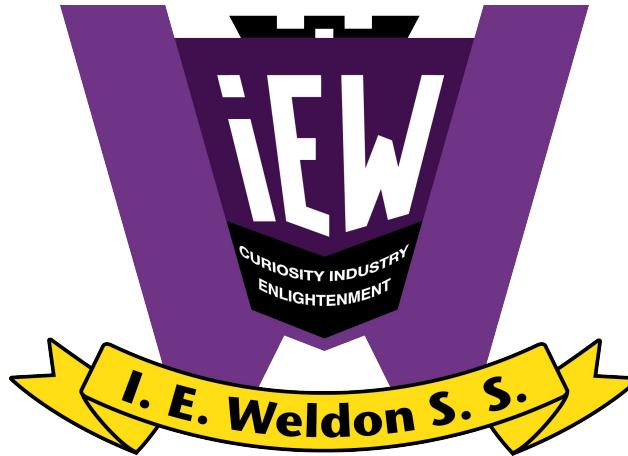


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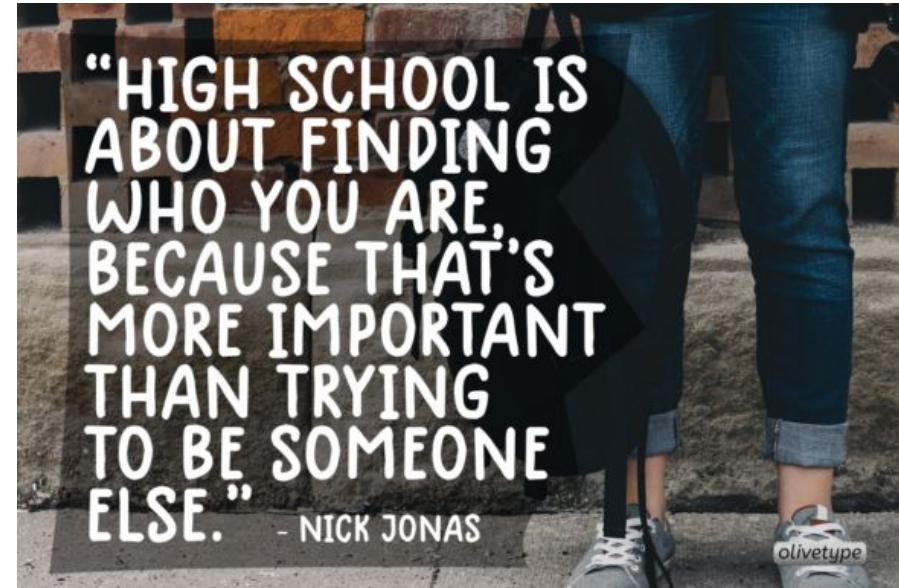
Grade 9



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 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

We are here!

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

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

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



I.E. Weldon Secondary School
Home of the Wildcats

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!



Achieving Goals & Making Transitions

Knowing Yourself



What's YOUR
'big picture'?
We are here to help!

Making Decisions & Setting Goals

Exploring Opportunities

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

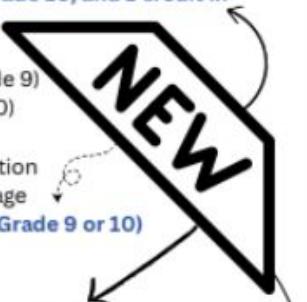
- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade) *
- 3 credits in Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10, and 1 credit in either Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts**
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 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.tldsb.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



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



IEW Grade 8 Course Planner - Class of 2030

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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.

Legal Last Name:		Legal First Name:		Preferred First Name:			
Circle One:	He/Him	She/Her	They/Them	D.O.B.(MM/DD/YYYY):			
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



Grade 9 Choices: Common Questions

How do I read a course code?

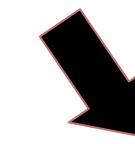
SNC 1 W



Subject/Department
(ie. Science)



Grade



Pathway/Type of Course

1 = 9

D = Academic

U = University

2 = 10

W = Destreamed

C = College

3 = 11

O = Open

M = University/College

4 = 12

P = Applied

E = Workplace

L = Locally Developed



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 (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

ALC1OI - Integrated Arts (Open - French Immersion)

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

PAF1OI - Personal Fitness (Open - French Immersion)

ADDITIONAL COURSES - FI STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE ONE

- 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)**
- TAS1OR - 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
ALC1OI Integrated Arts <i>Open/Immersion</i>	CHC2DI Canadian History Since WW I <i>Academic/Immersion</i>	HSP3UI Anthro, Psych, Soc <i>University/Immersion</i>	FIF4UR French <i>University/Immersion</i>
CGC1WI Exploring Canadian Geography <i>Destreamed/Immersion</i>	GLC2OI - half credit Career Studies <i>Open/Immersion</i>	FIF3UR French <i>University/Immersion</i>	FIF4OR French <i>Open/Immersion</i>
FIF1DR French <i>Academic/Immersion</i>	CHV2OI - half credit Civics <i>Open/Immersion</i>	FIF3OR French <i>Open/Immersion</i>	
PAF1OI Personal Fitness <i>Open/Immersion</i>	FIF2DR French <i>Academic/Immersion</i>		

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.tldsb.on.ca

SHSM - Specialist High Skills Majors

Agriculture
Construction
Information &
Communications Technology
Transportation
Manufacturing

Enrichment for Skilled Trades

Grade 9 - 12



Grade 11 - 12



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)

→ Guidance & Student Services section

→ Course Selections → Grade 8 Students

It looks like this!

The new info should
be up soon! →

▲ Grade 8

- [Grade 8 Course Selection presentation](#)
- Grade 8 Course Selection Worksheet for the Class of 2029: [Regular Program](#) / [French Immersion](#)
- [Online Course Selection using PowerSchool](#)
- [Grade 8 Transition to High School Events](#)

Online PowerSchool Course Selection

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

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool Class Registration System interface for the 2026-2027 school year. The left sidebar includes navigation links for Class Registration, My Schedule, School Information, and Help. The main content area displays course selection categories and their details:

- ENGLISH:** You must select 1 English course. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: ENG1UR-English (1 credit, Locally developed). Action:
- MATHEMATICS:** You must select 1 Math course. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: MATH1UR-Mathematics (1 credit, Locally Developed). Action:
- SCIENCE:** You must select 1 Science course. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: SNC1UR-Science (1 credit, Locally Developed). Action:
- GEOGRAPHY:** You must select 1 Geography course. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: CGC1W - Exploring Canada (1 credit, French Immersion). Action:
- FRENCH:** Selected 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. Options: FSL1OR-French (1 credit, Academic / Streamed). Action:
- ART SUBJECTS:** Selected 1 Art credit. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: AMU1OR-Music (1 credit, Open - (Art Credit)). Action:
- HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: PPL1OR-Healthy Active Living (1 credit, Open). Action:
- TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION:** Selected 1 Technological credit. Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: TAS1OR-Technology and Society (1 credit, Open). Action:
- OPTIONAL COURSES:** Number of requests to generate: 1. Options: HFN1OR-Food and Nutrition (1 credit, Open). Action:
- Additional Requests:** Click the edit button to request a course. Requests that are currently not associated with any course.

At the top right, there are links for Welcome, Brittany Gresette, Help, and Sign Out. Below the main content, there is a "View course requests" link.

Online PowerSchool Course Selection

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

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

	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		

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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