

How to Use this Resource

Chart your Course: Explore your future direction is designed to help you meet your **individual** and **academic** needs. It is also meant to encourage parents/guardians and students to keep themselves up-to-date with what is going on in secondary education in Ontario and the programs in their schools. This course calendar outlines courses available to students in Peel secondary schools.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the general information, policies and regulations in the calendar. It is your responsibility to ensure that the courses you choose are appropriate to the program requirements.

The calendar will help you understand the course selection process and provide information on the courses and programs offered in Peel schools. Inside you will find:

- diploma requirements
- information related to secondary education in Peel schools
- descriptions of specialized and regional programs
- school profiles
- individual school course offering charts
- course descriptions and prerequisites

As you read through the calendar and begin to make decisions about the courses you will take during the next school year, keep the following in mind:

- your long-term goals for education
- your desired initial post secondary destination – apprenticeship, college, the workplace or university
- your strengths and interests

It is important that you complete and submit course selections on time. Program selection for the following September will be made in February. The deadline is earlier for some locations and for some special programs. You should check with your school for exact dates.

We assume that you are making a firm commitment when you make course selections. Please note that some courses may be cancelled or combined if enrolment is too low.

Speak with your teachers and guidance counsellor if you have any questions or require further assistance.

This resource will be published every year. An online version is available on the Peel District School Board website at www.peelschools.org in the “Student Stuff” section.

All Ontario Curriculum Policy documents and course outlines may be accessed from the Ministry website: www.edu.gov.on.ca

Transitions to Secondary School

Peel schools offer a range of activities to support the successful transition of all students into secondary school as outlined in the Ministry of Education deliverables.

- The Board has a defined transitions plan including orientation activities, strategies and interventions.
- The transitions plan includes fall monitoring of all students ‘at risk.’
- Each grade 9 student ‘at risk’ has a designated caring adult who acts as an advocate.
- Each grade 9 student ‘at risk’ has a semester one timetable that reflects his/her interests and strengths.
- A mechanism for sharing student information between elementary and secondary schools exists and is utilized by the board.

Each Peel secondary school has a designated Student Success Teacher to assist in this process. Interventions and strategies used by schools may include strategic timetabling to support students’ strengths, monitoring programs, cross-panel planning and alignment of literacy and numeracy supports, and a variety of communication links with parents and the community.