

De-Streaming

Enabling all students to realize the fullness of their humanity



Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic District School Board

Believing, Achieving, Serving

HWCDSB Guiding Principles



As a Catholic community we believe in the fundamental dignity of every human person and we strive to create a Catholic school environment where each student feels accepted and feels a sense of belonging. We recognize how systemic discrimination and structural inequalities affect students and we strive to create a Catholic learning environment that is equitable and inclusive.



The HWCDSB is committed to increasing educator capacity through critical reflection and culturally responsive instruction, assessment and evaluation which is supportive of student success and student achievement in a de-streamed classroom environment. Educators will strive to create a positive and inclusive environment where students feel safe, connected, valued, empowered and engaged.



As a Catholic community, we recognize the uniqueness of each individual and the need to support the whole student through student-centred and tailored supports to ensure student success in a de-streamed classroom environment. We strive to understand and value student voice, perceptions and lived experiences to increase student well-being, engagement, and achievement.

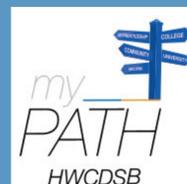
What is streaming and de-streaming?

In streamed education systems, students select between applied and academic courses in grades 9 & 10. Based on prerequisite mapping, applied courses typically take students on a pathway that leads to college or apprenticeships, while academic courses lead students on a pathway to university.

De-streaming removes the set pathways from grade 9 and 10 courses, allowing students to make pathway decisions later in their secondary education years.

Ontario secondary schools will begin de-streaming courses beginning with grade 9 mathematics starting September 2021.

De-streaming of courses will provide more equitable education for all students to succeed, thrive and reach their full potential.



For more information on courses and pathway options visit:

www.pathtosuccess.ca



"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."

Ephesians 2:14



Why De-stream?

Parents indicated that selecting pathways streaming in grade 8 is too early.

More course options will be available to students in grades 11 & 12.

Data shows that students most likely to be streamed into applied courses are Indigenous, Black, from low-income households, and/or have disabilities or other special education needs.

Research shows that students learn better when surrounded by peers of varied abilities and interests.

New de-streamed courses will have high, consistent and appropriate expectations for all students.

Ontario Ministry of Education De-streaming Goals



1. Cultural shifts in schools and school boards to identify and dismantle systemic discrimination and structural inequalities.
2. Increase educator capacity for effective culturally-responsive instruction, assessment and evaluation in de-streamed, multi-level classrooms.
3. Increase student engagement and well-being.

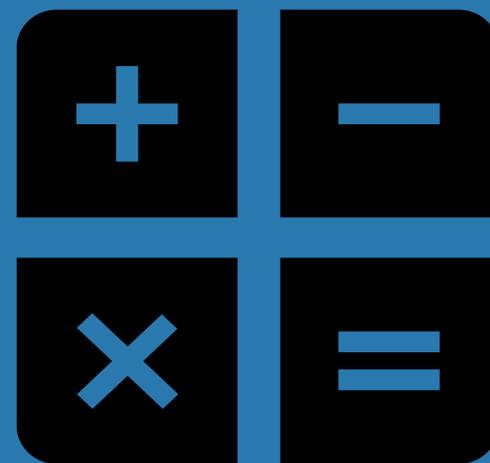


What to expect moving forward

- Beginning September 2021, a new de-streamed grade 9 mathematics curriculum will be rolled out across all Ontario secondary schools.
- Locally developed mathematics courses will continue to be offered.
- The HWCDSB will continue to offer a mathematics preparation course for students who would benefit from extra math support, both during the summer and school year.
- De-streaming in other subject areas is anticipated in coming years.

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Grade 9 Mathematics MTH 1W



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Will academic and applied mathematics courses still be offered in grade 9?

A: No, those courses are being replaced by 1 new math course starting September 2021 (MTH 1W).

Q: How many math credits are required for graduation?

A: A student in Ontario needs to have successfully completed 3 math courses to graduate.

Q: What will happen in grade 10 for mathematics course options?

A: As of now, there are no changes to the grade 10 mathematics course selections.

Q: If my child is unsure as to which stream to enter for grade 10 mathematics, who can assist with that decision?

A: Your child's guidance counsellor can advise in collaboration with the grade 9 math teacher.

Q: Will any other courses be de-streamed?

A: Currently, only grade 9 mathematics is scheduled to be de-streamed beginning September 2021.

Q: I am not strong in math, how can I prepare for this course?

A: The HWCDSB offers GLE 10M, a math preparation course, that can help you feel more confident in your math skills before entering the new mathematics course.

Q: Where can I find more information on de-streaming?

A: More information on de-streaming will be posted on the HWCDSB website.