
Grade 8-9 Orientation



What is high school all about?
What do I need to do to graduate?
Which courses am I interested in?



Who Are My Key Contacts?

- [Mrs. Courtney Roy](#) - Academic / Career Counseling
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- [Mr. Scott MacDonald](#) - Principal
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What is High School All About?

- Preparing yourself for some important choices for life after high school.
- Building your level of self-responsibility, self-confidence and positive work habits.
- Taking courses as prescribed by the provincial government for graduation.
- Being involved in the life of the school. You will only get out what you put in.
- Figuring out what you are interested in.



How is High School Different Than Junior High?

- Greater responsibility.
- You can fail and repeat courses.
- Credits determine graduation.
- Most academic courses are offered in advanced (university or college) and general streams (college and trades).

What Will A Day At DHS Look Like?



- ❑ 4 Instructional Blocks
- ❑ GLT (Guided Learning Time)
- ❑ Complementary Courses
- ❑ 2 Semesters (Sept - Jan | Feb - June)





New to High School

- Different course streams in the core subjects (Grade 10)
- Higher academic expectations
- Higher expectations for behavior
- More work/homework
- You must pass each course to move into the next course in that stream
- Some courses you take will have students that are not in your grade



Additional Programs → Off Campus

- Green Certificate
 - Credit for demonstrating proficiency in agriculture-based disciplines
- Registered Apprenticeship Program
 - Earn credits as your work toward your apprenticeship
- Dual Credit
 - Earn both high school and post-secondary credits/credentials
- Career Exploration Internship
- Special Projects
- Work Experience

These programs typically start after the grade 10 year.

Questions & Key Contacts



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