


OPTION ADVICE SHEET

FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADE 11 IN SEPTEMBER 2023

The following questions and answers should help you when completing the **myBlueprint**  on-line registration and course selections:

1. *What are the different stream levels that can be selected in the Grades 11 and 12?*

There are **five** different streams that can be studied in Grade 11. The fifth digit of the course code identifies the stream, for example: HRF 3**O**1; where the **O** indicates **Open**. The following are the 5 streams:

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 the **myBlueprint** site. Some courses require a qualifying course studied first in order to be eligible to be studied. These are called **prerequisites**. You will find the information regarding prerequisites in the description of a course in **myBlueprint**.

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

Eight courses are MANDATORY. Keep in mind, that COOP although one course, accounts for two credits and therefore, is counted as two courses. Therefore, a student will select only 6 more courses if taking COOP.

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

Religion.

For next year, English Courses have changed to a First Nations Focus – the new course codes are as follows:

NBE 3U – University Level English

NBE 3C – College Level English

NBE 3E - Workplace Level English

Using your **Graduation Indicator** that is found in your 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. A *Personal Planning Chart* is included in this package for your use as well.

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. Please note that there is a Ministry of Education “**full disclosure**” rule that requires all attempts of Grade 11 & 12 courses to appear on one’s transcript. Please do not feel rushed to ‘get it over with’. One year of studies in the senior grade will best prepare you for grade 12 course.

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.myblueprint.ca, www.ontariocolleges.ca, www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

7. *What should a Grade 11 student and parents/guardians, 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 College, Apprenticeship or Workplace.

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 so be sure to identify those and select appropriately for grade 11.**

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?*

The following suggestions should be seriously considered:

University-bound for Science, Business, Engineering or Kinesiology must take **MCR3U1**.

Arts-bound students may take **MCF3M1**.

Technology programs at College are advised to take **MCF3M1 and then MCT4C1**.

The Mathematics teachers encourage you to carefully consider the mark you earned in grade 10 Math

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. Giovannangeli, the SHSM Counsellor.

13. *What about the Ministry of Education's required E-Learning courses?*

Yes, the government expects graduates from your cohort to have studied a **minimum of two E-Learning courses for graduation purposes**. The e-Learning courses that are available can be found on myBlueprint and currently there are 16 e-Learning courses that you can choose from. If e-Learning is not for you, you will have the option to **'opt-out'** by filling out the attached "e-Learning Opt Out Form" and returning it to the Guidance Office ASAP!

14. *What do I need to have completed to be considered Registered for Next Year?*

Registration Documents must be completed by March 2, 2023.

The following items must be completed:

1. A myBlueprint Option Sheet (please note that you cannot make changes once you have submitted your selections).
2. Activity Fee of \$50.00 – for the 2023-24 School year, paid through School Cash Online (cash/cheques will not be accepted)
3. Verification of Registration Form

Keep all information for your own personal records. Nothing will be collected this year.

COURSE SELECTION on MYBLUEPRINT

1) LOGIN to Mysite and click the blue M icon called MYBLUEPRINT

2) COURSE SELECTION- 3 STEPS

From your **Dashboard**, choose **High School** from the left-hand navigation menu.

STEP 1: ADD COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR:

In **High School Planner**, click **+ [Course]**. In the **Course Selection and Details** screen, explore the available courses. Please ensure you have the prerequisite if one is required. Click **Add Course** when you find the course you want to choose.

STEP TWO: REVIEW COURSES:

When you are ready to submit your course selections, click the blue **Review Course Selections** button.

NOTE: Please use the “**Add Comments**” section to explain any issues to your Guidance Counsellor (i.e. taking the prerequisite in summer school).

STEP THREE: SUBMIT COURSES

Carefully review 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.

Then click on **SUBMIT COURSE SELECTIONS**. **Please note that you will not be able to modify your course selections once submitted!**

PERSONAL PLANNING CHART

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
1.	HRE 1O1 (Religious Education)	HRE 2O1 (Religious Education)	HRT 3M1 or HRF 3O1 (Religious Education)	HRE 4M1 or HRE 4O1 (Religious Education)
2.	ENG 1D1 or 1L1 (English)	ENG 2D1 or 2P1 or 2L1 (English)	NBE 3U1 or 3C1 or 3E1 (English)	ENG 4U1 or 4C1 or 4E1 (English)
3.	MTH1WO or MAT 1L1 (Mathematics)	MPM 2D1 or MFM 2P1 or MAT 2L1 (Mathematics)	MCR 3U1 or MCF 3M1 or MBF 3C1 or MEL 3E1 (Mathematics)	
4.	SNC 1D1 or 1L1 (Science)	SNC 2D1 or 2P1 or 2L1 (Science)		
5.	CGC 1D7 or 1P7 (Canadian Geography)	CHC 2D7 or 2P7 or 2L7 (Canadian History)		
6.	FSF 1D1 or 1O1 (French)	GLC 209 & CHV 209 (Career Studies/Civics)		
7.				
8.				

To earn an OSSD you must successfully complete the courses identified on the chart as well as the following:

- **An Arts credit**
- **A Physical Education Credit**
- **One additional credit from each group:**
 - **Group 1:** English, or French as a second language, or a Native Language, or a Classical or and International Language, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian & World Studies, Guidance and Career Education or Cooperative Education (grade 11 Religion fulfills this requirement)
 - **Group 2 :** Health & Physical Education, or the Arts or Business Studies or French as a second language or Co-operative Education
 - **Group 3 :** Science Gr. 11 or 12, or Technology Education, or French as a second Language or Co-operative Education
- **8 additional Elective Credits**
- **2 e-Learning Credits (students may choose to opt out by completing the “e-Learning Opt Out” Form)**
- **40 Hours of Christian Service Hours**
- **The Provincial Literacy Requirement (OSSLT)**

