

Welcome!

**Huron Heights Grade 8
Information Evening**

Grade 8 to Grade 9 Easing the Transition...



Each student will be assigned a **Guidance Counsellor** to assist in:

- Course selection
- Academic support
- Long-term educational planning and Career exploration
- Other personal concerns

OSSD Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

- 30 credits

 - 17 compulsory credits & 13 elective credits

- 40 hours of Community Involvement

 - Hours can be started over the summer before Grade 9

- Completion of the Literacy Requirement in Grade 10

 - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test--OSSLT

- 2 online learning courses

 - Opt-out form can be completed to waive the requirement



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



Click [here](#) for OSSD requirements

A guide to earning your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

30 CREDITS IN TOTAL

+

40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

+

COMPLETION OF THE ONTARIO LITERACY REQUIREMENT

+

COMPLETION OF THE ONTARIO FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENT

17 Compulsory Credits	CREDITS
English (1 credit per grade)	4
Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)	3
Science	2
Canadian Geography (Grade 9)	1
Canadian History (Grade 10)	1
The Arts	1
Health and Physical Education	1
French as a Second Language	1
Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)	1
STEM - Related Course Group (Business Studies, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, Mathematics*, Science*, Technological Education*) *In addition to compulsory credits required	1
Career Studies	0.5
Civics and Citizenship	0.5
Total Compulsory Credits	17
13 Elective Credits	CREDITS
Students are required to earn 13 optional credits that match their interests and future pathways to develop their skills.	13
Total Elective Credits	13
Total Credits Required for Graduation	30

Other Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Involvement completed over 4 years <i>Note: Grade 8 students can start their community involvement hours in July and August before Grade 9</i> 	40 hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement <i>Taken during Grade 10 Mathematics Course based on cumulative Financial Literacy learning from Grade 1-9</i> 	70% or higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Online Learning <i>Any of the 30 credits may be taken online. For information relating to the opt-out process, please see your guidance counsellor. *https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2022/10/20/online-learning-graduation-requirement-and-opt-out-process/</i> 	2 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Provincial Literacy Requirements OSSLT or OSSLC Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) 	

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (OSSC)	
The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) will be granted, upon request, to students who are leaving secondary school at the age of 18 without meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students must meet the following criteria in order to be granted an OSSC:	
7 Compulsory Credits	CREDITS
English	2
Mathematics	1
Science	1
Canadian Geography	1
Health and Physical Education	1
The Arts or Technological Education	1
7 Elective Credits	CREDITS
Students are required to earn 7 optional credits that match their interests and future pathways to develop their skills.	7
Total Credits Required for Graduation	14

Click [here](#) for OSSD requirements

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Course Selection:

Things to Consider for Success

- Diploma Requirements
- Best Electives for You
- Future Pathway Plans



Learning Resources

Students who have been identified through Special Education will continue to receive support through the Learning Resource Center at Huron Heights.

For any questions, please contact **Mark Rubicini**, Learning Resources and Special Education Department Head.

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(519) 896-2631 ext. 1425



Grade 9 Compulsory Courses

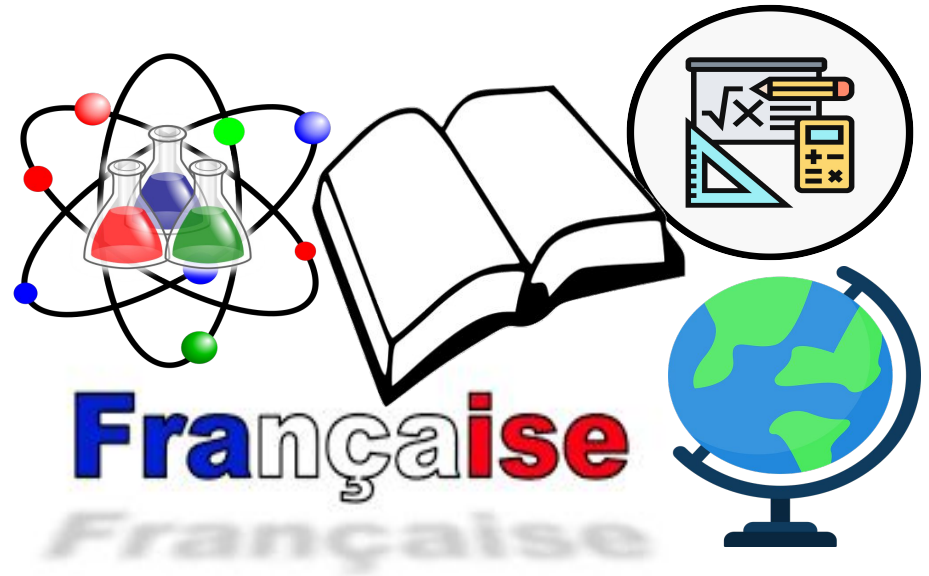
CGC1WI - Geography

ENL1WI - English

FSF1DI - French

MTH1WI - Math

SNC1WI - Science



Grade 9 Elective Courses

Choose 3 of the following:

The Arts

- ADA1OI - Dramatic Arts
- AMU1OI - Instrumental Music (Beginner)
- AMV1OI - Vocal Music
- AVI1OI - Visual Arts

Business

- BEM1OI - Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

Family Studies

- HIF1OI - Exploring Family Studies
- HFN1OI - Food and Nutrition

Physical & Health Education

- PPL1OX - Healthy Active Living Education (female)
- PPL1OY - Healthy Active Living Education (male)

Technological Studies

- TAS1OI - Technology & the Skilled Trades
Students entering Grade 9 in 2024 will be required to take a grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements.

Student Transportation Services



Transportation
Eligibility.

For information on busing and transportation eligibility, please contact Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region at **(519) 744 - 7575** or visit **<https://www.stswr.ca/>**.

Which School do I Attend? Can I Ride a Bus?



Student Clubs and Teams

Huron Heights offers many **clubs and teams** for students to get involved.

Whether it's the **Arts** (e.g., *Arts Council & Drama*), **Business**, **Cultural Clubs** (e.g., *MSA*), **Leadership** (e.g., *Husky Pack*), **Music** (e.g., *Concert Band, Pop Choir or MYART*), **Science** (e.g., *Green Earth Club*) **Sports** (e.g., *Badminton, Basketball, Soccer etc...*) or **Technology** (*Sky Radio, Robotics Club*), many options exist.

Check out the **Sports Teams and Clubs Activity Fair** in September.



Activities and Events

Huron Heights offers many **activities and events** for students during the school year.

Many of the activities and events are organized by the Athletic and Leadership classes. These include Bingo in the cafeteria, celebration weeks, coffee houses, dances, dress-up days, fashion shows, multicultural days, intramural sports and more!

*** Students must have paid their WRDSB Activity Fee in order to participate in activities.**



Not from Doon, Groh, Jean Steckle or Oak Creek?

Refer to the [Huron Heights website](#) under the [Guidance Tab](#), click on [Registration](#) for more information on how to register.

The image shows a screenshot of the Huron Heights Secondary School website. The header features the school's logo on the left, the name "Huron Heights Secondary School" and the slogan "Home of the Huskies" in the center, and a search bar and "Contact Information" link on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, About, Academics, Activities, Athletics, Library, Guidance, Calendar, and Student Handbook. The "Guidance" menu item is highlighted with a white arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the navigation menu is a grey sidebar containing several categories of links. A white arrow points from the "Registration" link in the "Mental Health & Well-Being" category to the right.

Huron Heights Secondary School
Home of the Huskies

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Summer School
Transcripts

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On the Guidance tab,
click Registration and
choose the link that
applies to you.



Registration

Guidance

- Additional Supports
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- Financial Planning for Post Secondary
- Guidance News
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Welcome to Huron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener Ontario. Home of the Huskies!
Please review the questions below and click on the link that applies to you.

Are You ...

- Moving to Kitchener from another city/town, province or country and are brand new to our school board?
Click "Register for Secondary School!" to continue
- Currently in high school in Waterloo Region but have been attending a private school or are being home schooled? Click "Register for Secondary School!" to continue
- Currently attending grade 8 at the Waterloo Catholic District School Board or a private school, or are home schooled and wishing to register for grade 9? Click "Register for Secondary School!" to continue.

Please note: Filling out the registration forms or completing an online registration request does not acknowledge acceptance to Huron Heights Secondary School. *All registrations are subject to an interview with the vice-principal.*

Thank you!

For more information please contact:

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