

OPTION ADVICE SHEET

FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADE 11 IN SEPTEMBER 2021

The following questions and answers should help you when completing the MyPath on-line registration and course selections.

1. ***What are the different levels that can be selected in the Specialization Years (Grades 11 and 12)?***

There are **five** different levels that can be taken in Grade 11. The fifth digit of the course code identifies the type of course it is. The five levels are as follows:

U = University

M = University/College (sometimes called “mixed”)

C = College

E = Employment/Workplace

O = Open

2. ***Where do I find information about the Grade 11 courses that are available at STM?***

All courses and course descriptions are found on MyPath. Some courses have a **prerequisite (a course that must be completed before you can take them)**. If a course has a prerequisite it is indicated on MyPath in the course description.

3. ***How many courses must I take in grade in Grade 11?***

Eight.

4. ***Are there specific courses that I must take in Grade 11?***

In Grade 11 there are **three compulsory courses** that students must take: **English, Mathematics and Religion**. Please refer to your Personal Planning Chart included in the package. Using your **Credit Counselling Summary** that is found on your MyPath account, you can develop your high school course plan. Review your plan to be certain that you have all of your compulsory and elective credits that you require to date.

5. ***May I reach ahead and take Grade 12 subjects?***

Some students feel prepared to take a Grade 12 course in the second semester of their grade 11 year. Grade 12 courses will be more challenging than grade 11 courses. Also, there is a Ministry of Education **“full disclosure”** rule that requires all attempts of Grade 11 & 12 courses to appear on the transcript. Waiting until you are more prepared to get the best marks possible in Grade 12 subjects is recommended.

6. *As I enter Grade 11 must I identify my desired post-secondary destination?*

By grade 11 students should try to identify whether they are **University-bound, College-bound, Workplace-bound or Apprenticeship-bound**. As well, students should also begin to focus their courses in the area that they are most interested in pursuing. For example: **Science related, Business related, Social Science related, Technology related, Health Care related or Arts related**. Destination Planning Charts are found on www.pathtosuccess.ca. Other very good resources to help you with your planning are: www.careercruising.com, www.ontariocolleges.ca, www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

7. *What should a Grade 11 student and his/her parents consider when choosing a destination pathway?*

You should consider the following:

- **How you are doing in Grade 10?**
- **What is your post-secondary destination?**
- **What occupations are you interested in pursuing?**

Grade 10 Academic courses are a prerequisite for University-bound (U) courses. University admission averages are based on Grade 12 “U” and “M” courses and vary depending on the Program and the University. Most University admission averages are well above 75%.

Grade 10 Applied courses are a prerequisite for College-bound courses (C) and some University/College courses (M). Students completing Grade 10 Applied courses are on the destination pathway to be College-bound, Apprenticeship-bound or Workplace-bound.

The compulsory Career Studies Course (GLC209) may have helped you to identify some occupations of interest. Different occupations require different types of post-secondary education and training. Some require University training; some require College training; others require on-the-job training. **You would have done this research in your Career Studies class and recorded your information on your IPP (Individual Pathway Plan). Refer to your IPP that you saved in Career Cruising.**

8. *What is the best approach to selecting courses for Grades 11 and 12?*

After choosing the necessary compulsory credits, the best way to select your Grade 11 courses is to plan your Grade 12 program (keeping your post-secondary required courses in mind) and then work backwards to plan Grade 11. **Many Grade 12 courses have prerequisites** (courses that must be completed in Grade 11) **in order to be eligible to take them.** Prerequisites are indicated in the course descriptions found on myPath.

9. ***Can pathway streams be changed?***

Yes, but it may be **necessary to complete the appropriate prerequisite course first** before proceeding (for example: 2P1 to 2D1, then 3U1). Be sure to discuss this with your guidance counsellor as you may need to attend summer school to achieve the necessary prerequisite course.

10. ***I took Grade 10 Academic Math. Which Grade 11 Math course should I select, MCR 3U1 or MCF 3M1?***

Students that are **University-bound for Science, Business, Engineering or Kinesiology must take MCR3U1. Arts-bound students may take MCF3M1.** The Mathematics teachers encourage you to carefully consider the mark you earned in grade 10 Math. Students wishing to take **Technology programs at College are advised to take MCF3M1 and then MCT4C1.**

11. ***Can I take Cooperative Education in Grade 11?***

Yes. Coop helps students learn more about occupational interests and helps to prepare students for the world of work, college and university. Coop may be used to satisfy the **Group 1, 2 or 3 Compulsory credit requirements. Coop is also a mandatory requirement of the SHSM program.** If you express interest in Coop on your option sheet, a Coop teacher will discuss the possibilities with you.

12. ***How do I register for a SHSM (Specialist High Skill Major)?***

STM offers six different SHSM sectors: **Arts & Culture, Business, Construction, Health & Wellness, Non-Profit, and Transportation.** If you are interested in registering for a SHSM please make an appointment to see Mr. S. Silivestri, the SHSM Counsellor.

13. ***When is REGISTRATION DAY, and what do I need to have ready?***

Registration Day is Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 and Thursday, February 25th, 2021.

The following **two items** must be submitted on registration day:

- 1. MyPath Option Selections** (printed off when you register your courses on-line)
- 2. Activity Fee of \$45.00 - A copy of a receipt showing you made your payment online through hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com (cash or cheque will not be accepted!)**