

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION ASSEMBLY

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WHY ARE YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS SO IMPORTANT?

- ▶ You need to choose certain courses in order to graduate and to enable you to reach your chosen post-secondary destination.
- ▶ Your selections help determine what courses we will offer in the next school year.
- ▶ It is important that you make good choices now as it will be difficult to make changes later.
 - ▶ First Semester – over 100 students added to Wait List
 - ▶ Second Semester – over 27 students currently waiting and more getting added daily

2019-20 COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

TODAY

MSIP Assembly – Course Selection Information

All students will attend an assembly today during MSIP to get general information regarding choosing courses for next year.

TOMORROW

Course Fair - Question Period – 9:00 a.m.

Period 1 will end at **9:00 a.m.** You will then have 15 minutes to travel around the school to visit with teachers and ask questions to find out more about particular courses you are interested in taking next year. You will receive a handout in Period 1 to help you.

NEXT WEEK

Choose Your Courses - MSIP Lab Time

Each MSIP class will be called to a computer lab where you will use the online system to choose your courses. You will leave with a printout to be signed by your parents and return it to your MSIP teacher by **Monday, January 20.**

2019-20 COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

FEBRUARY 6-13

EVERY student will be seen by a Guidance Counsellor to review your Course Selections together and make sure you are meeting requirements and discuss plans for future pathways.

APRIL 20

A form will go home with you to, once again, double check your Course Selections with parents. Changes may be made at this time.

MAY 1

No further changes can be made to your Course Selections.

HOW TO GET HELP CHOOSING COURSES?

- ▶ Use tomorrow's opportunity to ask questions.
- ▶ Resources will be available during MSIP computer lab time and posted in classrooms, on school bulletin boards, and on the Guidance website:
 1. Course Fair Courses & Pre-requisite Charts
 2. "Having trouble choosing courses?" Poster
 3. DNA Arts Pathways Chart
 4. Math Pathways Chart
 5. Online Student Course Guide

ONTARIO DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ At least 30 credits—a credit consists of 110 hours of course work (90 days @ 75 minutes/day) – **REMEMBER MSIP IS PART OF THE REQUIRED 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
- ▶ Stay tuned for eLearning requirements!

COMPULSORY BASIC 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)

COMPULSORY GROUP 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*

POINTS TO PONDER



- ▶ Your destination, interests, skills, and abilities will determine what courses you take and the level at which you will take them:
 - Academic courses in Grades 9 & 10 lead to University courses in Grades 11 & 12
 - Applied courses lead to College/Apprenticeship/Workplace
- ▶ Compulsory courses take priority over electives

POINTS TO PONDER

- ▶ Keep in mind that many courses have pre-requisites—courses that must be taken in advance. Refer to “Course & Pre-requisite Chart” poster in classrooms, online “Student Course Guide”, or Course Calendar for more information.
- ▶ You cannot earn an additional credit by selecting a course that you have already passed (except for Co-op).
- ▶ **ALL STUDENTS are to choose 8 courses.**

34-CREDIT THRESHOLD

- ▶ Students who will graduate this year but are returning for a fifth (or more!) year of high school will be limited to earning a total of 34 secondary school credits at a regular high school (this includes any repeated courses to upgrade a passing mark but excludes ESL courses)
- ▶ You can still take additional courses but it will likely need to be via another means (e.g., Night School, Summer School, Self-Study, etc.)
- ▶ Exceptions include students with IEPs

NEW IN 2020/2021!

ASM3M1 – Media Arts

PAL2O1 – Grade 10 – Court Sports – Basketball

PAF3O1 – Personal Fitness

EWC4C1 – Writer's Craft – College Level

OFFERED IN 2020/2021!

Some courses are offered every other year.

Courses being offered for next year:

MEL3E1 – Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life

SCH4C1 – Chemistry for College

TCJ4C1 – Construction Engineering Technology

COURSE REMINDERS

- ▶ These courses are **NOT** offered next year, but will be available in the following year, so plan your selections accordingly:
 - ▶ Offered in **2021-22**
 - ▶ MEL4E1 – Math for the Workplace
 - ▶ SCH4C1 – Chemistry
 - ▶ TCJ3C1 – Construction Engineering Technology

COURSE REMINDERS

- ▶ **Co-op Education (COOP8)**
 - ▶ counts as two credits. Good attendance and work habits are a must and an application is required.
- ▶ **Ontario Literacy Course (OLC40)**
 - ▶ please select this course if you have not yet met the literacy requirement and plan to graduate next year

COURSE REMINDERS

- ▶ **Leadership & Peer Support (GPP30)**
 - ▶ Expertise in a subject area and good attendance and work habits are a must and an application is required.

GRADE 11 MATH GUIDELINES

- ▶ **MCR3U** is a course geared towards students who require Calculus & Functions in Grade 12 for post-secondary program requirements (e.g. engineering, health science, etc)...you should have earned a mark of at least 70% in MPM2D
- ▶ **MCF3M** is a course aimed at students who simply need a university-level math course in Grade 12 (e.g., Data Management) for their post-secondary program... you should have earned at least 60% in MPM2D or 80% in MFM2P. Recommended for any College Technician or Technology program.
- ▶ **MBF3C** is a course for students who require a college-level math course in Grade 12 for post-secondary requirements (e.g., apprenticeship program)... you should have earned a mark of at least 60% in MFM2P or MPM2D
- ▶ **MEL3E** is a course for students who really struggle in applied math and do not require Grade 12 math for any post-secondary program but need the 3rd compulsory math credit...the minimum pre-requisite is MFM1P or MPM1D

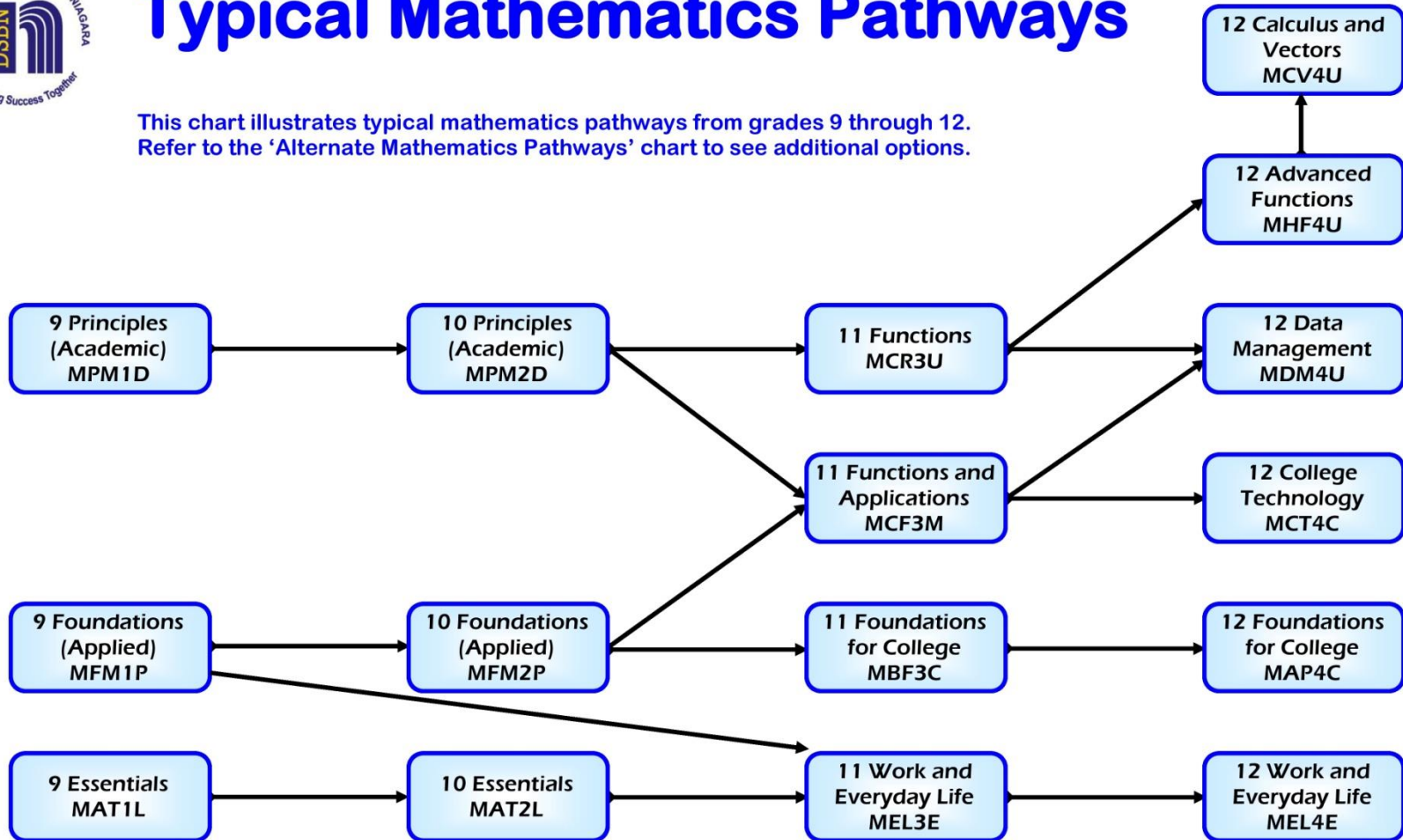
THE GRADE 11 MATH DECISION

- ▶ Your current Math teacher will recommend the level you should continue with for next year.
- ▶ Discuss your Math course with both your teacher and your parent/guardian.



Typical Mathematics Pathways

This chart illustrates typical mathematics pathways from grades 9 through 12. Refer to the 'Alternate Mathematics Pathways' chart to see additional options.



IS COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN YOUR FUTURE?

- ▶ Potential Ontario university applicants must have earned at least six Grade 12 U/M credits (including ENG4U)
- ▶ Check out specific admission requirements:
 - ▶ College?—visit www.ontariocolleges.ca
 - ▶ University?—visit www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- ▶ If you are currently in Grade 9 or 10, make sure the courses you are choosing this year lead to the courses you need to be taking in your final year of secondary school

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special High Skills Major – Arts & Culture

- ▶ Laura Secord offers an SHSM in the Arts & Culture area
- ▶ Provides students with “bundled” credits, sector-recognized certifications and training courses, experiential learning activities, essential skills and work habits, and “reach ahead” experiences in a field of interest to them
- ▶ Many colleges and universities recognize this certification on applications and for bursaries/scholarships
- ▶ If you are interested, please choose “SHSM” program when selecting your courses
- ▶ For more information, please see Mrs. Henderson or visit teched.dsbns.org or pick up a brochure in the Guidance Office

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DNA Arts (District of Niagara Academy for the Arts)

- ▶ Allows talented and committed Arts students to concentrate their studies in the Arts while also completing their diploma requirements
- ▶ There are 5 streams: Dance, Drama, Music, Music Theatre, Visual Arts
- ▶ Students must take a minimum of two (2) Arts credits per year (refer to Pathways Chart) in addition to completing a number of non-academic requirements
- ▶ Upon completion and graduation, students will receive a DNA Arts Certificate
- ▶ If you're interested, please choose "DNA" program when selecting your courses
- ▶ You must complete the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM and successful completion of audition/orientation are required
- ▶ For more information, please see any Arts teacher or pickup a brochure in the Guidance Office

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- ▶ Must be 16 years of age and have completed the compulsory and total credit requirements for Grade 10
- ▶ Must choose to take at least one 2-credit cooperative education course and have a placement in a trade
- ▶ If you're interested, please choose "OYAP" program when selecting your courses
- ▶ For more information, please see Mr. Balsom or visit teched.dsbns.org or pickup a brochure in the Guidance Office

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Dual Credit Program

- ▶ Students who wish to enhance their education through a college experience – must be 16 years of age and have earned a minimum of 16 credits and completed Grade 11 English successfully
- ▶ Designed for students unsure of post-secondary plans
- ▶ Students earn 2 college elective credits that also count as 2 high school credits for graduation
- ▶ Attend Laura Secord classes in the morning and then go to college for the afternoon
- ▶ No cost to student and transportation is provided
- ▶ An application is required
- ▶ If you're interested, please choose "Dual Credit" program when selecting your courses
- ▶ For more information, please see a Guidance Counsellor

WHAT IF?

- ▶ I fail a compulsory course this year?
 - ▶ Compulsory courses take priority over elective courses.
 - ▶ You may repeat it here at Secord. This might mean that you will have some subjects twice in a year. For example, Grade 10 English in first semester and Grade 11 English in second semester.
 - ▶ You may be able to repeat it at summer school.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check out the display on the Guidance bulletin board

OR

Go to

www.laurasecord.org

Click on the Guidance link
and then click on “Course Selections”



Make the most of the opportunity tomorrow morning
to ask teachers about the courses
you are thinking about taking for next year!

Highlight the courses you wish to take next year and
bring the Course Fair Handout with you to the
computer lab on your MSIP day!

Choose wisely!