

Grade 8 Family Night



Welcome to Brock
High School -
January 28, 2025

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

SUCCESS

We value
your achievements.

WELL-BEING

We value
how you feel.

LEADERSHIP

We value
how you grow.

EQUITY

We value
who you are.

ENGAGEMENT

We value
your involvement.

INNOVATION

We value
forward thinking.

Learning Goals

At the end of this presentation, you will....

- Know what a day at Brock High School looks like.
- Know how we can support your student in high school.
- Receive resources on how to select courses for Grade 9.

WHAT WILL MY DAY LOOK LIKE?

Entry Bell

9:25

Period 1

9:30 - 10:50

Period 2

10:55 - 12:10

Lunch

12:10 - 12:50

Period 3

12:55 - 2:10

Period 4

2:15 - 3:30

Your Day in... #s

Classes are **75** minutes long.

You have **4** classes a day.

You have **5** minutes between each class.

Lunch is **40** minutes long

WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2

WEEK 1



WEEK 2



How is High School Different?

- You take courses that earn you credits
- Each course is worth **1** credit
- **4** credits/semester
- **8** credits by the end of the year
- Semester 1: **August** to the end of **January**
- Semester 2: **February** to the end of **June**

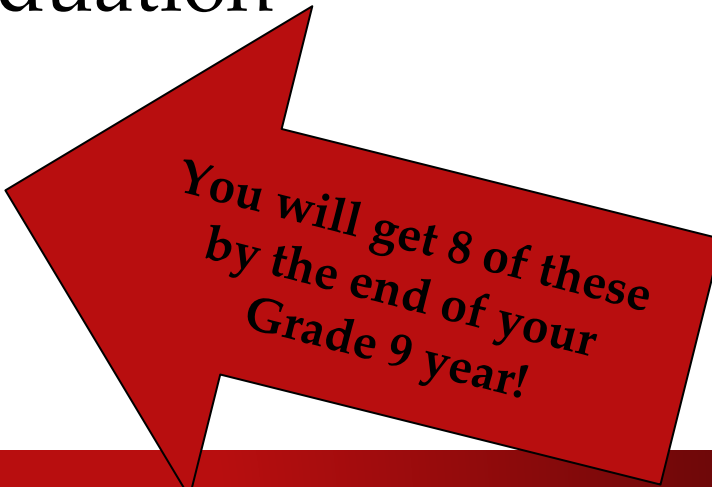
Brock is a modified calendar school - we start the week before Labour Day and get a November Break

Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

30 Credits required for graduation

17 are compulsory

13 electives



*You will get 8 of these
by the end of your
Grade 9 year!*

Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

- **40 hours of community involvement:**
 - You can start the summer of your Grade 9 year (July of 2025)
- **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT):**
 - Occurs in your Grade 10 year
 - You must pass to graduate. Do NOT stress - you will get tons of help and support!

Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

- **2 Online Learning Credits**
 - Completed in a student's grade 11 or 12 year
 - Asynchronous and independent courses offered by a variety of school boards across Ontario
 - **There is an opt-out process.** The form is on Brock's Guidance website:

<https://brockhs.ddsb.ca/en/guidance-department.aspx#Online-or-eLearning-Requirement>

Ministry of Education Assessments

at the secondary school level

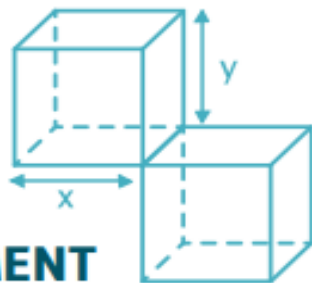


Numeracy



Do you have questions about math?

Students are encouraged to visit and register at tvomathify.com/students where certified Ontario teachers can be reached online 30 hours a week to provide **FREE Math tutoring for students in grades 7-10.**



GRADE 9 EQAO ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Depending on the semester in which Grade 9 students take Mathematics, students must participate in the province-wide Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics in either January or June.

Students with an IEP may write this assessment with accommodations provided those accommodations are contained in their IEP.

The assessment is usually administered over a total of two hours during two consecutive Math periods.

In addition, parts of this assessment may account for a portion of the student's final grade.

Literacy

GRADE 10 ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

Completion of the literacy test requires students to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) on the literacy expectations provincial standard (L10-1).

If a student is unsuccessful on their first attempt, they may re-enroll in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) if the OSSLC meets the requirements.

Students who are not successful on their first attempt may be eligible for a later administration of the test.

Accommodations for each student with special needs will be consistent with assessment accommodations on their IEP.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

Students are encouraged to use the EQAO website at eqao.com to access more information about the test and view practice assessments.

Many schools host activities such as after-school sessions to assist students in preparing for the OSSLT. Students are encouraged to attend these enrichment sessions to learn more about the OSSLT, participate in engaging activities, and receive important information about the test.

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Course Selection

How to Select Grade 9 Courses



Inclusive **GRADE 9** COURSE SELECTION

“Ending early streaming in secondary school means that Grade 9 students will continue to learn together in the same class. This will keep options open for all students to pursue postsecondary education and training in any pathway they choose, including skilled trades.”

(Ontario Ministry of Education, 2021)

MANY PATHS **TO** *SUCCESS:*

Students' needs can be met through a variety of programs, placements, and class types within the DDSB. We strive to help every student meet their full potential, while fostering the highest level of independence possible for each student. We work with students, families and board staff to support the placement that best meets the students' needs, whether that is in a regular classroom, or for some students, in a special education class.

**INCLUSIVE
MINISTRY
DE-STREAMED**

MTH1W

SNC1W

ENL1W

CGC1W

“With the introduction of this curriculum, all high school students will take the same Math, English, and Science course in Grade 9 which will allow for the same eventual opportunities for all and an improved ability to pursue the pathway of their choice after their K-12 education.”

(Ontario Ministry of Education, 2021)

Inclusive Academic Grade 9 Courses

Inclusive Academic French: **FSF1D1**

Delaying the requirement for students and families to choose post-secondary destination pathways, even by just a year to Grade 10, will provide more time to make informed choices and support all students with achieving their goals.

INCLUSIVE GRADE 9 LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSE OPTIONS

• MAT1L • ENG1L • SNC1L

Knowing that not every student will be ready for all of the Grade 9 courses right away, we have locally developed curriculum to support students and prepare them to meet the expectations of the Grade 9 courses and support their credit accumulation.

Students who traditionally would have taken Locally Developed courses will still have this as an option.

INCLUSIVE GRADE 9 OPEN SUBJECT AREAS

- The Arts
- Business Studies
- Health and Physical Education
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Technological Education

“Open courses, which comprise a set of expectations that are appropriate for all students, are designed to broaden students’ knowledge and skills in subjects that reflect their interest and prepare them for active and rewarding participation in society. They are not designed with the specific requirements of university, college, or the workplace in mind.”
(Ontario Schools, Policy and Program Requirements, 2016)

Grades 9 Levels of Study
in **ENGLISH** Courses

**LOCALLY
DEVELOPED**

**DE-STREAMED
AND
ACADEMIC**

Grades 10 Levels of Study
in **ENGLISH** Courses

**LOCALLY
DEVELOPED**

APPLIED

ACADEMIC

Grades 11 and 12 Levels of
Study in **ENGLISH** courses

• **WORKPLACE**

• **COLLEGE**

• **COLLEGE**
• **UNIVERSITY**

Initial Post-Secondary
Destination

• **APPRENTICESHIP**
• **COLLEGE**
• **WORLD OF WORK**

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• **WORLD OF WORK**

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• **UNIVERSITY**
• **WORLD OF WORK**

Potential Future
Post-Secondary Destinations

• **APPRENTICESHIP**
• **COLLEGE**
• **UNIVERSITY**
• **WORLD OF WORK**



Chose Carefully!

- Be sure to take the time to **carefully** select your electives.
- We create the entire Grade 9 schedule **based on your selections.**
- There may **not be room to move** classes/change your mind next year.

Selecting Alternatives

- We will do our best to schedule you the courses you selected.
- Sometimes, we cannot meet everyone's selections.
- Select 2 alternative electives, just in case we cannot schedule your first choices.

De-Streaming Grade 9

| De-streamed | Academic | Locally Developed | Open |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Math | French | Math | Arts |
| Science | | Science | Gym |
| English | | Exploring Technologies | |
| Geography | | Business | |

GRADE 9 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

You will select 3 of the following:

| Description | Course Code |
|--|------------------------------|
| Physical Education | PPL 101/PPL103/PPL104 |
| Drama | ADA 101 |
| Instrumental Music | AMU 101 |
| Visual Arts | AVI 101 |
| Native Studies (Arts Based) | NAC 101 |
| Technological Studies (Auto, Com Tech, Woodshop, Cooking) | TIJ 101 |
| Business Studies | BTT 101 |
| Learning Strategies | GLE 101 |

FRENCH EXEMPTIONS

- All students are being asked to select French in their Grade 9 year.
- Exemptions will be determined during your IPRC REVIEW with the Inclusive Student Services Department (Karen Clark).
- Student schedules will be adjusted to remove French once the exemption is approved.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLAN

Home

Who Am I

High School

Post-Secondary

Work

Money

Guides

Favourites

Home

Dashboard

Tasks

Class Activities

Goals

Portfolios

Complete your IPP Tasks

Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws.

[View All Tasks](#)

[Show Prizes](#)

High School • Plan

Plan Courses for Grade 9

100 points

CHOOSING YOUR CLASSES

- ALL OF YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS ARE DONE THROUGH MY BLUEPRINT
- TO CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES YOU HAVE TO...
 - ✓ **SELECT** YOUR CLASSES ON THE “COURSES” PAGE
 - ✓ **SUBMIT** YOUR CHOICES
 - ✓ **SEND** THE PARENT APPROVAL EMAIL
 - ✓ **HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVE** THE SELECTIONS VIA EMAIL
 - ✓ **PRINT** A COPY OF THE SELECTIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS (IF YOU LIKE)

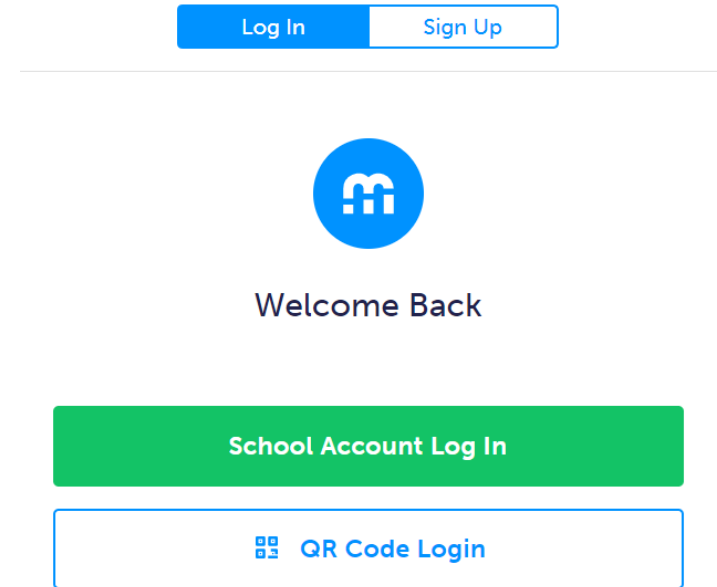
HOW TO ACCESS MY BLUEPRINT

- VISIT WWW.MYBLUEPRINT.CA/DDSB
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT CAN BE FOUND ON THE BROCK HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE
 - CLICK THE IMAGE ROTATOR ON THE HOME PAGE



STEP 1: CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

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STEP 2: PLAN COURSES

- FROM THE DASHBOARD,
SELECT “PLAN COURSES”



High School Progress

TEST
30 credits until graduation

————— ✓

Course Selection is now open!

Not Submitted ✕
Not returning next year?

[Plan Courses](#)

STEP 3: CHOOSING COURSES

✘ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Co

| Grade 9 Next Year | Grade 10 Plan Ahead |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| + English | + English |
| + Mathematics | + Mathematics |
| + Science | + Science |
| + Geography | + History |
| + French as a Second L... | + Career Studi |
| + Health and Physical ... | + Course |

To select courses, press the  button to select one of the course level options

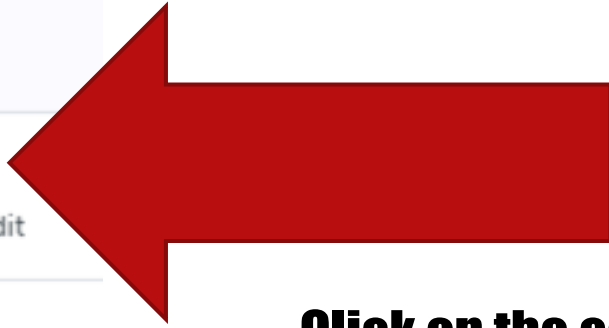
▼ English

[ENG1D1 - English](#)

Grade 9 • ENG1D1 • 1 Credit

[ENG1LS - English](#)

Grade 9 • ENG1LS • 1 Credit



Click on the correct course level for a description of the course.

ENG1D1 - EnglishGrade 9  ENG1D1  1 Credit

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12.

Course Status Planned In-Progress Completed[Add Course](#)

**Click here to
add the course**

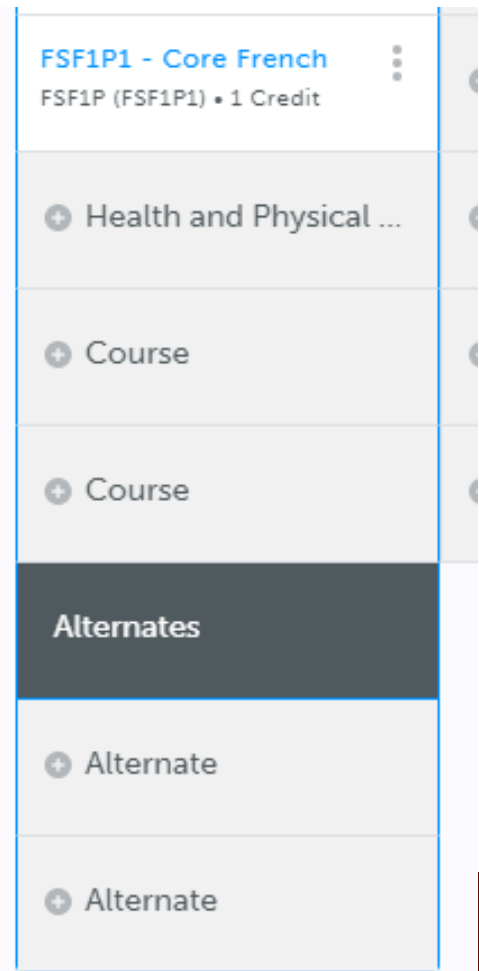


ADDING ELECTIVES AND ALTERNATIVES

**Add elective courses by pressing the
button**



Add two alternative courses as well!



| Grade 9 Next Year | |
|--|---|
| ENG1P1 - English ENG1P (ENG1P1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| MAT1LS - Mathematics MAT1L (MAT1LS) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| SNC1P1 - Science SNC1P (SNC1P1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| CGC1P1 - Issues in Can... CGC1P (CGC1P1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| FSF1P1 - Core French FSF1P (FSF1P1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| PPL1O1 - Healthy Activ... PPL1O (PPL1O1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| BTT1O1 - Intro. to Info ... BTT1O (BTT1O1) • 1 Credit | ⋮ |
| + Course | |

| Alternates |
|-------------|
| + Alternate |
| + Alternate |



This is an incomplete Course Selection. This student still needs to select an elective and two alternative courses.

**A complete Course
Selection has courses in all
of the Grade 9 boxes.**

Grade 9

Next Year

ENG1P1 - English

ENG1P (ENG1P1) • 1 Credit

MAT1LS - Mathematics

MAT1L (MAT1LS) • 1 Credit

SNC1P1 - Science

SNC1P (SNC1P1) • 1 Credit

CGC1P1 - Issues in Can...

CGC1P (CGC1P1) • 1 Credit

FSF1P1 - Core French

FSF1P (FSF1P1) • 1 Credit

PPL1O1 - Healthy Activ...

PPL1O (PPL1O1) • 1 Credit

AV1O1 - Visual Arts

AV1O (AV1O1) • 1 Credit

TIJ1O1 - Exploring Tec...

TIJ1O (TIJ1O1) • 1 Credit

Alternates

ADA1O1 - Dramatic Arts

ADA1O (ADA1O1) • 1 Credit

BTT1O1 - Intro. to Info ...

BTT1O (BTT1O1) • 1 Credit

STEP 4: REVIEW YOUR SELECTIONS

✘ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Review Course Selections



STEP 5: SUBMIT YOUR SELECTIONS

! Review your course selections before submitting. Once submitted, you can no longer make changes in myBlueprint.

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Submit Course Selections

1 Review Course Selections

✓ ENG1P1
ENG1P1 - English

✓ MAT1LS
MAT1LS - Mathematics

✓ SNC1P1
SNC1P1 - Science

✓ CGC1P1
CGC1P1 - Issues in Canadian Geography

Are you French exempt or planning to attend Summer School? Is there anything else we should know? Use the “Add Comments” box at the bottom of this page to let us know!

STEP 6: SEND APPROVAL EMAIL

Submission Details

 Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

 Step 1
Add Courses

 Step 2
Review Courses

 Step 3
Submit Courses

[Send Approval Email](#)



Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

Note: Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

[Back to High School](#)

ENTER A PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL

Submission Details

! Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

Step 1
Add Courses

Success
Your course selections have been submitted.

Note: Speak to your Counselor for more information.

Back to High School

Send Approval Email

Parent/Guardian Approval

Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection. Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selections.

Parent/Guardian Email

Send Approval Email

RECEIVING THE APPROVAL EMAIL

- PARENTS CAN APPROVE OR REJECT COURSE SELECTIONS
- IF YOU REJECT THE REQUEST, PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH BROCK'S GUIDANCE TEAM

Course Selections approval request

Hi,

First102 Last102 has requested you approve their Course Selections.

To approve these choices, you must review the information below and click 'Approve Course Selections'.

Name: First102 Last102

School: Demo High School 2

Courses Submitted:

- English (ENG4C1)
- Chemistry (SCH4CC)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC4U1)
- Visual Arts (AVI2O1)
- Introduction to Business (BBI2O1)

Alternate Courses Submitted:

- Guitar Music (AMG2O1)

[Approve Course Selections](#)


Don't approve of these Course Selections? [Reject Request](#). If you reject this request, please follow up with your school's guidance counsellor about next steps.


STEP 6: PRINT AND KEEP A COPY

YOU CAN REPRINT
THIS FORM AT ANY
TIME FROM THE
HIGH SCHOOL
SECTION OF MY
BLUEPRINT

Official High School Plan

✔ Your courses are **Submitted** Oct. 22, 2020, 5:07 p.m. EDT

Send Approval Email 



| Grade 9 Current Year | Grade 10 Next Year | Grade 11 Plan Ahead | Grade 12 Plan Ahead | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| English ENGLD1 + 1 Credit | English ENGGD1 + 1 Credit | ⊙ English | ⊙ English | |
| Principles of Mathematics MPMD1 + 1 Credit | Principles of Mathematics MPMGD1 + 1 Credit | ⊙ Mathematics | ⊙ Course | |
| Science SHCD1 + 1 Credit | Science SHCGD1 + 1 Credit | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |
| Issues in Canadian Geography CGCD1 + 1 Credit | Canadian History Since Worl... CHCD1 + 1 Credit | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |
| Drama ADAD1 + 1 Credit | Visual Arts AVGD1 + 1 Credit | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |
| Healthy Active Living Educati... PFLSD1 + 1 Credit | Coop sem 1 per B single credit COPBS + 2 Credits | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |
| Core French PFPD1 + 1 Credit | | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |
| Expressions of First Nations... NACD1 + 1 Credit | Civics and Careers CVCAR + 1 Credit | ⊙ Course | ⊙ Course | |



Course Selection Sign Off Sheet

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| STUDENT MAPPIN, SARAH | GRADE 8 | AGE -1 | SCHOOL Brock High School |
| EMAIL sarah.mappin@ddsb.ca | | OEN | |

Courses Selected (8)

Submitted: 1/12/2021 10:02:32 AM

| CODE | COURSE | TYPE | CREDIT | REQUIREMENT | ISSUES |
|----------------|--|------|--------|-------------|--------|
| ENG1P (ENG1P1) | ENG1P1 - English | P | 1 | Eng | |
| MAT1L (MAT1LS) | MAT1LS - Mathematics | L | 1 | Math | |
| SNC1P (SNC1P1) | SNC1P1 - Science | P | 1 | Sci | |
| CGC1P (CGC1P1) | CGC1P1 - Issues in Canadian Geography | P | 1 | Geo | |
| FSF1P (FSF1P1) | FSF1P1 - Core French | P | 1 | Fre | |
| PPL1O (PPL1O1) | PPL1O1 - Healthy Active Living Education | O | 1 | PE | |
| AVI1O (AVI1O1) | AVI1O1 - Visual Arts | O | 1 | Art | |
| TIJ1O (TIJ1O1) | TIJ1O1 - Exploring Technologies | O | 1 | Grp3 | |

Alternate Courses Selected (2)

| | | | | | |
|----------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| ADA1O (ADA1O1) | ADA1O1 - Dramatic Arts | O | 1 | | |
| BTT1O (BTT1O1) | BTT1O1 - Intro. to Info Tech in Business | O | 1 | | |

Ontario Secondary School Diploma - Credit summary

| | ENG | FRF | MATH | SCI | ART | PE | CIV | CAR | HIS | GEO | GR1 | GR2 | GR3 | COMP | ELEC | TOTAL |
|--|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
|--|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|



IMPORTANT DATES

- COURSE SELECTION ON MY BLUEPRINT OPENS **FEBRUARY 11 2025**
- COURSE SELECTION ARE DUE ON **FEBRUARY 27, 2025 AT 4PM** FOR ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL APPROVAL.



Student Supports at Brock

We are here to help YOU!



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

IF YOU NEED HELP...

- GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS
- SUBJECT TEACHERS
- INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (SKILLS)
- PEER TUTORS
- PRIVATE TUTORS (FOR HIRE)
- CREDIT RECOVERY
- MATH HELP AT LUNCH
- AFTER SCHOOL HELP FOR SUBJECT SPECIFIC COURSES



Mental Health and Wellness

Guidance Counsellors are able to...

- Refer you to social work support
- Refer you to psychometrist support
- Refer you for addiction counselling through Pinewood
- Refer you to the Mental Health Nurse

Join the Fun!

There are many extra curriculums available at Brock High School.

Indigenous Student Circle

Brock Positivity Group

Art Club

Black Student Association

Basketball

Chess Club

Rugby

Trivia

Soccer

Track and Field

Band

Student Council

GSA

New, based on YOU!

CONTACT US!

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Events to Look Forward To

Easing into High School



GETTING READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- **FOUR-DAY PROGRAM IN AUGUST**
- **PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL**
- **STUDENTS CAN REGISTER ON MY BLUEPRINT**

Focuses on:

- **Math Skills**
- **English Skills**
- **Study Skills**
- **Homework Management**
- **Time Management**
- **Social Skills**

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?