

Grade 8 Family Night

Welcome to Brock
High School -
January 27, 2026





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 information on when 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**

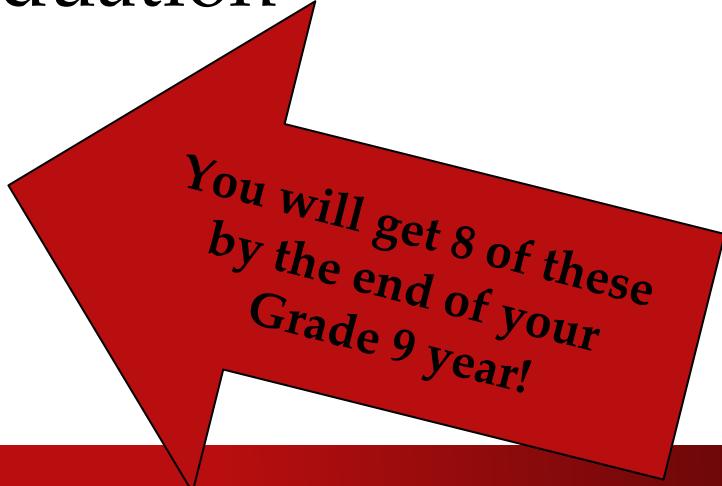
Brock is a modified calendar school - we start the week before Labour Day and get a November Break

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 2026)
- **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 or full credit summer-school
 - 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.ddsbs.ca/en/guidance-department.aspx#Online-or-eLearning-Requirement>

Ministry of Education Assessments

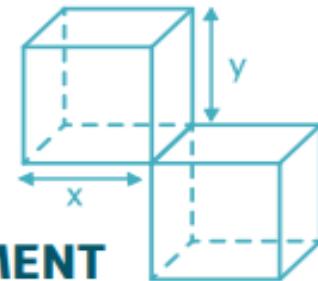
at the secondary school level



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 is required to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The test is based on the literacy expectations of the provincial standard (Level 4).

If a student is unsuccessful in writing the literacy test, they may re-enroll in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) the following year if the OSSLC meets their needs.

Students who are not successful in writing the literacy test in Grade 10 may be deferred until 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.



All students write the OSSLT. The test is based on the literacy expectations of the provincial standard (Level 4).

Following year successful completion

option, and in

Course Selection

How to Select Grade 9 Courses



INCLUSIVE MINISTRY DE-STREAMED MTH1W SNC1W ENL1W CGC1W(S)

“With the introduction of this curriculum, all high school students will take the same Math, English, Geography 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 French

Inclusive Academic French: FSF1D1
Ideal for students who have been
successful in Elementary French.
Essential for students to continue
French in Grade 10.

Open Level Grade 9 French

Inclusive Academic French: FSF101

Ideal for students have not regularly participated in Elementary French or those who have struggled to achieve success in Elementary French.

FRENCH EXEMPTIONS

- All students are being asked to select either Academic or Open level 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.

INCLUSIVE GRADE 9 LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSE OPTIONS

- **MAT1L • ENG1L • SNC1L**

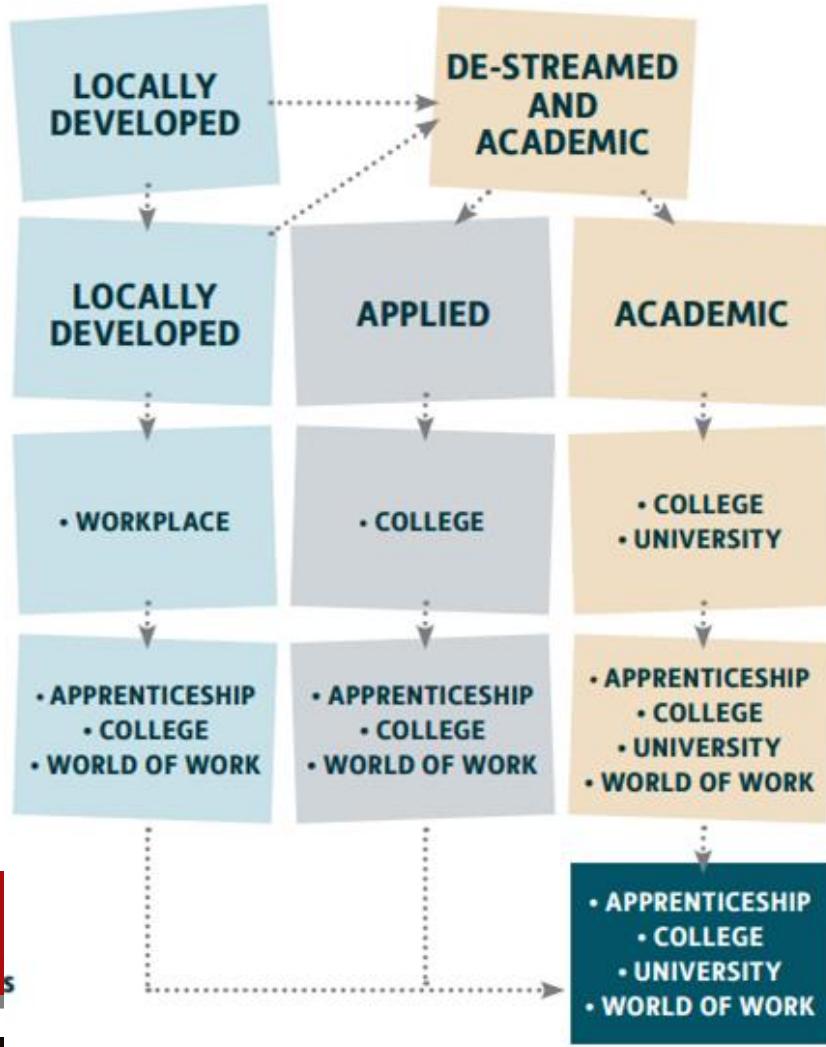
Knowing that not every student will be ready for all of the Grade 9 courses right away, we have locally developed curriculum to support students and prepare them to meet the expectations of the Grade 9 courses and support their credit accumulation.

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)



Choose 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.

GRADE 9 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

You will select 3 of the following:

Description	Course Code
Physical Education	PPL 101
Drama	ADA 101
Instrumental Music	AMU 101
Visual Arts	AVI 101
Native Studies (Arts Based)	NAC 101
Technological Studies (Auto, Com Tech, Woodshop, Cooking, Tech. Design)	TIJ 101
Learning Strategies	GLE 101

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)

FINALIZING SELECTIONS: SEND APPROVAL EMAIL

Submission Details

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

1 Step 1 Add Courses 2 Step 2 Review Courses 3 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

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ENTER A PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL

Submission Details

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

1 Step 1
Add Courses

Success
Your course selections have been submitted.
Note: Speak to your Counselor if you have any questions.
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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.



GUARDIANS: 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 ENG1D1 • 1 Credit	English ENG2D1 • 1 Credit	English	English
Principles of Mathematics MPM1D1 • 1 Credit	Principles of Mathematics MPM2D1 • 1 Credit	Mathematics	Course
Science SNC1D1 • 1 Credit	Science SNC2D1 • 1 Credit	Course	Course
Issues in Canadian Geography CGC1D1 • 1 Credit	Canadian History Since World War I CHC2D1 • 1 Credit	Course	Course
Drama ADA1D1 • 1 Credit	Visual Arts AVR2D1 • 1 Credit	Course	Course
Healthy Active Living Education FPL2GF • 1 Credit	Coop sem 3 per 8 single credit COP185 • 2 Credits	Course	Course
Core French FSL1D1 • 1 Credit		Course	Course
Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit HAC1D1 • 1 Credit	Civics and Careers CIV2C8 • 1 Credit	Course	Course

IMPORTANT DATES

- COURSE SELECTION ON MY BLUEPRINT
OPENS **FEBRUARY 10, 2026**
- COURSE SELECTION ARE DUE ON **March 5, 2025 AT 4PM** FOR ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL APPROVAL.



IMPORTANT DATES

Guidance Visits to Elementary Classes

- Ms. Mappin to visit each grade 8 class in February
 - Ease concerns about high school
 - Support with Course Selection
- Grade 9 Day – August 26, 2026.



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 curriculars 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

Faith Club

Events to Look Forward To

Easing into High School





Getting Ready for High School

August 21, 24 & 25, 2026



- Available in-person at each DDSB secondary school
- 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, with two-15 minute breaks
- Transportation available to Brock HS, Port Perry HS, and Uxbridge SS

PROGRAM INFO

- Meet other students and school staff
- Guidance and Well-being
 - including school information, study tips, and strategies for positive mental health
- Literacy and Numeracy activities



“THE MATH AND LITERACY LEARNING HAS HELPED REFRESH MY MEMORY.”
-Maxwell Heights SS student

“THIS PROGRAM WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE!”
-JCR Collegiate student

Current DDSB students
Register
on myBlueprint
For more information, or to
register as a new to DDSB student
dce.ca

Registration closes August 7th

Grade 9 Day

August 26th

- Only Grade 9 students attend.
- Parents/Guardians attend all 4 classes with their student in the morning.
- Lunch provided.
- Student community building activities in the afternoon.
- Parent information sessions in the afternoon.
- Busses WILL be running this day.

Remainder of the Evening

- Please enjoy self-guided tours around Brock this evening.
- Brock Student Ambassadors can answer questions and will have copies of...
 - School maps
 - Scavenger hunt questions

Be sure to participate as there will be prizes!

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THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?