



**ARE YOU READY FOR GRADE 9
AT LAURA SECORD?**



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL

- ❖ What types of courses are available?
 - ❖ What can I get involved in?
 - ❖ What programs and services are available?
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I WANT TO TAKE ...

- ❖ Core subject areas—English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Science
 - ❖ Elective subject areas—Business Studies, Canadian & World Studies, Computer Studies, Co-operative Education, Family Studies, Guidance & Career Education, Healthy Active Living Education, Law, Social Sciences & Humanities
 - ❖ Arts—Dance, Drama, Music, Art
 - ❖ Languages—French
 - ❖ Technology—Communication, Construction, Design, Hospitality & Tourism
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I WANT TO GET INVOLVED ...

- ❖ Art Club
- ❖ Athletic Council
- ❖ Battle of the Bands
- ❖ Brock Mentorship Program
- ❖ Central Ontario Leadership Seminar
- ❖ Chess Club
- ❖ Dance Team
- ❖ DECA Business Club
- ❖ Drama Council
- ❖ Drama Night
- ❖ Exchange Programs
- ❖ FUEL Program
- ❖ Gay-Straight Alliance
- ❖ Green Club
- ❖ Healthcare Horizons
- ❖ Improv Team
- ❖ JuMP Mentorship Program
- ❖ Mathematics Competitions
- ❖ Model U.N.
- ❖ Moderns Travel Club
- ❖ Musical Productions
- ❖ Prefects
- ❖ Public Speaking (French & German)
- ❖ Rankin Cancer Run
- ❖ Reach for the Top
- ❖ Roots Christian Fellowship
- ❖ Science Competitions
- ❖ Scientifically Yours
- ❖ Scrabble Club
- ❖ Sears Drama Festival
- ❖ SLAPSHOT Program
- ❖ Student Union
- ❖ Take Action
- ❖ Tech Crew
- ❖ The Crew
- ❖ Yearbook

There's something for everyone!

I LIKE MUSIC...

- ❖ Concert Band
- ❖ Jazz Band
- ❖ Junior Band
- ❖ Junk Band
- ❖ Chamber Choir
- ❖ Concert Choir
- ❖ Jazz Choir
- ❖ Man Choir
- ❖ Drum Line
- ❖ Percussion Ensemble
- ❖ String Ensemble
- ❖ Orchestra
- ❖ Junior Strings
- ❖ Tubarama

Whatever suits your taste!


I WANT TO PLAY ...

- ❖ Badminton
- ❖ Ball Hockey*
- ❖ Basketball
- ❖ Cross-Country
- ❖ Curling
- ❖ Dodgeball*
- ❖ Field Hockey
- ❖ Fitness Club
- ❖ Flag Football*
- ❖ Golf
- ❖ Ice Hockey*
- ❖ Indoor Soccer*
- ❖ Ski/Snowboard Club
- ❖ Slo-pitch (Girls')
- ❖ Soccer
- ❖ Swimming
- ❖ Tennis
- ❖ Track & Field
- ❖ Volleyball
- ❖ Wrestling

(* intramural sport)

A sport for every season!

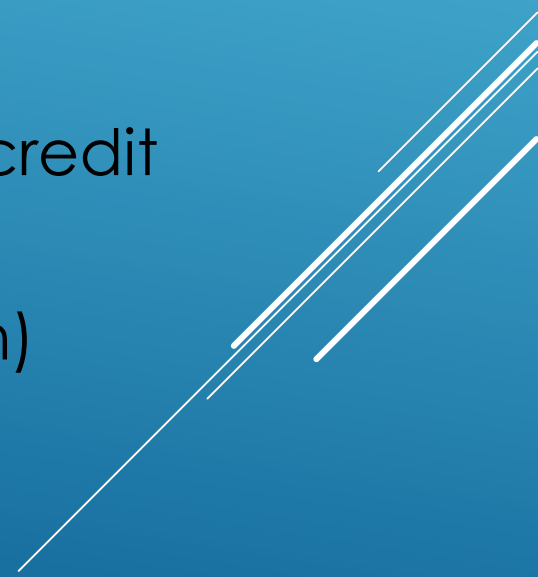
I NEED SUPPORT...

- ❖ Guidance
 - ❖ Library Resource Centre
 - ❖ Multi-Subject Instructional Period (MSIP)
 - ❖ Special Education
 - ❖ Student Success
 - ❖ School Nurse
 - ❖ Social Worker
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WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

- ❖ At least 30 credits—a credit consists of 110 hours of course work (90 days @ 75 minutes/day)
- ❖ 18 credits are compulsory—courses from specific categories that must be taken
- ❖ The remaining credits are elective—you can choose these courses depending upon your goals and interests
- ❖ A minimum of 40 hours of community involvement
- ❖ Successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or Course

WHAT ARE THE BASIC COMPULSORY CREDITS?

- ❖ 4 English credits (1 per grade)
 - ❖ 3 Math credits (at least one in Grade 11/12)
 - ❖ 2 Science credits
 - ❖ 1 French credit
 - ❖ 1 Canadian Geography credit
 - ❖ 1 Canadian History credit
 - ❖ 1 Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, or Visual) credit
 - ❖ 1 Healthy Active Living Education credit
 - ❖ Civics & Career Studies (0.5 credits each)
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WHAT ARE THE OTHER COMPULSORY CREDITS?

- ❖ 1 *additional* English or French credit, or a Native , Classical or International Language, Social Science, Canadian & World Studies, Guidance or Cooperative Education* credit
- ❖ 1 *additional* Healthy Active Living Education or Arts or French credit or a Business Studies or Cooperative Education* credit
- ❖ 1 *additional* Science (Grade 11/12) or French credit or a Technology, Computer Studies or Cooperative Education* credit

* A maximum of 2 Cooperative Education credits can count as compulsory credits

WHAT WILL I TAKE IN GRADE 9?

Compulsory Courses (MUST Choose 5)

- ❖ English (Applied/Academic)
 - ❖ French (Applied/Academic)
 - ❖ Geography (Applied/Academic)
 - ❖ Mathematics (Applied/Academic)
 - ❖ Science (Applied/Academic)
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WHAT ARE MY OPTIONAL CHOICES AT LAURA SECORD?

Elective Courses (MUST Choose 3)


- ❖ Computer Applications (BTT1O1)
- ❖ Dance (ATC1O1)
- ❖ Dramatic Arts (ADA1O1)
- ❖ Exploring Technologies (TIJ1O1)
- ❖ Healthy Active Living Education (PPL1O1)
- ❖ Band - Experienced or Beginner (AMI1OA or AMI1OB)
- ❖ Strings – Experienced or Beginner (AMS1OA or AMS1OB)
- ❖ Visual Arts (AVI1O1)
- ❖ Vocal Music (AMV1O1)

If you are applying for the DNA Arts Program, you must choose two (2) Arts electives.


In addition, students may also choose:

- ❖ Music - Repertoire (AMR1OB) – This is an additional credit that has after school commitments, ability & experience is required, and you MUST also choose one Music elective to take this 9th course.

WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC CREDIT?

- ❖ Courses emphasize theory over practical applications
 - ❖ They lead to Grade 10 academic courses and Grade 11 & 12 university and university/college courses
 - ❖ Your post-secondary destination will likely be university
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WHAT IS AN *APPLIED* CREDIT?


- ❖ Courses emphasize practical applications over theory
 - ❖ They lead to Grade 10 applied courses and Grade 11 & 12 college, apprenticeship and workplace courses
 - ❖ Your post-secondary destination will likely be community college, apprenticeship or employment
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HOW DO I DECIDE BETWEEN ACADEMIC & APPLIED?


- ❖ Keep in mind your subject strengths & weaknesses—if you can achieve Level 3 or 4, you should probably try Academic level...Level 2 could mean Academic/Applied depending upon your effort.
- ❖ Think about what you might like to do after you finish high school—try to keep as many “doors” open as you can
- ❖ While we recommend that students select either an all Academic or all Applied compulsory course program, this is not a hard and fast rule—English, French & Geography should be at same level...same with Math & Science
- ❖ Your Grade 8 teachers and your principal will assist you in making this decision—please follow their advice!

CAN I GO FROM GR. 9 APPLIED TO GR. 10 ACADEMIC?

Yes, under either of the following circumstances:

- ❖ For English or Science, with your Grade 9 teacher's recommendation
 - ❖ For Mathematics or French, by completing the pre-requisite Grade 9 course (e.g., complete Grade 9 Academic Mathematics/French before taking Grade 10 Academic Mathematics/French)
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DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AT LAURA SECOND...

- ❖ District of Niagara Academy for the Arts Program (DNA Arts)
 - ❖ Repertoire – 9th Credit – After School Commitment
 - ❖ Multi-Subject Instructional Period (MSIP)
 - ❖ Demonstration of Learning – Meet the expectations in **Open** Level or **Applied** Level courses and you do not need to write the Final Exam
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What will my timetable look like?

Date & Time Printed:		Student Combined Timetable					
Effective:		Laura Secord Secondary					
Name:							
Student Number:		OEN:		Track : Regular		Homeroom Teacher: Heaney, H.	
Grade: 09		Homeroom: SNC1D1-01					
Period	Day 1	Period	Day 1	Period	Day 1	Period	Day 1
1A 07:00-08:10 Sem. 1 Term 1		1A 07:00-08:10 Sem. 1 Term 2		1A 07:00-08:10 Sem. 2 Term 1		1A 07:00-08:10 Sem. 2 Term 2	
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Period 2 09:20-10:20 Sem. 1 Term 1	CGC1D1-01 Barrett, L.	Period 2 09:20-10:20 Sem. 1 Term 2		Period 2 09:20-10:20 Sem. 2 Term 1	MSIP2-22 Graham, V.	Period 2 09:20-10:20 Sem. 2 Term 2	
Period 3 10:25-11:25 Sem. 1 Term 1	MSIP1-35 Fairbank, V.	Period 3 10:25-11:25 Sem. 1 Term 2		Period 3 10:25-11:25 Sem. 2 Term 1	BTT1O1-02 Regier, S.	Period 3 10:25-11:25 Sem. 2 Term 2	
Period 4 12:10-13:10 Sem. 1 Term 1	MPM1D1-03 Jarvis, L.	Period 4 12:10-13:10 Sem. 1 Term 2		Period 4 12:10-13:10 Sem. 2 Term 1	FSF1D1-04 Robertson, J.	Period 4 12:10-13:10 Sem. 2 Term 2	
Period 5 13:15-14:15 Sem. 1 Term 1	AVI1O1-01 Wehr, T.	Period 5 13:15-14:15 Sem. 1 Term 2		Period 5 13:15-14:15 Sem. 2 Term 1	PPL1OM-04 Crosbie, C.	Period 5 13:15-14:15 Sem. 2 Term 2	
Period 6 14:15-15:30 Sem. 1 Term 1		Period 6 14:15-15:30 Sem. 1 Term 2		Period 6 14:15-15:30 Sem. 2 Term 1	GYMF	Period 6 14:15-15:30 Sem. 2 Term 2	

2 Semesters

4 Courses and 1 MSIP per Semester

1 Hour Classes

2 Report Cards per Semester – Midterm and Final

*Make your course
selections using
the **online** system
in Career Cruising.*

(We will talk more about that in a few minutes.)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

❖ Alternate School Requests (ASR)

Must still make online course selections for your “boundary” secondary school
Transportation will not be provided
Complete an ASR Form – Get package from CURRENT PRINCIPAL
Choose courses manually on Course Selection Sheet for that school
Return to YOUR CURRENT PRINCIPAL by **Friday, December 14**

❖ DNA Arts Program

Complete the application
Submit to your CURRENT PRINCIPAL prior to **Friday, December 14**
Applicants will receive a letter in early January
Audition/Orientation Day- MANDATORY – **Thursday, January 10, 2019**

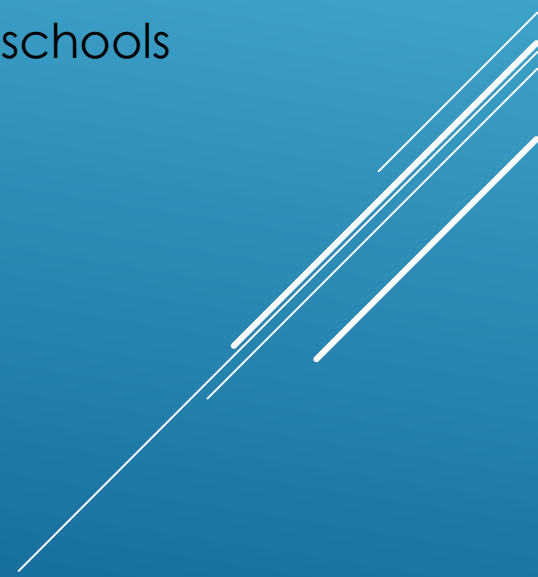
❖ Transportation

Is provided if you live more than a certain distance from your boundary secondary school and for System-Wide Programs such as French Immersion, English as a Second Language, Special Needs, or Specialized School to Work.
Please visit **www.nsts.ca** for more information.

❖ Grade 8 Guide to High School

An excellent resource that your Grade 8 teacher will review with you.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **November 19 to 23**
Distribution of course selection materials to elementary schools
 - ❖ **November 26 to 30**
Open Houses at DSBN secondary schools
 - ❖ **November 28 – 6:30 p.m.**
Laura Secord's Open House
 - ❖ **December 3 to 14**
Online course selections completed at elementary schools
 - ❖ **December 14**
All forms due to Elementary Principal
 - ❖ **January 10**
DNA Arts Program Audition/Orientation Day
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SO, ARE YOU READY FOR GRADE 9?

Thanks for listening!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

