

Grade 9 Course Selection 2017 - 2018



Fenelon Falls Secondary School

Elementary vs. Secondary

- Take same courses for the whole year
 - All courses picked for you
 - Pass or fail a grade
 - Destreamed classes
 - Nutrition breaks
 - Same teacher for several subjects
 - Some freedom
 - Performance expectations
 - Classes start at 9:00 a.m.
- Take 4 different courses each semester
 - Pick pick levels and some courses
 - Pass or fail a course
 - Both streamed and open classes
 - 1 hour lunch
 - 8 different teachers
 - More freedom
 - Performance expectations
 - Classes start at 8:10 a.m.

New To You...

- Cafeteria
- 3 gymnasiums
- Weight room
- Computer labs
- Fitness room
- Photo developing studio
- Full service cafeteria
- Technology Department...
- Communications
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Programming
- Construction
- Design
- Manufacturing
- Transportation

O.S.S.D. - Ontario Secondary School Diploma

18 compulsory

4 English

3 Math

2 Science

1 French

1 Canadian Geography

1 Canadian History

1 Art

1 Health and Physical Education

.5 Careers

.5 Civics

Plus..

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

O.S.S.D. continued...

- Plus 12 optional
- 18 compulsory + 12 optional = 30 credits
- Plus...
- 40 hours Community Involvement (beginning in summer before grade 9)
- Successfully complete the provincial reading and writing test (to be written in grade 10)

Levels

- Academic
- Applied
- Essential (Locally Developed)
- Alternative
- Open

Alternative

- This level provides not-for-credit classes for students in Special Education placements

Where will Alternative courses lead?

- To an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (plus 14 credits)
- Community Integration Through Co-op (Fleming College)
- Or a Certificate of Achievement
- Workplace or supported living

Essential (Locally Developed)

This level provides students who have experienced significant difficulties in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science (grade 8 curriculum was modified) to obtain sufficient background and skill development to prepare for Gr. 11 and 12 Workplace courses or possibly applied level Gr. 9 and 10 courses

Where will Essential Level Courses lead?

- Directly to the Workplace
- Apprenticeship
- College Programs (Blasting Techniques, Esthetician, Heavy Equipment Operator...)
- Bridging programs

Applied

- Applied level courses consist of 70% of the same topics as the academic courses
- While course work exposes students to both theories and practical applications, the emphasis is on PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Where will an Applied program lead?

- Most college programs
- University prep
- Apprenticeships
- Workplace

Academic

- Students selecting this level should be consistently receiving marks over the 80% range in Grade 8
- Equally important for success is an ability to work independently
- Homework

Where will an Academic program lead?

- University
- College
- Apprenticeship
- Workplace

Open Level

Open level courses are available to students working at ALL levels.

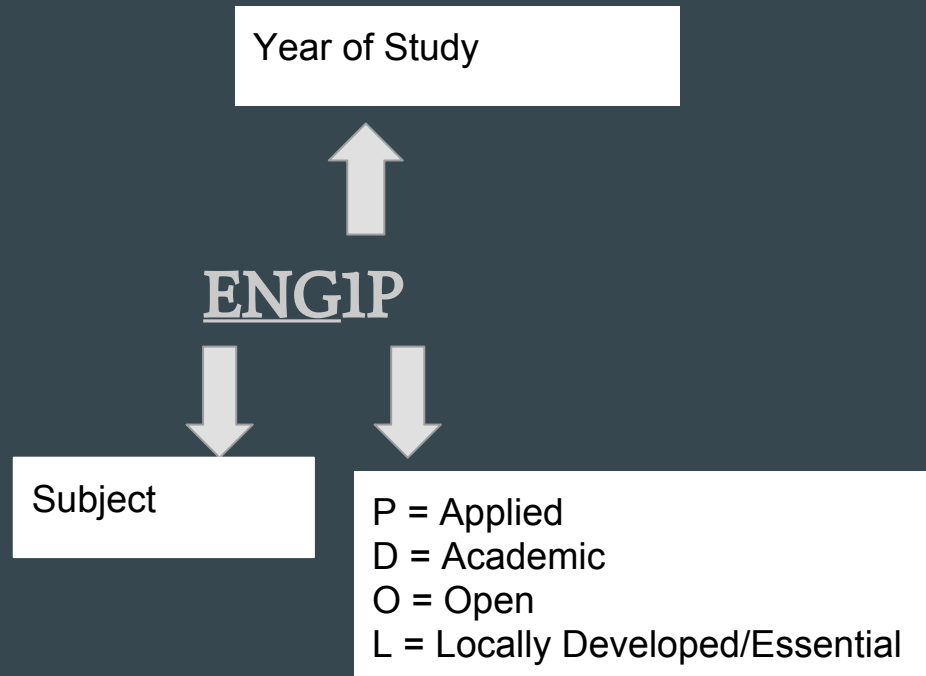
- Physical Education
- Food and Nutrition

Selecting Courses

You must choose EIGHT (8) courses...

PLUS ONE (1) Alternate

Understanding Course Codes



Link

- Grade 9 Orientation
- All Grade 9 Students
- During the week before school begins
- @ FFSS
- It is FUN and you will learn important info about FFSS

Transition Activities

- Tech Tour (Feb.)
- Transition Visits (Special Education)
- May Day
- Link Day

More Info...

<http://ffs.tldsb.on.ca/>