

# Course Selections for Next Year



***Careful planning and accurate choices are essential for a successful grade 10 timetable!***

## **Step #1- Research & Prepare**

- Check your report cards through student portal for teacher recommendations
- Go to your high school planner in myBlueprint to see what credits you have and what you 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)

## **Step #2- Compulsory Courses**

***In gr. 10, there are five compulsory courses: English, Math, Science, History, Civics/Careers***

- Choose compulsory courses that were unsuccessfully attempted this year
  - (ie. choose ENL1W if you were unsuccessful semester 1)
- Choose compulsory next step courses (ie. after choosing ENL1W also choose ENG2P)
- Consider your pathway choices carefully: Academic (D), Applied (P), Locally Developed (L)
- Consult your teachers, guidance counsellor, and SERT for advice on pathway choices.

## **Step #3- Electives -- choose three from any department / subject area**

Key Questions:

- Do any of the courses that interest me have prerequisites?
- What did I enjoy this year that I'd like to take again?
- Are there open courses in new areas that I'd like to take?
- Do I want to "reach-ahead" and try a grade 11 course in grade 10?
- Do I have a plan to get all of my group 1, 2, and 3 credits?

## **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 10 courses you choose now and changes may not be possible once timetables are created. “Shopping” for new courses at the beginning of each semester next year 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.***