

# Your Road to Success

Grade 10 Future Planning

October 2015



# Looking Back:



**Most Grade 10 students have earned 8 credits to date:**

- English
- Mathematics
- Geography
- Science
- French/Native Language
- Phys. Ed.
- Arts Class
- Technology/Business/Other

**How many more credits are still needed for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)?**

**22**

## Looking Back

**Are you generally happy with:**

- 1. the marks you have earned?**
- 2. the course “level(s)” you took?**
  - ✓ LDCC
  - ✓ Applied
  - ✓ Academic
- 3. the study skills or work habits you have displayed?**
  - ❖ Attendance/Punctuality
  - ❖ Assignment/Homework Completion
  - ❖ Focus/Attention



**If not, what do you plan to do differently this year?**

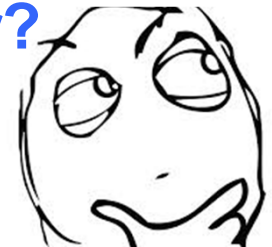
## Looking Back

Are you generally happy with:

- the friends you made?
- your level of participation in the life of the school?
  - SAC
  - Clubs
  - Athletic Activities
- new challenges outside of school?
  - Part-time Job
  - Volunteering/Community Involvement
  - Personal Development (i.e. courses, training, hobbies)



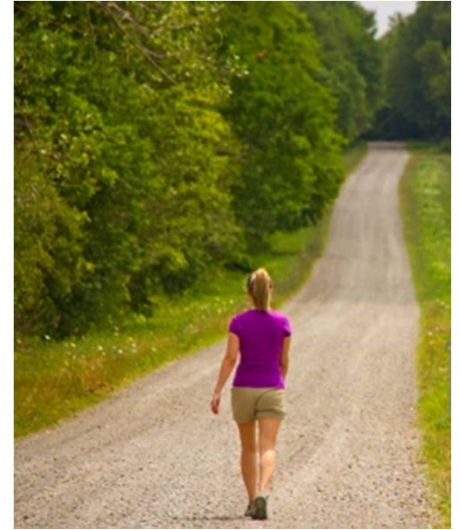
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# Looking Forward:

**By the end of this year, you should have completed five more compulsory courses:**

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History/NAC20
- Civics/Career Studies



**What compulsory courses must still be earned by the end of Grade 12?**

Two English (Gr. 11 & Gr. 12)

One Mathematics (Gr. 11 or Gr. 12)

Group 1: English – 3rd Language – Social Science –  
Canadian & World Studies – Guidance – Co-op

Group 2: Business – French – Phys. Ed. – Arts – Co-op

Group 3: Science – Technology – Co-op



## Looking Forward

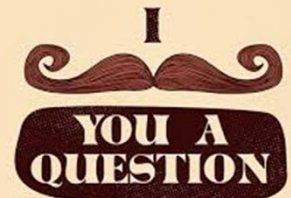
# Are you in French Immersion?



Remember, to earn your certification in French Immersion, you need to complete **10** credits from a selection of courses available in French.

- French Immersion (FIF1DF, FIF2D1, FIF3U1, FIF4U1/A)
- Geography (CGC1DF)
- Phys. Ed (PPL1OF, PPL2OF, PPL3OF, PPL4OF)
- History (CHC2DF)
- Civics/Careers (CHV2OF/GLC2OF)
- Guidance and Career Ed. (GWL3OF, COP4XF)
- Anthro/Psych/Soc (HSP3MF)

Ask your guidance counsellor or French teacher if you have questions.



## Looking Forward



**There are two other requirements for your OSSD:**

- 1. Successful completion of Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test\* (OSSLT)**
- 2. 40 hours of documented Community Involvement**

*Remember:* Get your completed sheets in to Student Services.

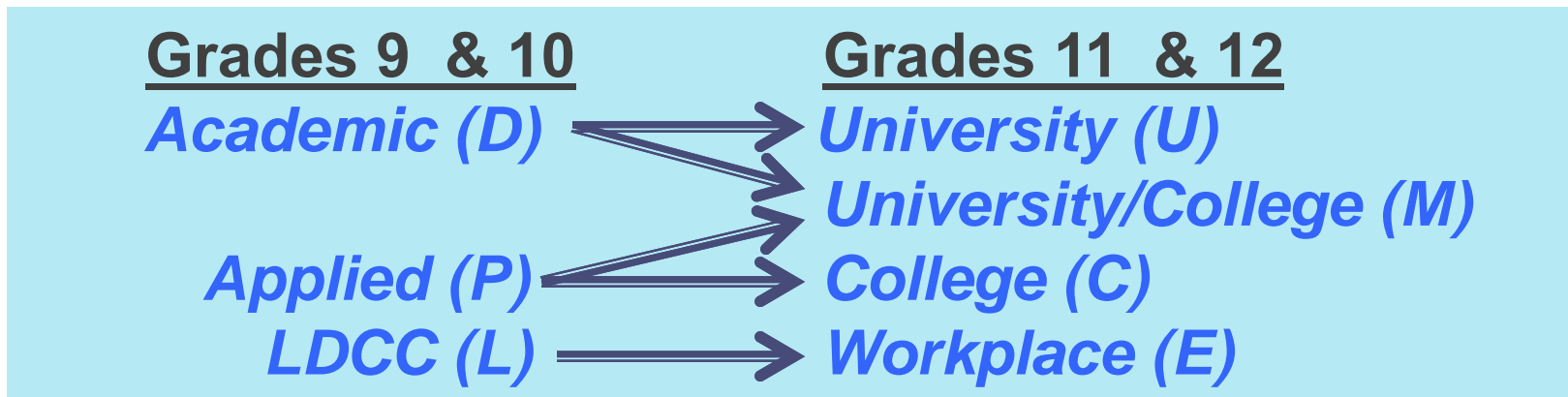
**\*NOTE: if you do not pass the OSSLT in grade 10 you can take the test again the following spring. Should you be unsuccessful again, you will be recommended for the Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLIC).**



## Looking Forward



**Did you know that courses in grades 11 and 12 are labeled differently than in grades 9 and 10?**



Note: Advanced Placement courses are indicated with an “A” as the 6<sup>th</sup> letter:  
e.g. grade 11 Advanced Placement English = ENG3UA

**Make sure you choose the correct level for your pathway.**





# Determining a Destination

Do you have a career plan?

Take an interest inventory and discover the possible careers and opportunities that await you.



[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

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Password: 18970

To log-in to "My IPP"

Username: LDSB-student number  
(e.g. LDSB-123456789)

Password: Date of birth  
(e.g. August 25, 1997 ---> 08251997)

<http://www.careercruising.com/login/LDSB>

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What do you want to do?

- Explore My Interests
- Learn About Careers
- Explore Education Options

Welcome to Career Cruising!

*Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.*

Steve Jobs, Former Apple CEO

Focus on Careers

Focus on careers in counselling

Are you a good listener? Do you want to help people with their problems? Then consider one of these rewarding careers:

Related Careers

- Addictions Counsellor
- Career Counsellor
- Child and Youth Worker
- Clergy
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Probation Officer
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Genetic Counsellor

More detailed post-secondary planning will take place in your *Careers* course (GLC20)

## Determining a Destination

### Other Useful Websites:

#### 1. YOUTH CANADA [www.youth.gc.ca](http://www.youth.gc.ca)

- Three sections of interest
- “Jobs”
  - “Careers”
  - “Education”

#### 2. HAMMARSKJOLD STUDENT SERVICES

[www.lakeheadschoools.ca/hammarskjold/](http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/hammarskjold/)

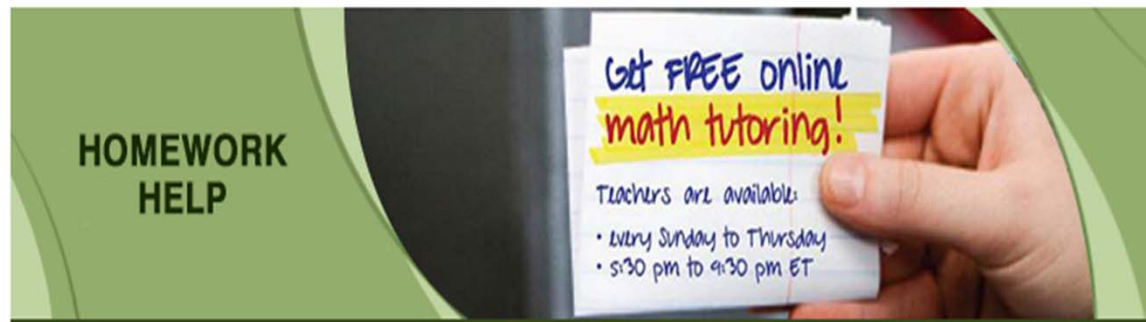
#### 3. MATH HELP



# MATH $\int$ HELP

Need help with math homework?

Good news! As a Grade 10 student, you have access to FREE on-line math tutoring:



## Homework Help



Are you in grades 7 to 10? Need help with math homework? Then why not get live, online math tutoring from an Ontario teacher? It's free and easy to sign up.

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/secure/login.php>

# Choosing a Road (“Pathway”)

Which option will bring you to your career destination?



- **University? (33%)**
- **College? (19%)**
- **Working After OSSD? (19%)**
- **Leaving School Before OSSD? (21%)**

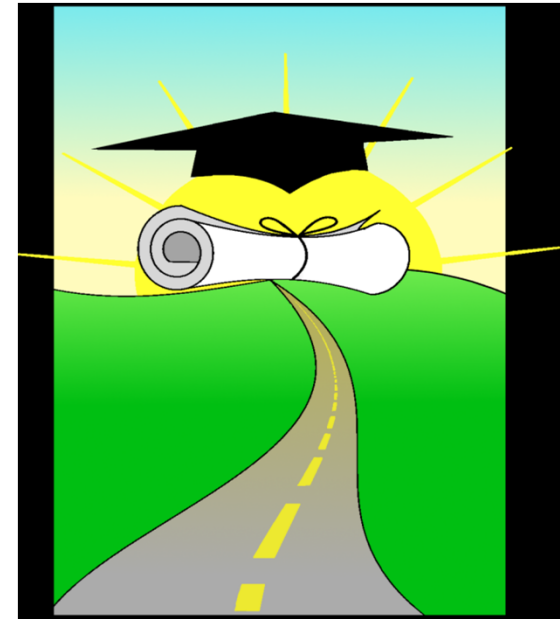
(\*8% more may not graduate in 5 years)

Percentages drawn from Dr. Allan King, *Double Cohort Study, Phase IV, Report for the Ontario Ministry of Education, 2005*



## Choosing a Road

# How important is a High School Diploma?



Ontario's most recent post-secondary review report, *Ontario: A Leader in Learning*, stated that individuals without a high school diploma earn almost 40% less than those with a trades certificate or diploma.

Individuals between the ages of 15-24 who drop out in Ontario are also almost twice as likely to be unemployed than those who graduate.





## Choosing a Road

Furthermore, **postsecondary** education leads to higher levels of career and life success...



The screenshot shows the Statistics Canada website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Canadian flag, the text "Statistics Canada" and "Statistique Canada", a search box labeled "Search website", and a "Français" link. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with options: "Information for..." (with a dropdown arrow), "Browse by subject", "Browse by key resource", "Help" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Canada.ca".

The main content area is titled "The Daily" and includes a search box. Below the title is a grid of six navigation options: "In the news", "Special interest", "Indicators", "Release schedule", "Releases by subject", and "Information".

### Study: The long-term labour market premiums associated with a postsecondary education, 1991 to 2010

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**Released: 2014-02-27**

A new study that followed a group of men and women for two decades reports that over the study period, men who had obtained a bachelor's degree by 1991 had earned, on average, \$732,000 more than those whose education ended at a high school diploma. For women, the difference between the two groups was \$448,000.

Using longitudinal tax data linked to 1991 Census data, the study tracked individuals from 1991, when they were 35 years old, to 2010, when they were 54. Individuals were grouped according to their highest level of completed education by 1991. The labour market outcomes of bachelor's degree and college certificate graduates were compared with those of high school graduates. The dollar figures are expressed in 2010 constant dollars to account for inflation.

On average, men with a high school diploma earned \$975,000 over the 20-year period, while those with a bachelor's degree earned \$1,707,000. Men with a college certificate earned \$247,000 more than those with a high school diploma.

Similar patterns were evident among women. On average, women with a high school diploma earned \$525,000 over the two decades, while those with a bachelor's degree earned \$973,000. Women with a college certificate earned \$179,000 more than those with a high school diploma.

In addition, compared with high school graduates, college and bachelor's degree graduates experienced fewer layoffs and accumulated more years of service in employer-sponsored pension plans over the study period.

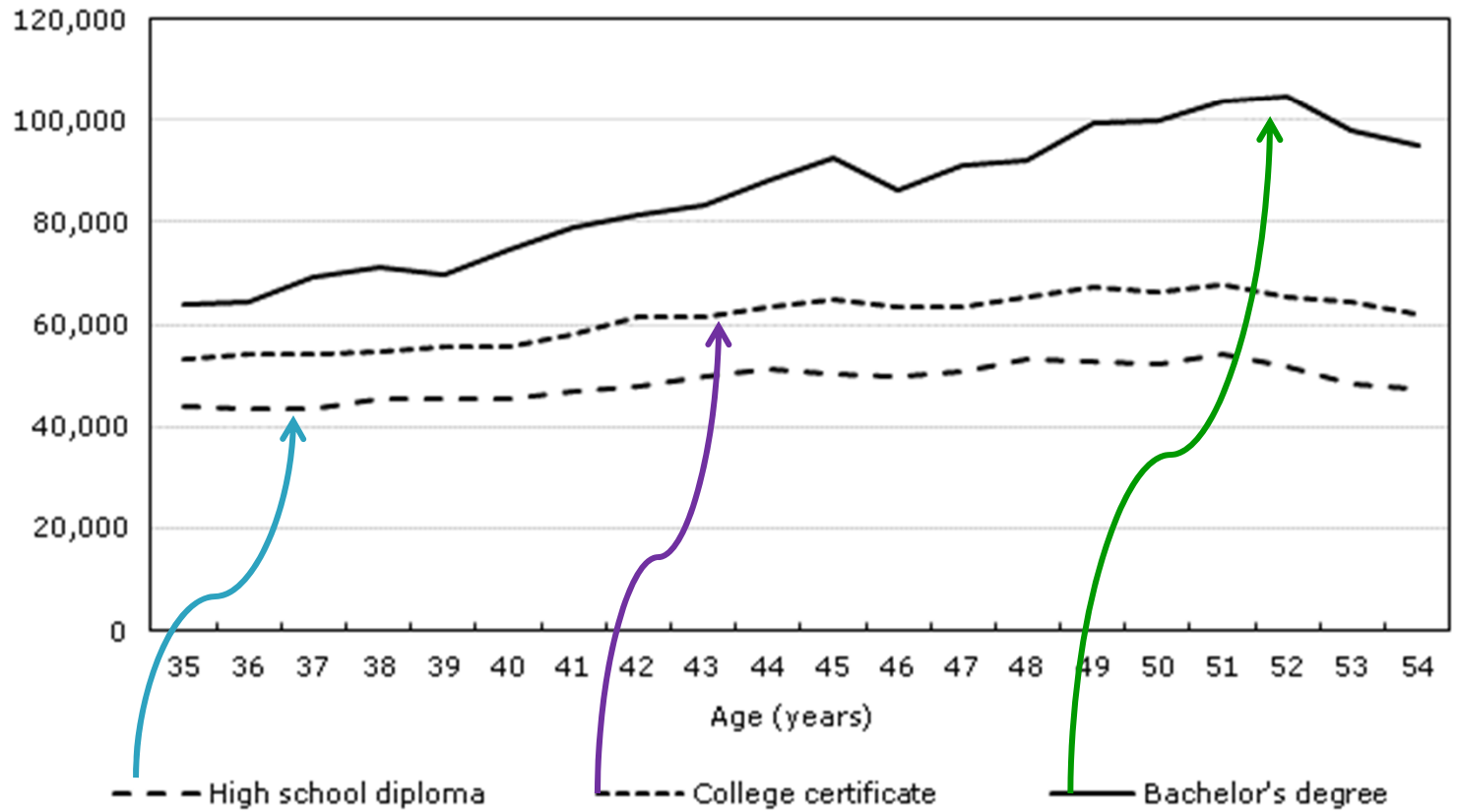
The research paper "[An Investment of a Lifetime? The Long-term Labour Market Premiums Associated with a Postsecondary Education](#)", part of the *Analytical Studies Research Paper Series (11F0019M)*, is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

Similar studies are available in the [Update on Social Analysis Research](#) module of our website.

**Chart 1**  
**Mean total earnings by educational attainment – Men**

Earnings  
(2010 constant  
dollars)

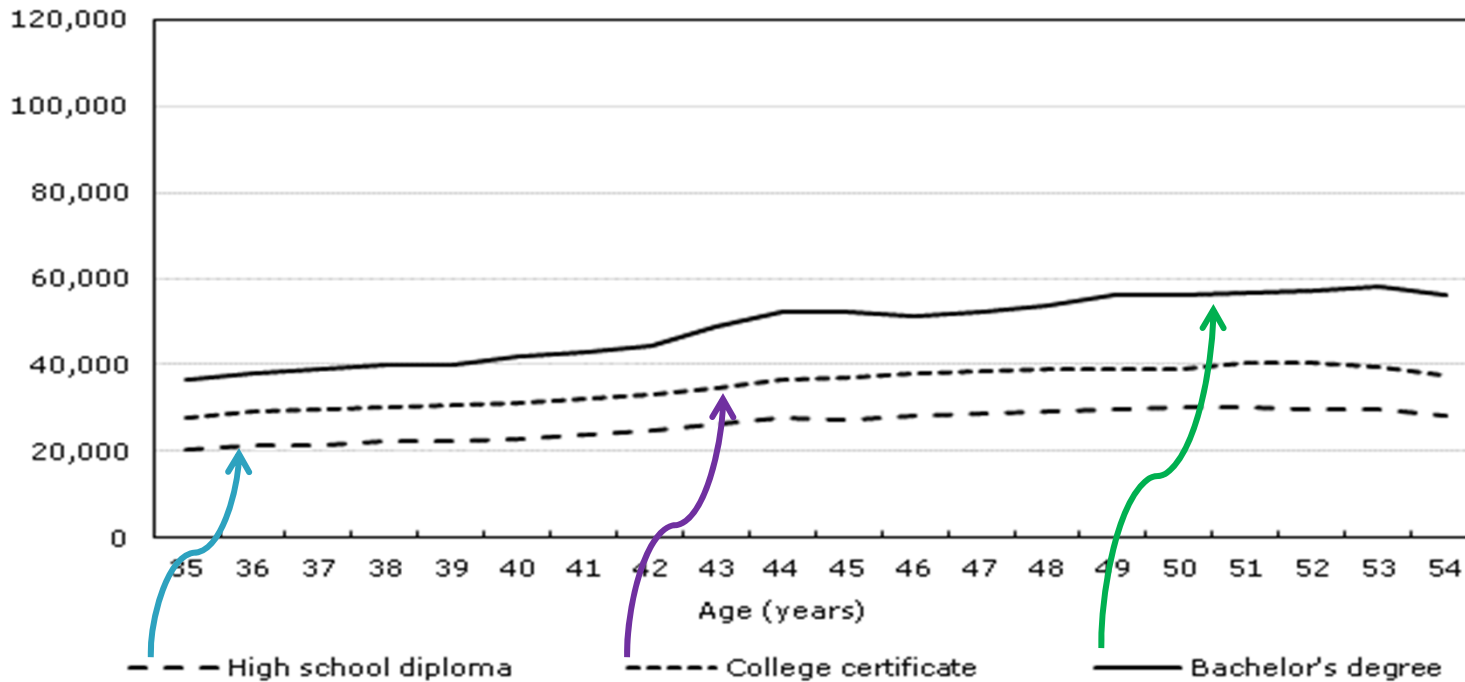




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**Chart 2**  
**Mean total earnings by educational attainment – Women**

Earnings  
(2010 constant  
dollars)



More details at:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11f0019m/11f0019m2014359-eng.htm>

## Choosing a Road

# University



- Emphasis on theoretical, general education
- Work towards an undergraduate (3 - 4 yrs) or graduate degree (6+ years)
- Need a minimum of 6 Gr. 12 U or M courses
- Gr. 12 math not required for many programs
- Important to research prerequisites carefully

**e!INFO**

A guide to Ontario universities designed to assist students in choosing the university best suited for each individual, available at [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)

## Choosing a Road

# College



- Programs more closely related to jobs
- Practical, focused, more hands-on learning
- A step towards university
- Graduation in two years  
(for most diploma programs)
- Tuition less expensive  
(less than ½ the cost of university)
- Smaller setting

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Information on earning a college degree, diploma, certificate or apprenticeship in Ontario.



## Choosing a Road

# Apprenticeship



(Gr. 12 diploma required in most cases)

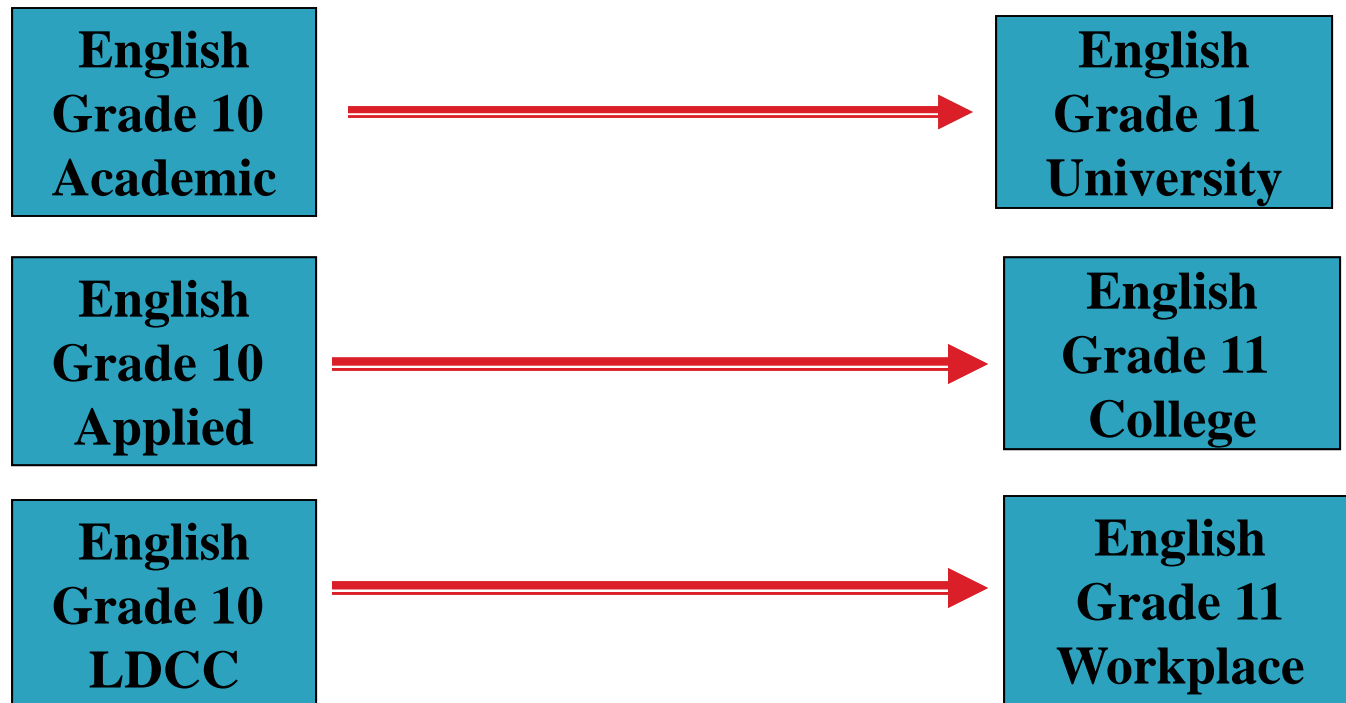
- **Four Sectors**
  - **Auto Service/Motive Power**
    - » Mechanic, Painter, Small engine technician, etc.
  - **Construction**
    - » Carpenter, Electrician, etc.
  - **Manufacturing/Industrial**
    - » Machinist, Millwright, Tool and die maker, etc.
  - **Service**
    - » Chef, Hairstylist, Horticulturalist, ECE, etc.
- **Canadian Armed Forces**
  - Avionic systems technician, Naval electronics technician, etc.
- **Rewards**
  - Good wages
  - Career path – supervisor, trainer, entrepreneur

# Planning for Grades 11 and 12



- Look at the flow-charts to see prerequisite courses for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses

For example:



## Choosing a Road



# Consider a Specialist High Skills Major designation

Hammarckjold offers a SHSM in four areas:

- The Environment
- Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services
- Construction
- Hairstyling and Aesthetics

Students who successfully complete all elements of the program will receive the SHSM designation on their OSSD.

See your counsellor for more information.



## Choosing a Road

# Which Gr. 11 Course Type Is Right For You?



## Think about your:

- **commitment to academic success**
- **academic achievement so far**
- **Grade 10 teachers' recommendations**
- **destination**
- **post-secondary program requirements**

(Note: Be aware of Gr. 12 courses that have Gr. 11 prerequisites)

# “Getting There” and Happiness

A number of studies have shown that on average one can expect to change careers four times over a lifetime. One needs to be careful then in thinking that the road to a career destination is smooth and straight. So ...



## 1. Expect Detours

**Did you know that ...**

... before he found success as an actor, Brad Pitt used to dress up in a chicken costume, trying to convince customers to visit a fast food restaurant?





## Did you know that ...

...Michael Jordan (often lauded as the best basketball player of all time) was actually cut from his high school basketball team?!



Luckily, Jordan didn't let this setback stop him from playing the game. He has stated, "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

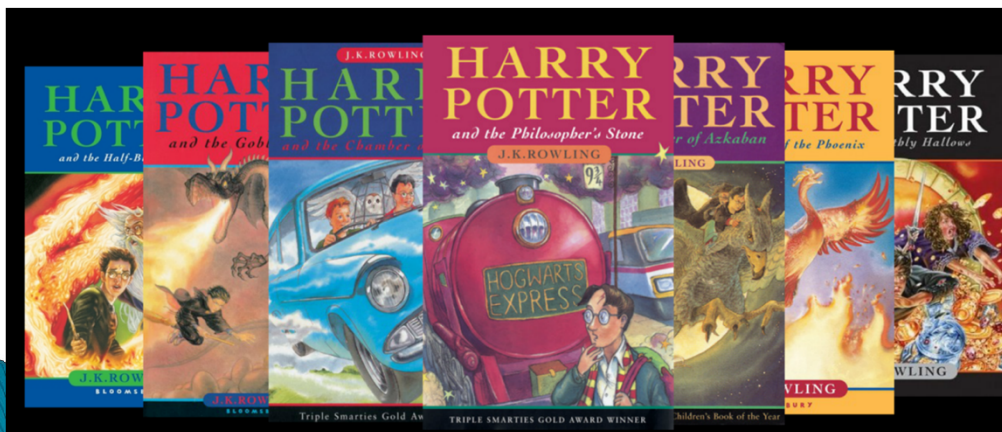


## Did you know that ...



...before J. K. Rowling published the *Harry Potter* series she was nearly penniless, severely depressed, divorced, and trying to raise a child on her own while attending school and writing a novel?

But through her hard work and determination Rowling went from depending on welfare to survive to being one of the richest women in the world in a span of only five years.



“It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default.”

J.K. Rowling  
Tuesday - Nov 6, 2012 13:20



## “Getting There” and Happiness

Sometimes the detours start in high school. What do you do if you find yourself meeting obstacles to your career destination?

- failing courses
- finding yourself “in trouble” with your teacher(s) or with the vice-principal
- personal problems
- losing focus or direction



**Make an appointment with your counsellor/facilitator, school social worker, or drop-in counsellor.**

**A – L      Mr. Philp**

**M – Z      Ms. Hardisty**

**Student Success      Mrs. Campbell**

**With an I.E.P.**

**A – L      Mrs. Colistro**

**M – Z      Mr. Workman**

**School Social Worker  
Carmen Kijanen**

**Children’s Centre Counsellor  
Karin Smids  
(Tuesdays 9:30 – 2:30)**



## “Getting There” and Happiness

# 2. Enjoy the Scenery



***“Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.”*** (John Lennon)

- Enjoy your high school years. Try to balance the pursuit of high marks or making money (e.g. part time jobs) with making time for friends and fun.

- Plan for the future but be realistic and flexible. Be prepared to reconsider or change post-secondary directions, should circumstances warrant.

- Allow yourself to take an extra semester or year of high school if:
  - ▶ your course load is creating too much stress
  - ▶ your postsecondary “road” or “pathway” needs to change (e.g. college to university)
  - ▶ your career destination is uncertain

**“Getting There” and Happiness**

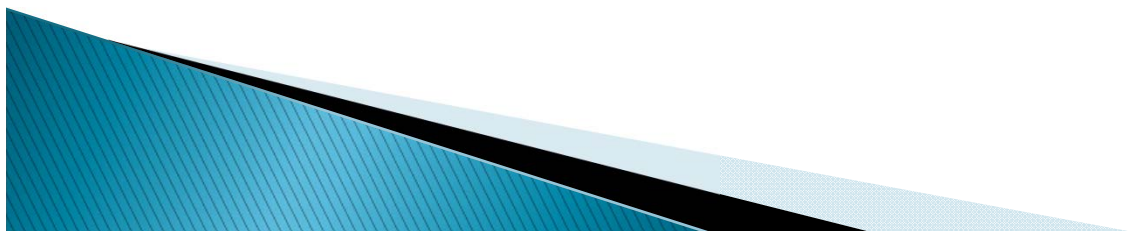
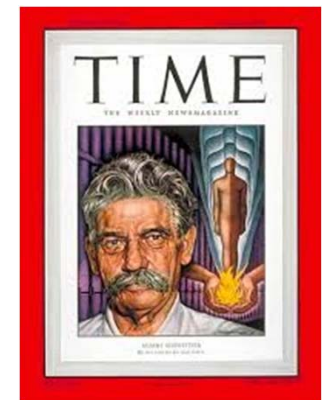
### **3. Keep Your Wheels on the Road**



**Remember that your future plans must be an extension of what you want, what makes you happy, what makes you feel good about yourself. Do not become sidetracked by other others’ dreams or by others’ preconceived notions about success in life.**

**As \*Albert Schweitzer once remarked...**

(\*Theologian, Philosopher, Journalist, Scholar, Missionary, Doctor, Preacher: 1875–1965)





## “Getting There” and Happiness



***“... success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”***

