

Class of  
2029



Welcome to Henry Street  
Grade 8 Open House

# Henry Street High School Grade 8 Information Night



Henry St. High School

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@HenryStreetHS



*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.*

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We value  
your achievements.

**WELL-BEING**  
We value  
how you feel.

**LEADERSHIP**  
We value  
how you grow.

**EQUITY**  
We value  
who you are.

**ENGAGEMENT**  
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your involvement.

**INNOVATION**  
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# Indigenous Inherent Rights

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

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# Human Rights and Equity Statement

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination while placing Human Rights and Equity at the centre.

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# Welcome Future Hawks!



**Principal:** Basil Broumeriotis

**Vice-Principals:** Kevin De Andrade (L-Z last names)  
Cheryl Wellwood (A-K last names)



# Guidance Department



**Curriculum Lead of Guidance:** AnnMarie Igel - [annmarie.igel@ddsb.ca](mailto:annmarie.igel@ddsb.ca)

**Gr 7/8 Student Success Teacher:** Teresa Suszko - [teresa.suszko@ddsb.ca](mailto:teresa.suszko@ddsb.ca)

## Guidance Counsellors:

Kathryn Hines

Alexandra McFadden

Smita Nundy

# Roles of Guidance @ Henry

- Supporting transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9
- Course selection information and assistance
- To review their timetable and check diploma requirements
- Pathway and Future Planning - University, College, Apprenticeship, Workplace
- Support with University/College applications
- Questions about volunteer hours
- Well Being and Mental Health Concerns
- Academic Support/Level changes (courses are too easy or too hard)
- Attendance Support
- Maintaining Student records (OSR)
- Junior Awards and Commencement
- Support with issues at home or with family or friends and much much more...







# Inclusive Student Services



Head of Inclusive Student Services: Claire Hardaker  
[claire.hardaker@ddsb.ca](mailto:claire.hardaker@ddsb.ca)

# Roles of Inclusive Student Services @ Henry

- Attend all grade 8 IPRC meetings to support transition discussions (ie. course selection, highschool accommodations); yearly reviews
- Maintenance of Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide information on how a student IEP follows them into highschool; what remains the same, what looks different
- Support student accommodations in the classroom and through Academic Resource
- Coordination of supports at highschool - SERT, EAs, Board Services
- Provide increased communication between school and home
- Support of student health and well-being
- Development of learning skills and advocacy
- Provide resources for Pathway Planning and support post-secondary transition (ie. connection to post-secondary Centres for Success)

# Important Information about HENRY STREET

- ★ Henry Street is on a modified school year calendar  
(Projected start date of August 21)
- ★ Fall Break for 1 week
- ★ Henry Street is a Semester School
  - Semester 1: August to January
  - Semester 2: February to June
  - Students take 4 Courses each Semester
  - Each course is worth 1 Credit and a minimum mark of 50% is required to earn the credit



# Daily Schedule at Henry Street

## Week A

Period 1 9:30 - 10:45

Period 2 10:50 - 12:05

**Lunch Break** 12:05 - 12:55

Period 3 12:55 - 2:10

Period 4 2:15 - 3:30

## Week B

Period 2 9:30 - 10:45

Period 1 10:50 - 12:05

**Lunch Break** 12:05 - 12:55

Period 4 12:55 - 2:10

Period 3 2:15 - 3:30

HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL  
**GRADE 9**  
**GOOGLE CLASSROOM**



Google Classroom

## Grade-level Google Classrooms

All students will be added to their grade level Google Classroom. Please monitor this class for important daily announcements.





### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPTIONS

- Dual Credit
- Co-op paid or unpaid
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Level 1
- Recognition of Experiential Learning Credit
- Science Centre School
- SHSM
- Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training

### Do you have questions?

Contact your Guidance teacher,  
Inclusive Student Services,  
your Principal or Vice Principal

O'Neill Performing Arts  
Academy for Student  
Athletic Development



SCAN ME

**30**  
Credits  
*my way*

EXPRESS LANE

Night School  
dce.ca



Durham  
Continuing  
Education  
dce.ca

PLAR

Prior Learning Assessment  
and Recognition

EXPRESS LANE

Summer School  
dce.ca



French Immersion

**8**  
CREDITS

**START**  
Grade 9

*You are in the driver's seat!*

IPP **INDIVIDUAL  
PATHWAY PLAN**  
*myBlueprint*  
myblueprint.ca/ddsb

**40**  
COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT Hours

### Student Success

Supervised Alternative Learning  
Modified Schedule (SAL)  
Flexible Timetable Options  
Durham Alternative  
Secondary School (DASS)

Have you heard of the **Regional  
Centres for Success?**

**24**  
CREDITS

**30**  
CREDITS

Work  
Apprenticeship  
College  
University  
Community Living

**OSSD** Ontario Secondary  
School Diploma

- 30 credits in total
- 40 hours of Community Involvement
- Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits

**COA** Certificate of  
Accomplishment

- Non-credit courses
- Does not require 40 hours of Community Involvement or OSSLT

**OSSC** Ontario Secondary  
School Certificate

- Minimum of 14 Credits
- Does not require 40 hours of Community Involvement or OSSLT



### EXTERNAL CREDIT OPTIONS

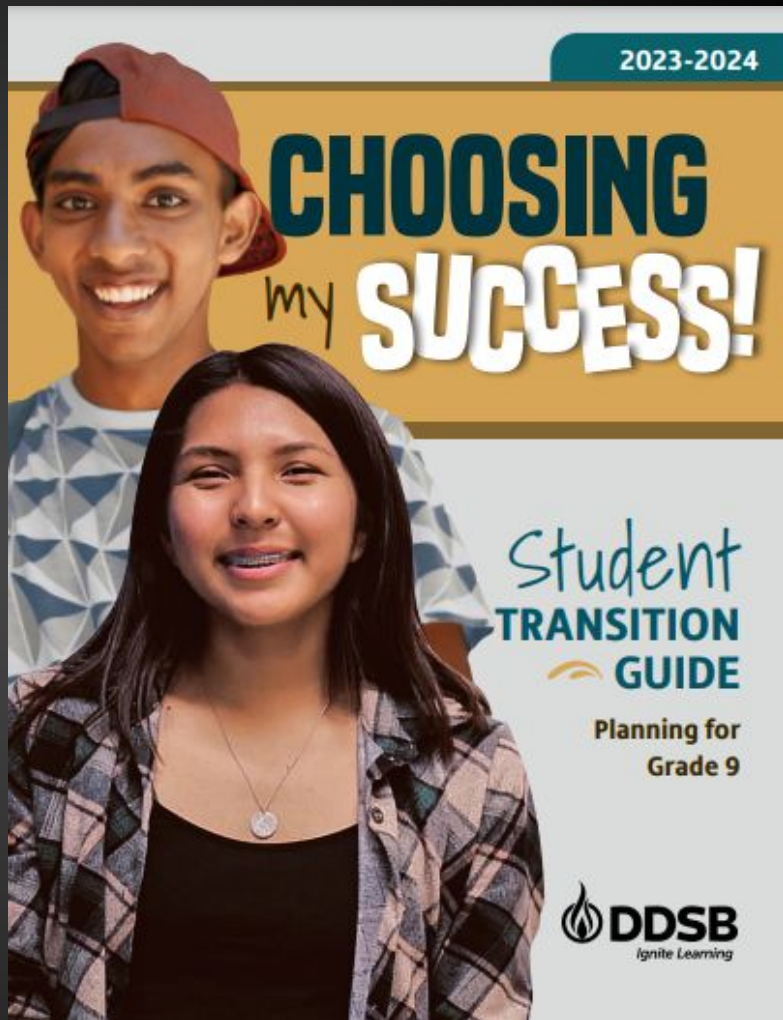
- exchange programs
- international language credits
- conservatory music credits
- accredited private school credits

**30 Credits my way Website - Click Here**

## Plan your Education

Durham District School Board (DDSB) provides a variety of resources to help students direct their learning. This allows them to receive relevant academic and practical experience regardless of the career pathway they choose. [CLICK HERE](#)

- ***Choosing My Success Student Transition Guide*** (Planning for Grade 9)
- ***Choosing My Success - Overview*** (for Grade 8 students and their families)
- ***De-Streaming and Inclusive Grade 9*** (What Families Want to Know)
- ***Refining My Pathway Student Transition Guide*** (Planning for Grade 11 & 12)
- ***Designing My Future Student Transition Guide*** (Planning for Your Initial Post-Secondary Destination)
- ***Pathways to Student Success*** (Provides students, parents, and schools with information on a range of opportunities and individualized pathways to enhance student success.)



# 2023-2024 Choosing my Success! Presentation for Grade 8 Night



## CHOOSING *my* SUCCESS!

Inclusive  
**GRADE 9** COURSE SELECTION

*Focusing our Direction  
for Intentional Transition Planning  
to Secondary School*

**For Grade 8 Students, Parents & Guardians**

**[Click Here to view Presentation](#)**

# Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

- ❑ 30 Credits Total
- ❑ 17 Compulsory Credits
- ❑ 13 Elective Credits
- ❑ Pass OSSLT (Grade 10)
- ❑ Pass Financial Literacy Graduation requirement (Grade 10)
- ❑ 40 Volunteer Hours
- ❑ Earn 2 Online Learning Credits

**Don't forget the TECH and STEM requirements**

## What do you need to graduate from high school?



### 17 Compulsory Credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Credits	Subject
4	English (1 credit per grade)
3	Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 Credit In Grade 11 or 12)
2	Science
1	Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1	French as a Second Language
1	Canadian History (Grade 10)
1	Health and Physical Education
1	Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts)
0.5	Career Studies
0.5	Civics and Citizenship
1	Technological Education
1	STEM Related Course Group
	Business Studies
	Cooperative Education
	Mathematics <i>(In addition to the 3 compulsory credits)</i>
	Science <i>(In addition to the 2 compulsory credits)</i>
	Technological Education <i>(In addition to the 1 compulsory credit)</i>

- 1 30 credits in total
- 2 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 3 Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 4 Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits

In addition, students must complete:

✓	13 elective credits
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Starting in September 2025, you must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of your compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics Course.

You will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement.

### The following apply to compulsory credit selections

- The Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- You can use the Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.
- You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.
- Optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.



# Grade 9 Compulsory Courses

Students take 5 compulsory courses:

- GEOGRAPHY - Destreamed
- FRENCH - Inclusive Academic Level

OR

Open (less than 600 hours French Instruction)

- ENGLISH - Destreamed
- MATH - Destreamed
- SCIENCE - Destreamed

\*\*Locally Developed Courses are available through consultation with SERT and Administration



# Grade 9 Optional Courses

Students Choose **Three** of the Following Courses:

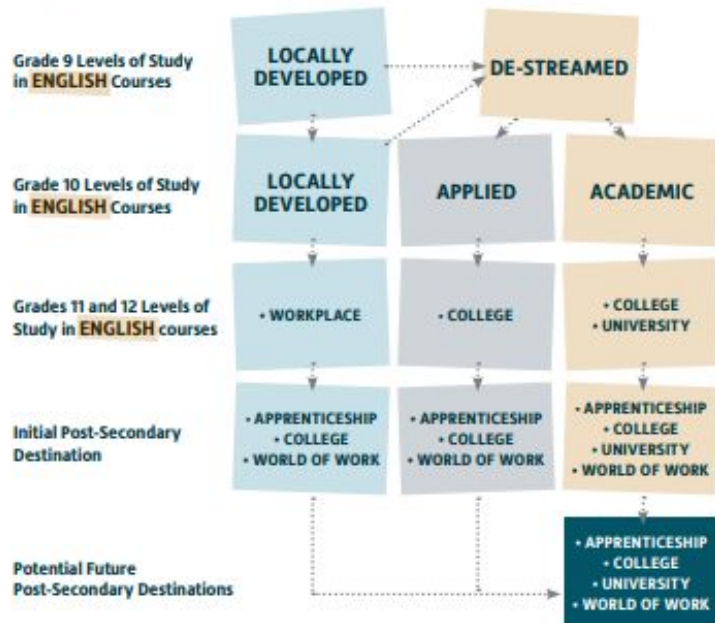
- ADA101 - Drama
- AMI101 - Instrumental Music
- AVI101 - Visual Art
- BEM101 - Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset
- HIF101 - Exploring Family Studies
- NAC101 - Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures (Arts Credit)
- PPL10\_ - Physical Education
  - PPL101 - Inclusive of all student identities
  - **OR** PPL103 - Identifying Male
  - **OR** PPL104 - Identifying Female
- TAS101 - Transportation/Construction/Design/Communication
  - **OR** TAS10J - Hairstyling & Aesthetics/Culinary Arts



## Pathway Steps for All

Your education is only the beginning of a journey and does not determine your destination. Pathways can change. Focus on the journey.

*High School and Beyond: Apprenticeship, College, University and the World of Work*



The Ontario Ministry of Education's *Creating Pathways to Success* document grounds our belief that: *all students can be successful, success comes in many forms and there are many pathways to success.*

*\*Ask your Grade 8 teacher, Pathway Counsellor, SERT, or guidance counsellor about potential options.*

# Grade 9 Course Selection

- Henry Street Guidance Counsellors and
- Grade 8 teachers will be assisting Grade 8s
- with Course Selection using myBlueprint.

## Student Access to myBlueprint

How to Log In:

Log In with Single Sign-On (SSO)

1. Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/ddsb](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/ddsb)
2. Click 'School Account Log In'
3. Enter your school email/username and password

### KEY DATES:

Course Selections Opens:  
**Tuesday February 11**

Course Selection Closes:  
**Thursday February 27**

# Community Involvement Hours



- ❑ Students are required to complete 40 hours of Community involvement order to qualify for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- ❑ Students may start accumulating hours during the summer before grade 9.
- ❑ Information about eligible community involvement activities is available on Henry's website under Guidance  
<https://henrystreeths.ddsbc.ca/en/courses/guidance-department.aspx>
- ❑ DDSB Website  
<https://www.ddsbc.ca/en/programs-and-learning/community-involvement-hours.aspx>

# Specialist High Skills Majors @ Henry

Available to Grade 11 & 12 Students



Specialist High Skills Majors allow students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests. Students receive the SHSM Red Seal Diploma when they:

- Complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field
- Earn valuable industry certifications including first aid and CPR qualifications
- Gain important skills on the job with employers through a cooperative education placement



# Specialist High Skills Majors @ Henry



At Henry we currently offer high skill major programs in:

- Arts and Culture
- Health and Wellness
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Justice, Community Safety, and Emergency Services
- Transportation



Students can join SHSM in Grade 11 & 12



# SPORTS @HENRY



## FALL SPORTS

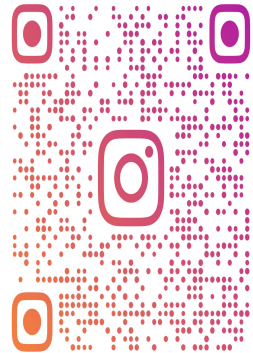
Golf  
Girls 7's Rugby  
Girls Field Hockey  
Girls Basketball  
Boys 7's Rugby  
Boys Soccer  
Boys Volleyball  
XC Running  
Tennis

## WINTER SPORTS

Girls Volleyball  
Boys Basketball  
Boys Hockey  
Swim Team  
Cricket  
Badminton  
Girls Hockey

## SPRING SPORTS

Golf  
Girls Soccer  
Girls Rugby 15's  
Boys Rugby 15's  
Track and Field



HENRYSTREETATHLETICS

# Extracurricular CLUBS @ Henry

- ❑ Art Club
- ❑ Concert Bands/Jazz Band
- ❑ DENSA CLub
- ❑ Black Student Union
- ❑ STEM Club
- ❑ White Pine
- ❑ MSA (Muslim Student Association )
- ❑ Impact (Christian Fellowship Club)
- ❑ Computer Science Club
- ❑ Crafts Club
- ❑ Youth and Government
- ❑ Athletics Council
- ❑ GSA
- ❑ Environmental Club
- ❑ MUN (Model United Nations)
- ❑ Reach
- ❑ DECA Club (Business Students' Club)
- ❑ Games and Chess Clubs
- ❑ D&D Club
- ❑ Drama Club & Productions
- ❑ and many more....

[Full List of Henry St Clubs & Teams 2024-2025](#)











There are 4 steps to complete your **Hawks-in-Training:**

- Play the “How Well Do You Know Henry” Kahoot.
- Grade 8 Info Night (and submit your passport).
- Grade 8 Tours in June (stay tuned).
- Attend your first day of high school!



Once all this is completed, you will have officially acquired your **2025 Hawk Wings** and will have fully swooped into the nest.



## HENRY STREET HIGH SCHOOL



### GRADE 8 NEWSLETTER

**Key Dates:**

December 2024 - Guidance Virtual Kahoot! *How well do you know Henry?* Game with grade 8 classes

February 11 - My Blueprint **OPENS** and is available for course submission

February 13 - Grade 8 Open House 6-8pm

February 19 - Report Cards sent home

February 11- 20 - Henry Street Guidance counsellor visit Gr. 8 students for course selection

February 27 - My Blueprint **CLOSES at 4PM** - courses must be submitted and parent approved

Spring 2025 - Gr. 8 students visit Henry Street for a school tour

**Course Selection Information:**

Grade 9 Course Selection Presentation - [Click Here](#)



**Summer School:**

Summer School Registration Presentation - [Click Here](#)



Summer School Website - [Click Here](#)

Getting Ready for High School - Henry St



The Getting Ready for High School (GR4HS) non-credit program offers incoming mainstream grade 9 students a preview of life in high school. Participants will have the chance to explore school facilities, discover the various programs and activities offered, receive a refresher in Literacy, Numeracy, and valuable skills to enhance success, and be introduced to the support services available in the school. GR4HS is an excellent opportunity for students to meet new peers and establish new social circles. This program is recommended for all students and can be particularly beneficial for those experiencing anxiety about the transition to high school.

Inside the  
**YELLOW**  
portfolio.....



Home of the

**HAWKS**

# **Do you have additional questions??**

**The Library Learning Commons will have a booth set up to submit your questions and a FAQ document will be created and sent to all families**



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# Time to Explore!



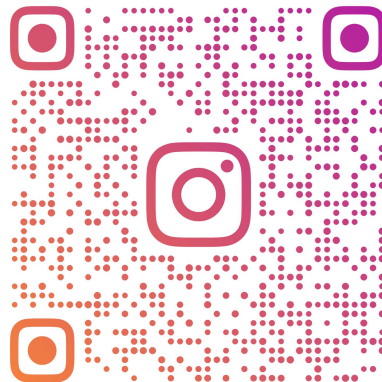
- Tour Passport - complete and hand in for a chance to win a prize!

***Start at the **PURPLE** Location***

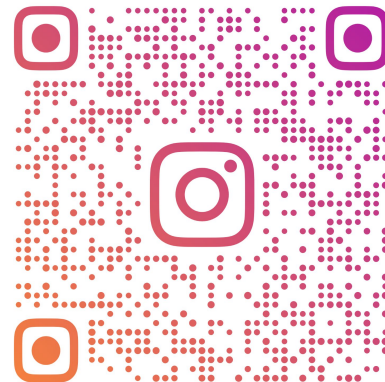
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