

DE-STREAMING GRADE 9

What does it mean for me?

In the past, students entering Grade 9 had a choice of applied or academic courses, which often set their path for the rest of high school. This was called streaming. Beginning in September 2022, all Grade 9 courses will be either de-streamed, open or academic, giving students more time to determine which path best suits their goals.



What courses am I required to take?

Students in Grade 9 are required to take the following courses:

Academic

- English
- Geography
- French

De-streamed

- Math
- Science

Open

- Gym (Healthy Active Living)
- 2 elective courses

What other courses can I choose?

Students in Grade 9 choose two elective courses. The courses are all designated as open courses. Elective courses may include:

- The Arts including Expressions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Cultures
- Business
- Social Science
- Technological Studies



Note: Courses being offered are different in each school. Visit the course calendar on the school website for an up to date list.

Why are schools moving to de-streaming?

3 Goals for De-streaming

- ➔ Provide equity for all students
- ➔ Increase teachers' understanding of equitable classrooms for all students
- ➔ Increase student engagement, achievement and well-being

Students and their parents/guardians often find that Grade 8 is too early to be making decisions that will have a significant impact on their future. By de-streaming Grade 9 classes, students will have a better understanding of the high school experience before they choose their path.



For further information please contact your current school or the school you will be attending in September.

A full listing of schools with contact information can be found under the 'Schools' tab at: www.bwdsb.on.ca