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SHSM



Eastdale Secondary Pathways

GRADE 9 COURSE TYPES



OPEN

SSTW

APPLIED

ACADEMIC

OPEN LEVEL COURSES



Open Courses are general interest courses which are offered in every grade. These classes will have Specialized School to Work, Applied and Academic students enrolled. All Open level classes do not have any prerequisite.

In grade nine students may choose between Integrated Technology and Business Technology. Both these courses are OPEN level.

Additionally grade nine students may choose between Drama, Visual Art and Music. These three courses are all OPEN level.

HOW DO YOU LEARN BEST?



SSTW

- Hands on activities that are directed to employment, apprenticeships and college certificate programs
- Real life activities

Applied

- Hands on approach that prepares students to the college diploma programs

Academic

- A Higher order thinking to prepare students into the University pathway

LEARNING STYLE



SSTW

- Require daily routine and structure
- Emphasis on time management
- Guided

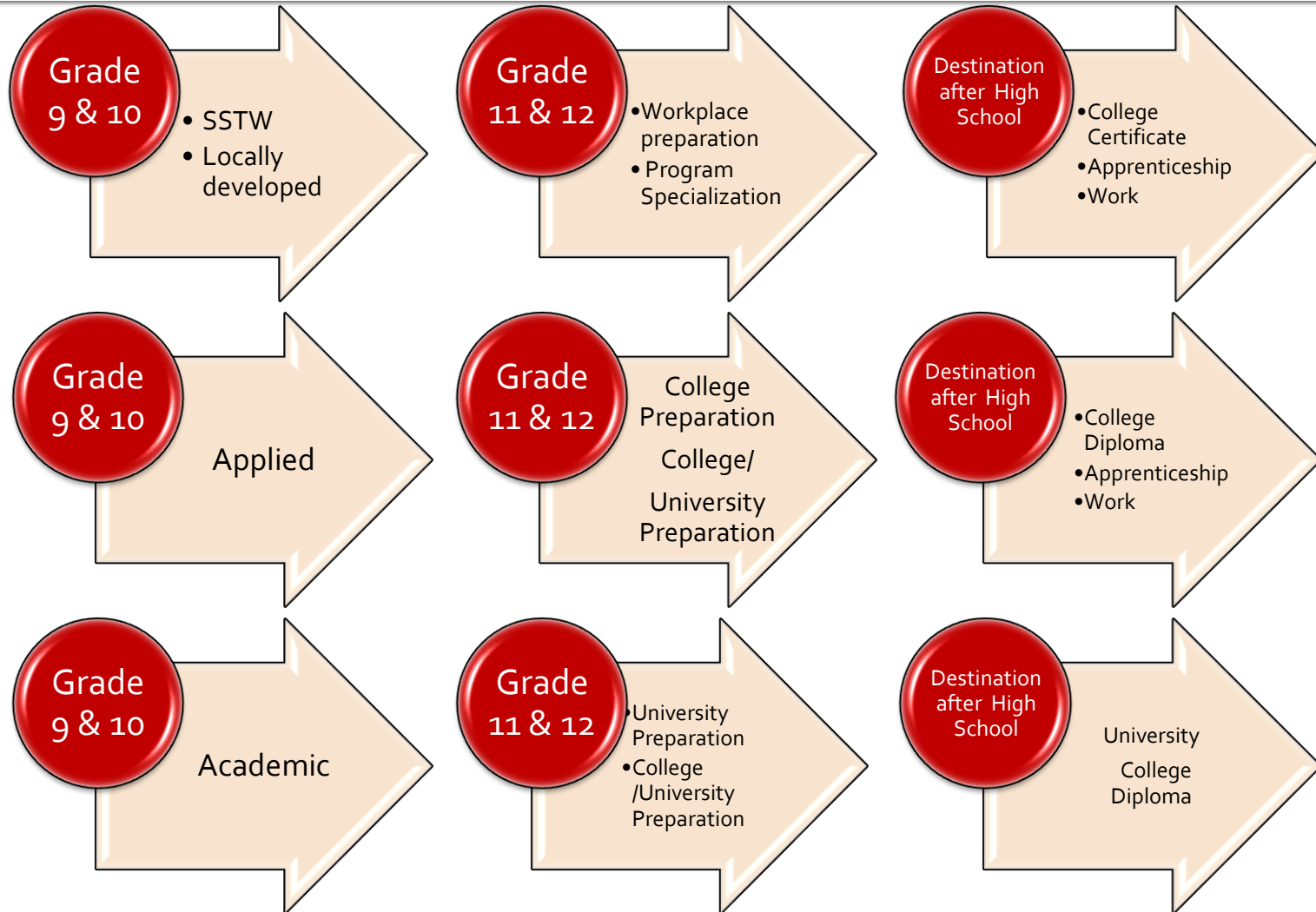
Applied

- Usually require support to work independently
- Problem solve with support

Academic

- Thrive on high order thinking
- Investigation type learning

PATHWAYS



Class Sizes



SSTW

- Small class sizes
- Usually 15 to 20 students

Applied

- Medium size classes
- Usually 18 to 23 students

Academic

- Large class sizes
- Usually 20 to 30 students

HOME WORK EXPECTATIONS



SSTW

- Minimal homework expected
- Usually review of classroom assignments

Applied

- Expected to complete some homework daily
- Completion of assignments that are not completed in class

Academic

- Very high expectations to complete daily homework
- Students are expected to be self motivated to complete homework assignments



CAN A STUDENT CHANGE PATHWAYS AFTER GRADE 9?

YES students may change pathways after they have completed grade 9 courses . Additionally students will be able to make appropriate course modifications in their pathway throughout their high school experience. Often students will be encouraged to change pathways through teacher and guidance recommendations that would benefit the student and their career goal.

WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED IN THE SSTW, APPLIED AND ACADEMIC PATHWAYS IN GRADE 9?



English, Math and Science are offered in all three pathways in grade 9. Geography is offered at the Applied and Academic pathway in grade 9. SSTW students will take Geography in Grade 10. French is offered at the Applied and Academic pathway in grade 9. With the Secondary Principal's recommendation, students in the SSTW pathway will be exempt from French. Physical Education, Business, Integrated Technology, Visual Art , Drama, Music are offered as an Open level class.

WHAT PATHWAY IS BEST FOR YOU?

WHO KNOWS YOUR LEARNING STYLE?

***YOUR
TEACHER***

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA: OSSD

All pathways; Specialized
School to Work, Applied
and Academic are
DIPLOMA BOUND

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

30 Credits Total

18 Compulsory + 12 Optional

40 Hours Community Involvement

Provincial Literacy Component

Compulsory Credits

- 4 English (one per grade)
- 3 Mathematics (at least one in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 Science
- 1 French as a Second Language
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Career Studies and 0.5 Civics

Group compulsory credits



- **Group 1:** 1 additional credit in English or French as a second language* or a Native language or Classical or International language or Social Science and Humanities or Canadian and World Studies or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education*
 - **Group 2:** 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education or Arts or Business Studies or French as a Second Language* or Cooperative Education*
 - **Group 3:** 1 additional credit in Grade 11 or 12 Science or Grades 9-12 Technological Education or French as a Second Language* or Computer Studies or Cooperative Education *
- * A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education and French as a Second Language can count as compulsory credits.

What is a Specialist High Skills Major ?

- (SHSM)



A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) provides students with an opportunity to focus their learning and gain valuable experience for all post-secondary opportunities.

Students who successfully complete an SHSM will receive:

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an embossed red seal
- SHSM Record documenting his/her achievement
- Formal recognition on his/her Ontario Student Transcript.

SHSM



Eastdale Secondary offers SHSM in four areas:

Hospitality and Tourism

Transportation

Manufacturing

Construction (through a Habitat for Humanity house build)

What are the benefits of a SHSM for you?



1. Test-drive career options
2. Focus your learning by taking courses designed to suit your interests and talents while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
3. Develop essential skills and work habits required in the workplace
4. Experience hands-on learning
5. Gain valuable work experience that will help you build a resume for postsecondary programs and future employment
6. Earn industry recognized certifications related to the chosen employment sector
7. Take advantage of "reach ahead" opportunities which could include visits to sector-related industries, businesses, training facilities, skills competitions, colleges, universities programs.

***Example:* Hospitality and Tourism Specialist High Skills Major Certificates**

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Level A (6 hours)

Standard First Aid (6 hours)

Customer Service (6 hours)

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (2 hours)

Basic Food Handling (10 hours)

Smart Serve (3 hours)

Decoding course codes

Example: ENG 1LK



- **ENG** (the first three characters) – the first three letters of a course code identifies the subject course.
ENG = English
- **1** (fourth character) – designates the grade level by a number
1= grade 9 2= grade 10 3= grade 11 4= grade 12
- **L** (fifth character) - indicates the nature of the course type, or the learning style
Grade 9 and 10 courses are either D = Academic
P = Applied L = SSTW course and Locally Developed

Question: I am really struggling with Grade 8 math, but think I can do better if I try harder. Is it a good idea for me to take Academic math and 'see how it goes'?

Answer: It is very important for you to be successful as you make the transition to high school. Consider taking the course that will be both a reasonable challenge and also where you are likely to succeed. Later, if you find that you are experiencing a high level of success, there are ways to switch pathways should you wish to do so. Changing courses part way through a semester or having to repeat a failed course are both undesirable scenarios.

Question: If I plan to go to University, do I have to take Grade 9 Academic math?

Answer: No. There is a direct pathway from Grade 9 Applied math to University programs in areas such as Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. Only University programs in which math is a major component, such as Engineering, Mathematics, Science and Business, require Academic math.



Drama = ADA 101

Music = AMU 101

Visual Art = AVI 101

Grade 9 students are required to take one credit in the field of ART.
Students have a choice of:

Drama (ADA 101):

Music (AMU 101):

Visual Art (AVI 101)

BTT 101 = Business

TIJ 101 = Technology



Grade nine students will have a choice of Business (BTT 101) or Integrated Technology

Information and Communication Technology in Business – BTT 101

Explore the world of Business applications. Students will develop Business skills for word processing, spreadsheets, database entry, desktop publishing, presentation software and website design. All the components of this course is completed in a computer lab.

Integrated Technology – TIJ 101

Get exposed to all the Technology Labs at Eastdale. Students will complete hands on projects in the Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, Communication, Design and Welding labs.