Out of catchment students who choose to leave the FI program must return to their home high school at the next entry point.**

# PowerPack / International Baccalaureate Pathway

**Grade 9 Power Pack is no longer available.**

Students can select PowerPack in Grade 10 if they choose to pursue the IB program.

Grade 11 and 12 students may continue with a full International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or individual IB Course Packages if they so choose.



# Experiential Learning and Skilled Trades

To view the most up to date information about programs visit [iew.tldsbc.on.ca](http://iew.tldsbc.on.ca)

SHSM - Specialist High Skills Majors

**Agriculture**

**Construction**

**Manufacturing**

**Robotics & Engineering**

**Transportation**

Enrichment for Skilled Trades

Grade 9 - 12



Grade 11 - 12



**Co-operative Education**

*LEARNING TO WORK, WORKING TO LEARN*

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# Extracurricular Activities at I.E. Weldon

Fall	Winter	Spring	Year Round		
Basketball - Girls	Basketball - Boys	Antics	Athletic Union	Fibre Arts Club	Rock Band
Cross Country	Curling Club	Badminton	Book Club	Green Advocates	SAC
Golf	Hockey - Boys	Rugby - Boys	Cheer Club	Guitar Club	Trivia
Rugby - Girls	Hockey - Girls	Soccer - Girls	Concert Band	Karaoke	Weldon MUN Team
Soccer - Boys	Ski and Snowboard Club	Tennis	Debate Club	Link Crew	Weldon Writers Guild
Volleyball - Boys	Swimming	Track and Field	Electric Vehicle	Robotics Club	Wildcat Theatre
	Volleyball - Girls		Fantasy Adventure		
	Wrestling				



# Next Steps: Course Selection Process

1. Ms. Edmonstone and Ms. Leung come to visit!
2. At the visit you will receive a course selection worksheet
3. You are welcome to attend the Grade 8 Family Open House on **Wednesday, January 14 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)**
4. Discuss your course selection worksheet with your parents/caregivers
5. Complete your course selections on PowerSchool: **Due Friday February 6**

## PowerSchool Info:

- Set Up Your PowerSchool Login: An email was sent to parents on **January 6** with the information on how to create your PowerSchool account. Here is a link to the [Quick Guide](#)
- Access to PowerSchool Link: <https://pschool.tldsb.on.ca/public>

# Online PowerSchool Course Selection

Course selection starts on **January 14 and is due February 6, 2026**

Resources are on the IEW website ([iew.tldsb.on.ca](http://iew.tldsb.on.ca))

→ Guidance & Student Services section

→ Course Selections → Grade 8 Students

## Resources

It looks like this on  
our website! →

### ▲ For current Grade 8 students

- All students and parents/guardians are invited to attend IEWSS for our **Grade 8 Information Night** on Wednesday, January 14, from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **Grade 8 transition to high school events and transportation opt-in information**
- **Grade 8 course selection presentation** – this is the sliddeck from the presentation that will be delivered to Grade 8 classes at the beginning of January.
- **Grade 8 Course Selection Worksheet for the Class of 2030: Regular Program**
- **Grade 8 Course Selection Worksheet for the Class of 2030: French Immersion**
- **PowerSchool login instructions** – Current TLDSB students request their courses in

# Online PowerSchool Course Selection

Here is what your screen will look like - you are in the right place!

Navigation

- Class Registration
- My Schedule
- School Information

Welcome to the I. E. Weldon SS Class Registration System for 2026-2027

Students must select 8 courses.

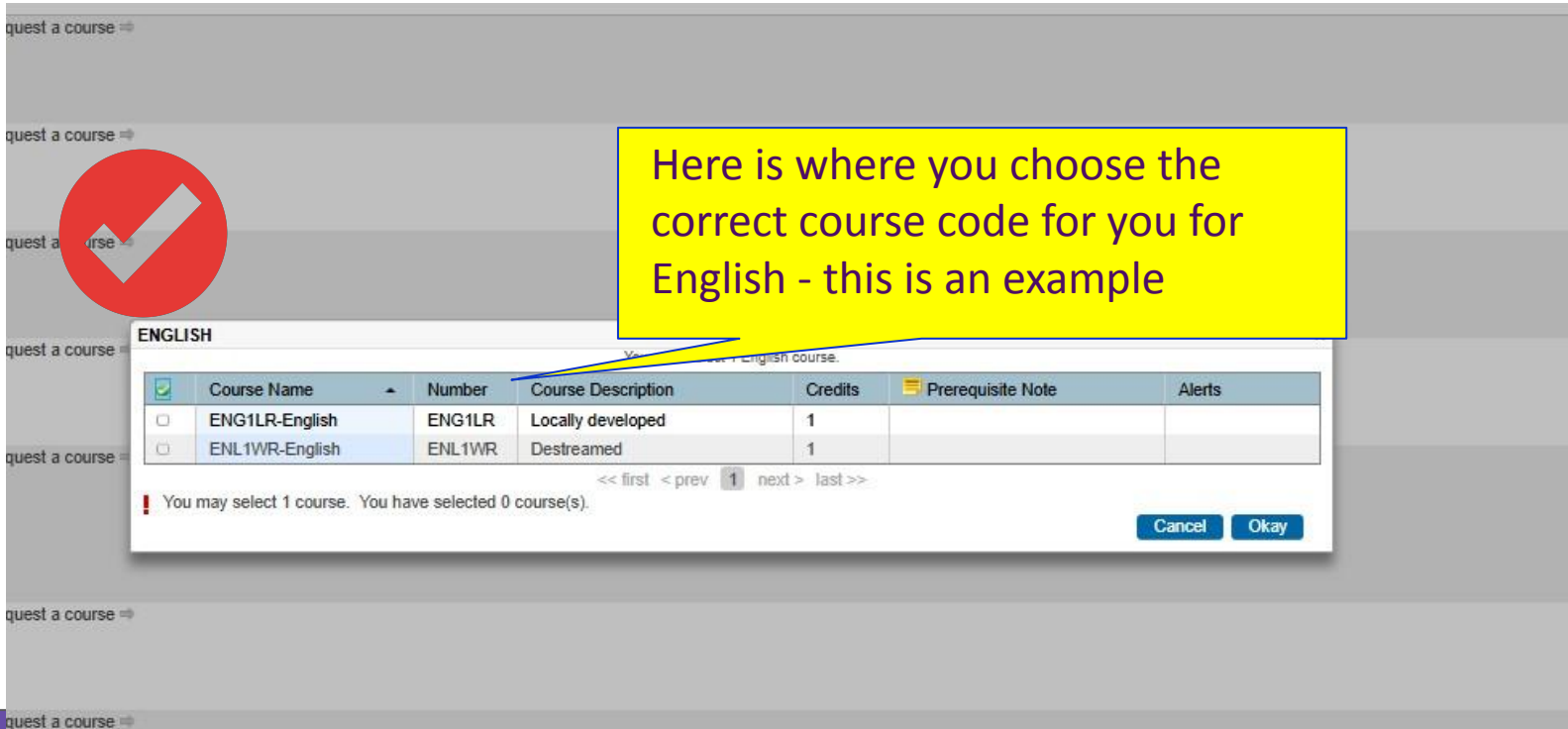
[View course requests](#)

<b>ENGLISH</b> You must select 1 English course. Number of requests to generate : 1	ENGLR-English ENGLR - 1 credits Locally developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> You must select 1 Math course. Number of requests to generate : 1	MATLR-Mathematics MATLR - 1 credits Locally Developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SCIENCE</b> You must select 1 Science course. Number of requests to generate : 1	SNCLR-Science SNCLR - 1 credits Locally Developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> You must select 1 Geography course. Number of requests to generate : 1	CGCIW - Exploring Canada CGCIW - 1 credits French Immersion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>FRENCH</b> Select 1 French course. For students without the required 500 hours of French instruction, please consult SERT for course options in this area. Number of requests to generate : 1	FSFIDR-French FSFIDR - 1 credits Academic / Destreamed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>ART SUBJECTS</b> Select 1 Art credit. Number of requests to generate : 1	AMJIOR-Music AMJIOR - 1 credits Open - (Art Credit)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>HEALTH &amp; PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> Number of requests to generate : 1	PPLIOR-Healthy Active Living PPLIOR - 1 credits Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION</b> Select 1 Technological credit. Number of requests to generate : 1	TASIOR-Technology and Innovation TASIOR - 1 credits Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OPTIONAL COURSES</b> Number of requests to generate : 1	HFNIOR-Food and Nutrition HFNIOR - 1 credits Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Additional Requests</b> Requests that are currently not associated with any	Click the edit button to request a course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Most of you will do this with your classroom teacher, who can support if there are challenges or questions.

# Online PowerSchool Course Selection

Here is what your screen will look like - you are in the right place!



The screenshot shows a course selection window titled "ENGLISH". A yellow callout box points to the "Course Code" column of a table. A red circle with a white checkmark is positioned to the left of the table. The table lists two courses: ENG1LR-English and ENL1WR-English. Below the table, a message states "You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s)." and there are "Cancel" and "Okay" buttons.

Here is where you choose the correct course code for you for English - this is an example

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENG1LR-English	ENG1LR	Locally developed	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENL1WR-English	ENL1WR	Destreamed	1		

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel Okay

# Feeling nervous? A little stressed?

- The Link Crew are a group of Grade 11 and 12 Students who support Grade 9's in the transition to high school.
- Your Link Crew Leaders will run a welcome event and connect with you throughout the year.

## **Grade 9 Orientation: LINK DAY** **To Be Announced**



Let's Review!



1. Review this slidedeck
2. Attend **Grade 8 Family Information Night - Wednesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm**
3. Discuss course selections with Grade 8 teachers/staff & family
4. Submit **course selections in PowerSchool - DUE Friday, February 6th**
5. Attend **LevelUp! - April 2026, To Be Announced**
6. Attend **Link Day - To Be Announced**



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