



NANTYR SHORES

SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear French Immersion Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

Your student is about to start the process of selecting courses for **Grade 9 at Nantyr Shores Secondary School**. This package of resources explains how students choose their grade 9 courses on-line in **myBlueprint**. This is an important opportunity to discuss future goals as they start the transition to secondary school. Please involve your child's teachers in your decision if needed.

We have created a **Google classroom titled "Nantyr Graduating Class of 2028"** that contains relevant information regarding grade 9 elective course options as well as general information about our awesome school. Please join this Google classroom using the join code **'3rfqdub'**.

During our visits to Grade 8 classrooms, students will use the **'French Immersion Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet' ('rough draft' included in this package)** to pick their courses on paper. This **rough draft** will assist them in selecting the correct courses while completing the on-line process **at home (instruction sheet included in package)**. Both the **'French Immersion Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet' (rough draft)** and **'Course Selection Sign Off Sheet' (course selections made online)** need to be signed by a parent and returned to the school by **January 26th**. **Once courses have been submitted electronically, changes CAN ONLY be made** by contacting Amy Kalbfleisch at akalbfleisch@scdsb.on.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the course selection process, please communicate with either the grade 8 teacher or Nantyr's Guidance Department at 431-5950 x 40290.

As well, please plan to attend our **'Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Night' on Wednesday, January 17th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Thanks for your continued support in your son/daughter's education. **Please be sure to keep this letter for future reference!**

Sincerely,

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2024-2025 COURSE CALENDAR - GRADE NINE

We believe in the importance and value of the completion of the secondary school diploma. Our staff aims to reach every student to help them achieve a successful outcome from their secondary school experience. The Student Success Team is committed to offering every student the opportunity to learn in a safe and supportive environment, promoting positive transitions from elementary to secondary school through to post-secondary destinations, along with providing positive adult mentorship.

Nantyr staff, in partnership with the Student Success Team offer a variety of courses designed under the Ontario Secondary School guidelines to meet the graduation needs of all students along with support for their goals of employment and post-secondary education. Improved achievement for all students with a focus on literacy, numeracy and character development is our mandate.

Nantyr Shores Secondary School is designed to be student-centered. Our facilities include a large library-resource center, a cafetorium, athletic complex, technology, and arts wings, as well as classrooms and laboratories. A wide range of co-curricular activities are available to enhance students' educational experiences. Student involvement in these programs is extensive and a strong sense of pride in our school continues to grow. Many opportunities exist for students to enhance their leadership skills within clubs, teams, and academia.

Students attending Nantyr Shores live in the town of Innisfil. Our elementary partner schools include Alcona Glen Elementary School, Cookstown Public School, Goodfellow Public School, Innisfil Central Public School, Killarney Beach Public School, Lake Simcoe and Sunnybrae Public School. Harvest Hills Public School and W.H. Day French Immersion students also attend Nantyr. As a family of schools, our teachers collaborate to design the best K-12 education possible for all our young people.

Grade 9 French Immersion Course Calendar 2024 - 2025



DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED PROCEDURES



THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Our goal is graduation for all students. To receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D), a student must earn a minimum of 30 credits, including 19 compulsory credits and 11 optional credits, successfully complete the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (O.S.S.L.T.), and complete 40 hours of community involvement.

The 19 compulsory credits are:

- 4 English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 mathematics (at least 1 credit in grade 11 or 12)
- 2 science
- 1 French
- 1 Canadian history
- 1 Canadian geography
- 1 art
- 1 health and physical education
- 0.5 civics and 0.5 career studies
- 1 Technology (9 or 10)
- Group 1: 1 additional credit in English, French as a second language, Native language, or classical or international language, or social sciences and the humanities, Canadian and world studies or guidance and career education or cooperative education
- Group 2: 1 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or cooperative education
- Group 3: 1 additional credit in science, or technological education, or cooperative education

The 11 optional credits are selected from those available at Nantyr Shores Secondary School.

In addition to the above diploma requirements, students in the French Immersion program are also required to take four consecutive French language courses and six additional courses taught in French. Specifically, these are:

- Grade 9 Geography (replaces the compulsory grade 9 geography course above)
- Grade 9 Physical and Health Education
- Grade 9 Art
- Grade 10 History (replaces the compulsory grade 10 history course above)
- Grade 10 Civics and Career Studies (replaces the compulsory grade 10 Civics and Career Studies course above)
- Grade 11 Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology OR Grade 11 Food and Culture

Students who graduate from this program receive a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in French Immersion.

The **Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DEL F)** is a diploma issued by the French Ministry for National Education that certifies a learner's proficiency in French as an additional language. DEL F diplomas are recognized around the world.

Grade 12 FSL students have the opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DEL F) exam. The learners, with the support of their teacher, will self-select which CEFR level (A2, B1, B2) to challenge. The DEL F exam assesses the learner's French proficiency in listening comprehension, reading comprehension, spoken production and written production.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** will be conducted each spring. Students who are successful on their first attempt have this OSSD requirement satisfied. Students who are unsuccessful will be allowed to take the test again after receiving some remedial assistance. They may register for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course which has been established to meet the needs of students who have attempted the test.
- The **40 hours of community involvement activities** may be completed at any time during a student's secondary school years. The requirement is to be completed outside the student's normal instructional hours. Students, in collaboration with their parents, will decide how they will complete the community involvement requirement. Additional information and the necessary forms are available in Student Services.
- All students in Grade 9 will continue to develop an Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) which is intended to encourage them to set goals and make long-range plans for course selections and careers.
- Career awareness is a part of all courses.
- All secondary schools promote technological applications within the limits of available facilities and resources.
- The school year is divided into 2 semesters. Students take 4 courses in each semester.
- Course calendar with course descriptions is available online at the Nantyr Shores website: <http://nss.scdsb.on.ca> under Guidance, Course Selections.

STUDENT SERVICES - GUIDANCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS



The Ministry of Education "Student Success" initiative provides additional support to students who experience difficulties in school for a variety of reasons. The focus of the support is to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of all students, to ensure a smooth transition from grade 8 – 9 and then from secondary school to both post-secondary education and the work place, and to develop programs within schools which prepare students for their selected

destination. All secondary schools in the Simcoe County District School Board have a full-time teacher and Student Success Team dedicated to ensuring student success through transitioning of grade 7 and 8 students to Nantyr, engaging and counseling 'at risk' students, and the development and implementation of programs and plans to help individual students meet their own success.

The counsellors at Nantyr Shores Secondary School can give information and support in areas related to careers, education, and personal issues. Guidance is based on the premise that all individuals are unique and can make valuable contributions to society if given the opportunity to develop their own potentials and abilities.

Good guidance services are most effective when supported by the home, school and community. The many resources in the guidance office, including videos, internet access, university and college calendars, community resource materials, and career and vocational information are available to all students and their parents/guardians. Both students and parents/guardians are invited to make appointments to speak with a counsellor any time.

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COMPULSORY COURSES

ENGLISH



ENL1W1 English, Grade 9 (De-streamed)

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyze literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college prep courses in grades 11 and 12.

ENG1L1 English, Grade 9, (Locally Developed)

This course provides the foundational literacy and communication skills to prepare students for success in their daily lives, in the workplace, and in the Grade 10 LDCC Course. Students develop listening, talking, reading, viewing, and writing skills in a variety of authentic contexts. This course is designed to help students who had difficulty meeting the expectations of the English language program in grade 7 and 8.



FRENCH

FSF1DU Immersion Francaise (French Immersion), Grade 9, (Common Curriculum)

This course provides opportunities for students to speak and interact in French independently in a variety of real-life and personal relevant contexts. Students will develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as their ability to communicate in French with confidence, by using language learning strategies introduced in the elementary French Immersion program. Students will enhance their knowledge of the French language through the study of French-Canadian literature. They will also increase their understanding and appreciation of diverse French-speaking communities and will develop skills necessary for lifelong learning.

CANADIAN AND WORLD STUDIES



CGC1WU Explorer la géographie Canadienne, 9e théorique (De-streamed)

This course builds on learning in Grades 7 and 8 in geography. Students will explore relationships within and between Canada's natural and human systems and how they interconnect with other parts of the world. Students will also examine environmental and economic issues, and their impact related to topics such as natural resources and industries, careers, land use and responsible development, and sustainability. In addition, students will understand the connections that diverse communities and individuals have with the physical environment and each other throughout Canada, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives. Students will apply geographic thinking, use the geographic inquiry process, and use geospatial technologies throughout their investigations.

MATHEMATICS



MTH1W1 Mathematics, Grade 9 (De-streamed)

This course enables students to consolidate, and continue to develop, an understanding of mathematical concepts related to number sense and operations, algebra, measurement, geometry, data, probability, and financial literacy. Students will use mathematical processes, mathematical modelling, and coding to make sense of the mathematics they are learning and to apply their understanding to culturally responsive and relevant real-world situations. Students will continue to enhance their mathematical reasoning skills, including proportional reasoning, spatial reasoning, and algebraic reasoning, as they solve problems and communicate their thinking.

MAT1L1 Mathematics, Grade 9 (Locally Developed)

This course emphasizes the development of mathematical knowledge and skills to prepare students for success in their everyday lives, in the workplace, and in the Grade 10 LDCC course. Students develop mathematical literacy, problem-solving, and communication skills related to money sense, measurement, and proportional reasoning by completing practical, authentic activities. This course is designed to help students who had difficulty meeting the expectations of the mathematics program in grade 7 and 8.

SCIENCE



SNC1W1 Science, Grade 9 (De-streamed)

This course enables students to develop their understanding of concepts related to biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space science, and to relate science to technology, society, and the environment. Throughout the course, students will develop and refine their STEM skills as they use scientific research, scientific experimentation, and engineering design processes to investigate concepts and apply their knowledge in situations that are relevant to their lives and communities. Students will continue to develop transferable skills as they become scientifically literate global citizens.

SNC1L1 Science, Grade 9 (Locally Developed)

This course develops science-related knowledge and skills to prepare students for success in everyday life, in the workplace, and in the Science Grade 11 Workplace Preparation course. Students explore scientific topics that connect with their lives by engaging in practical science activities. This course is designed to help students who had difficulty meeting the expectations of the mathematics and science programs in grade 7 and 8.



ELECTIVE COURSES — at Nantyr Shores grade 9 FI students MUST take **PHE** and **Visual Art** and select 1 from the list below along with 2 alternatives).

Dramatic Arts (Open) ADA 101

(Arts Credit)

This course emphasizes the active exploration of dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wide range of authors, genres, and cultures. Students will construct, discuss, perform, and analyze drama, and then reflect on the experiences to develop an understanding of themselves, the art form, and the world around them.

Music Vocal (Open) AMV101

(Arts Credit)

This introductory course emphasizes the performance of music at a level that strikes a balance between challenge and skill and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will participate in creative activities that teach them to listen with understanding. They will learn correct musical terminology and its appropriate use.

Music Instrumental (Open) AMI101

(Arts Credit)

This introductory course emphasizes the performance of music at a level that strikes a balance between challenge and skill and is aimed at developing technique, sensitivity, and imagination. Students will participate in creative activities that teach them to listen with understanding. They will learn correct musical terminology and its appropriate use.

Dance (Open) ATC101

(Arts Credit)

This course emphasizes the basic movements of one or more world dance forms, and the scientific and safety principles related to dance. Students will create movement vocabulary for dance compositions, express themselves through movement, and investigate the historical and cultural development of dance. They will also learn about creative influences on dancers and choreographers, and the role of criticism in the art of dance.

Visual Art (Open) AVI10U FRENCH IMMERSION

(Arts Credit)

This course offers an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials through working with a range of materials, processes, techniques, and styles. They will learn and use methods of analysis and criticism and will study the characteristics of particular historical art periods and a selection of Canadian art and the art of other cultures.

Non-Traditional Art (Open) AWS101

(Arts Credit)

With a focus on emergent technologies (e.g., computer graphics, digital camera, scanner), this course offers an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various mediums through working with processes, techniques, and styles. Students will learn and use methods of analysis and criticism and characteristics of art.

Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset (Open) BEM101

(Business Credit)

In this course, students will learn what makes an entrepreneur thrive and the skills required to succeed in today's business environment. Students will begin to develop their own entrepreneurial mindset, and learn why it's important to take initiative, adapt to change, find creative solutions, and understand the financial considerations of entrepreneurship. This hands-on course will use business software and applications to help students plan and develop their entrepreneurial ideas and learn how to present them to a target audience. Throughout the course, students will enhance their communications skills as well as develop and refine their project management skills, including goal setting, time management, and networking.

Exploring Family Studies (Open) HIF 101

(Social Science/Group 1 Credit)

This course explores, within the context of families, some of the fundamental challenges people face how to meet basic needs, how to relate to others, how to manage resources, and how to become responsible members of society. Students will explore adolescent development and will have opportunities to develop interpersonal, decision-making, and practical skills related to daily life. They will learn about the diverse ways in which families function in Canada and will use research skills as they explore topics related to individual and family needs and resources.

Healthy Active Living (Open) PPL10U FRENCH IMMERSION

(PHE Credit)

This course emphasizes students' daily participation in a variety of enjoyable physical activities that promote lifelong healthy active living. Students will learn movement techniques and principles, ways to improve personal fitness and physical competence, and safety/injury-prevention strategies. They will investigate issues related to healthy sexuality and the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and will participate in activities designed to develop goal setting, communication, and social skills. (U = French Immersion, Co-ed)

Exploring Computer Technology (Open)TEJ1O (Full semester course)

(Technology Credit)

This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills in computer technology, which encompasses computer systems, networking, interfacing, and programming, as well as electronics and robotics. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

BLOCKC: ½ Semester of Exploring Construction Technology and ½ Semester of Exploring Transportation Technology (Open)
(Technology Credit)

This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills in construction technology (plumbing, electrical and network wiring, masonry, heating/ cooling, carpentry, and woodworking) and transportation technology (maintenance, servicing, and repair of various types of vehicles, aircraft, and/or watercraft). Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

BLOCKD: ½ Semester of Exploring Design Technology and ½ Semester of Exploring Communication Technology (Open)
(Technology Credit)

This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills related to technological design (the development of solutions to various design challenges and the fabrication of models or prototypes of those solutions) and communications technology, (television/video and movie production, radio and audio production, print and graphic communications, photography, and interactive new media and animation). Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

Exploring Hairstyling and Aesthetics (Open) TXJ10

(Technology Credit)

This exploratory course introduces students to concepts and skills related to hairstyling and aesthetics, including hair, nail, and skin care applications. Students will develop an awareness of related environmental and societal issues, and will begin to explore secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field.

NOTE: Students can only take 1 technology course in grade 9*

SPECIAL EDUCATION

To meet the individual needs of our students, there are Special Education Resource teachers available to support their learning.

The Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (I.P.R.C.) and the school's Special Needs Committee (S.N.C.) assist students, parents and teachers in the appropriate adjustments needed to help students with an Individual Education Plan to be successful in secondary school.

RESOURCE AND WITHDRAWAL PROGRAMS

Resource support for students identified as exceptional by an I.P.R.C. and their classroom teachers is the priority of the Special Education teachers. The school's Special Needs Committee may also recommend some support for non-IPRC'd students.

LEARNING CENTRE

The Secondary Learning Centre provides intensive programming in a small group setting for up to 16 students who require explicit instruction in literacy and numeracy, based on expectations from the Ontario Curriculum, from a special education teacher for 51% or more of the student's program. Students are chosen for the Learning Centre program in consultation with their parents, grade 8 teachers, elementary SERT, and the special education leader at Nantyr Shores. The program will focus on literacy and numeracy throughout the school year along with four other courses of their choice. Students may continue the following year at the grade 9 locally developed level for math and English or chose to continue in the Learning Centre for their grade 10 year. This is a non-credit bearing program. In order for students to be accepted in this program they must meet the criteria as set out in an IPRC meeting.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Nantyr Shores' Life Skills Program is designed to meet the needs of students with moderate to severe intellectual and physical challenges. The program includes both academic and community living components. Placement in the Life Skills Program will be determined by the Simcoe County District School Boards' I.P.R.C.

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French Immersion Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet (SCDSB Students)

Use this *'rough draft'* to record your choices by completing the *compulsory requirements*. Add your *elective choice* in the designated area and provide *alternates* to help us know your preferences should we not be able to accommodate your first elective choice. Use the included **Course Calendar** as a reference to review the various choices for your program of study. **Hand THIS 'rough draft' into your Grade 8 Teacher once you have completed your course selection on-line. Be sure to obtain your parent's signature.**

Student Information:

Student Name		Current School		Teacher	
First Phone Contact Name and #		Alt. Phone			
Parent Email		Special Education	Is your child on an IEP? Yes ____ No ____		

Grade 9 French Immersion (FI) Compulsory Requirements:

Choose one program of study for each compulsory course. **Circle or Highlight** your desired program of study.

Compulsory	Program of Study	
	De-Streamed/Common Curriculum	Locally Developed
English	ENL1W1	ENG1LL
Math	MTH1W1	MAT1LL
Science	SNC1W1	SNC1LL
French Immersion	FIF1DU	
FI Canadian Geography	CGC1WU	

Grade 9 Elective Choices: Please select ONE (1) elective course and TWO (2) alternates in this section

- Alternate courses will be used only if your first choice is not available.
- All students must take a TECH course in Grade 9 OR Grade 10.
- **Students in FI must take Visual Art (AVI10U) and Physical Education in Grade 9 (PPL10U).**

Indicate your choices from number 1 - 3 with No. 1 being your first choice, 2 & 3 are alternates

The Arts:		No.	Social Sciences:		No.
Non-Traditional Art	AWT101		Exploring Family Studies	HIF101	
Dance	ATC101		Technological Education:	Students can only take 1 technology course in Gr. 9	No.
Drama	ADA101		Exploring Computer Technology	TEJ101	
Music	AMI101		Construction & Transportation Technology	BLOCKC	
Vocal/Choral	AMV101		Design & Communication Technology	BLOCKD	
Arts Visuels	AVI10U	√	Hairstyling & Aesthetics Technology	TXJ101	
Business:		No.	Health & Physical Education		No.
Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset	BEM101		Vie active et santé (mixte)	PPL10U (co-ed)	√

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____



This step-by-step guide will help you complete online course selection using the myBlueprint website.

EXISTING USER?


1. Visit www.myblueprint.ca/simcoe
2. Click the **School Account Log In** button
3. Enter your SCDSB email and password, click **Login**



Welcome Back



School

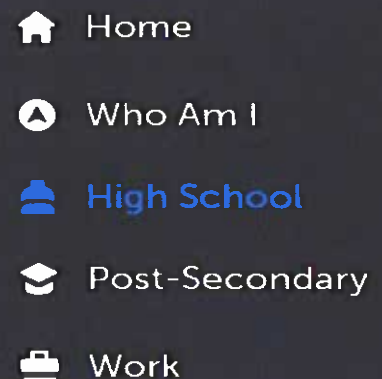


NEW USER?

1. Visit www.myblueprint.ca/simcoe
2. Select **your next year high school** from the drop-down list and click **Create Account**
3. Select **Students** and click **Continue**
4. Select **Grade 8**, click **Continue**
5. Enter your **Provincial Education Number (i.e., OEN, ASN, MET)** and **Date of Birth**, click **Continue**
6. Fill out the sign-up form and click **Create Account**

COURSE SELECTION

From your **Dashboard**, click on the **High School** button from the left-hand navigation menu.

- 
- Home
 - Who Am I
 - High School**
 - Post-Secondary
 - Work

1) ADD COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

- In High School Planner, click + **[Course]**.
- **ALL** available courses under this subject are listed. **Filter** by grade to find the exact course you require.
- Explore the available courses by reading the description.
- Click **Add Course** when you find the course you want.



HINT: The **Graduation Indicator** will help you keep track of your progress towards graduation. Click **View Progress** for a list of specific graduation requirements.

 Your courses are **Not Submitted**

[Not returning next year?](#)

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

[Review Course Selections](#)

2) REVIEW COURSES – When you are ready to submit your course selections, click the blue **Review Course Selections** button and give your course selection one final look over.

1 Review Course Selections

2 Add Comments

 ENG2P1
English

 MFM2P1
Foundations of Mathematics

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

[Submit Course Selections](#)

You can use the “Add Comments” section to explain any issues to your guidance counsellor (i.e. taking the prerequisite in summer school)

3) SUBMIT COURSES – Once you’ve carefully reviewed the **Details** page to ensure that you are meeting the requirements for the courses you have selected and that the courses that appear are correct, click on **Submit Course Selections**. Please note that **you will NOT be able to modify your course selections once submitted!**

[Submit Course Selections](#)

4) EMAIL PARENT APPROVAL/PRINT SIGN-OFF SHEET – After submitting your course selections:

- Click the blue **Send Approval Email** to email your parent/guardian to approve your course selections, or
- Click the **Printer** button at the top right and **return a signed copy by your parent to your grade 8 teacher before January 26th, 2024.**

 Email your parent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

[Send Approval Email](#)

