

Course Selection Tip Sheet for Parents

North Toronto Collegiate Institute

February 2024

COURSE SELECTION

- Course Selection deadline is Wednesday February 28th @ 4pm
- Course offering is based on student choices (a course may be cancelled if not enough people choose it)
- The choices students make each year affect what options they have in the years to come, whether it is the courses they take at high school or the prerequisites they need for post-secondary programmes
- Students must attend their course assembly on Feb 12 (grade 10, 11) & Feb 13 (grade 9), the Course Carousel on Feb 15th, and look at the Department course information posted in the Guidance Google Classroom to get information about courses available in each department

RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD

- Grade 10 students must have 8 courses
- Grade 11 students who have earned 16 credits may take a minimum of 7 courses
- Grade 12 students who have earned 23 credits may take a minimum of 6 courses
- We encourage students in Grade 11 to take 8 courses and students in Grade 12 to take 7 courses so that they have a “cushion”
- Current grade 12 students who do not graduate in June 2024 may take a 5th year of high school at North Toronto.

PLANNING FOR THE DIPLOMA AND BEYOND

- Students will be able to track their progress towards their diploma using their “Official High School Plan” in myBlueprint – keep their recent report card (distributed electronically the week of February 12th) handy for their progress towards graduation (and their OEN if they are a new user)
- Encourage your child to work in myBlueprint to create various trial plans
- Students need to think about what they need for their post-secondary program and note on planning chart which Grade 12 courses they require to enter their post-secondary programme, then work backwards; Grade 11 courses are prerequisites for Grade 12

HOW TO COMPLETE ONLINE COURSE SELECTION

- www.myBlueprint.ca/tdsb
- Tips posted on Course Selection 2024-25 page of www.northtorontoci.ca
- Students should make all selections assuming they are going to pass
- Students must have prerequisites; if student does not have the prerequisite but still wants to take the course, student must win support of subject department prior to February 28th deadline, then select course on myBlueprint, then department will seek principal’s approval (note: this is a rare occurrence, and usually only takes place with extension background in the subject e.g. previous experience in Spanish)
- After “submitting” course selection, parent/guardian must “approve” course selection (sent to their email) by Wednesday February 28th at 4PM. This two-step process is entirely online.

NOTES

- ESL is a two-course package (support all year, advance more quickly through program)
- Students can opt-into Literature focus courses for English (code ends in “LIT”)
- Do not count on summer school new credits - TDSB does not offer many new credits for students to reach ahead; night school credits can only be taken if the student cannot take the course in day school
- Math - Grade 11 students should speak with their math teacher to confirm their math choice for next year - many Grade 11 students last year wanted to switch from MCR to MCF partway through the year.
- Gr. 11 Chemistry is strongly recommended before taking Gr. 12 Biology
- Conservatory Music Credits - Grade 7 Practical, Level 6 Theory (formerly Intermediate) = Gr. 11 Credit; Grade 8 Practical, Level 8 Theory (formerly Advanced) = Gr. 12 Credit
- Spanish - BD is first level, CU is second year, DU is third level
- Co-op requires an application; students should attend Coop Meeting during Course Carousel on Feb 15 from 11:15am to 12:00pm.

RESOURCES

For students	Guidance Google Classroom > Classwork > “Course Selection 2024-2025” and “Pathways Planning Resources” – please encourage your child to read the information and to share with you; link to TDSB detailed <i>Choices</i> magazine – lots of good information from diploma requirements to additional learning opportunities to planning; NT Department course information and virtual meeting links; course descriptions & prerequisites are in myBlueprint
College/University	Program prerequisites and requirements for every Ontario university – www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca ; Ontario colleges – www.ontariocolleges.ca ; Lists transfer/reciprocal agreements between colleges and universities; www.ontransfer.ca ; https://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship how to prepare to train as an apprentice in Ontario
Guidance	Students can book appointments with their counsellor to discuss programme options: link to book phone or Google Meet Appointments is in the Guidance Google Classroom > Classwork > “Welcome” > “Book a Guidance Appointment”
For parents	https://northtorontoci.ca/course-selection-2024-2025/ NTCI website – important research links, myBlueprint tutorials, recorded parent info sessions after Feb 15, 2023 Parent Information Workshops, see bulletin for links