

# Course Selections for Next Year



**Grade 11 is about choice -- good choices based on your personal strengths, interests and goals will help to create a timetable that will allow you to be successful.**

## Step #1- Research & Prepare

- Check your semester one report cards for teacher recommendations.
- Go to your high school planner in myBlueprint to see what credits you have and what you still need.
  - <http://myblueprint.ca/simcoe> (login with school account)
- Review the condensed course calendar on the OSS website to see the full menu of courses that are available to choose from next year; click on the course codes to read complete descriptions.
  - [https://oss.scdsb.on.ca/departments/guidance/course\\_selection](https://oss.scdsb.on.ca/departments/guidance/course_selection)
- Research post-secondary requirements so that your grade 11 courses set up properly for grade 12 courses.
  - [www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca](http://www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca) (apprenticeships)
  - [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (college)
  - [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) (university)

## Step #2 - Compulsory Courses

- Choose compulsory courses that were unsuccessfully attempted (ie. choose ENG2D or 2P if unsuccessful sem. 1)
- Choose compulsory next step courses (ie. after choosing ENG2D also choose NBE3U)
  - remember that instead of ENG3, NBE3 is the course code for grade 11 English courses at OSS
- Consider your pathway choices carefully: University (U), College (C), Workplace (E)
- Consult your teachers, guidance counsellor, or SERT for advice on pathway choices.

## Step #3 - Electives

Key Questions:

- Do I have a plan to get all of my group 1, 2, and 3 credits?
- Have I considered taking part in one of the three Specialist High Skill Majors available at OSS?
  - Construction, Health & Wellness, Performing Arts
- Do I want to “reach-ahead” and try a grade 12 course in grade 11? if so, do I have the proper prerequisite?
- Do I have a plan for a minimum of six 4U/4M courses for grade 12 if I am considering university?

## Step #4 - Alternates – you must select two “back up” choices

- If there is a timetable conflict and you cannot get one of your top 8 choices, alternate courses will be used. Select courses that you are willing to take. **Choose wisely!**
- Your timetable for next year is based on the courses you choose now and changes may not be possible once timetables are created. “Shopping” for new courses at the beginning of each semester is not good practice.

*Follow all of the above steps and fill in the planning sections of this page so that you are ready to enter your selections in the student portal. The portal will be open from Feb. 6th to March 3rd. After that date, changes can only be made by your Guidance Counsellor. Appointments can be requested using the google form on the OSS website.*