

Grade 9 is considered the Foundation Year. Students choose courses based on the compulsory credits for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, the Ashbury Bilingual Diploma and in preparation for the IB Diploma. Students in Grade 9 take 8 credit courses. Students require 30 credits to graduate from an Ontario secondary school with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
8 credits	8 credits	7 credits 8 credits	7 credits 6 credits	= 30 credits = 30 credits

Reach Ahead: Some students take summer school courses to reach ahead before entering Grade 9. This may alter the above progression; however, they MUST graduate with at least 30 credits that include the 18 compulsory credits required for the OSSD. We prefer that students have 31 credits by the end of Grade 12. Reach ahead credits cannot be used to reduce the expected minimum course load.

Enriched level courses: To best ensure their success, it is recommended that students interested in the enriched stream of a course have a mark of 80% or above in the prerequisite course. These courses are taught at a faster pace, explore topics in greater depth, and are more rigorous than the academic level courses in order to help prepare students for the IB program.

Ashbury Bilingual Diploma courses: Students in the Bilingual Diploma stream must enroll in either an extended or immersion level French course and take one or two other credit courses where the language of instruction is French (Géographie du Canada and Mathématiques Enrichi in Grade 9). These will satisfy two to three of the required 8 credits for the Ashbury Bilingual Diploma.

***New Students:** New students to Ashbury College entering Grade 9 must make their course selections and then contact their Academic Advisor, Mrs. Kathleen Munro Collins, to confirm courses. A diagnostic test for ESL will be taken the week prior to the start of school or during the first week of school to determine suitability.

Languages: The OSSD requires one course in French. A further course in any second language is a requirement of the Ashbury Diploma. Ashbury encourages all students to continue in a second language past the minimum requirements. Some students take an ESL course in Grade 9 to establish their English language skills. A diagnostic test will be taken at the beginning of the year to determine which ESL level is most suitable.

Additional Resources:

Ashbury Academic Guide
Course Selection Slideshow

Contact Student Services if you have any questions.

Grade 9 Academic Advisor: [Mrs. Kathleen Munro Collins](#)

COURSE SELECTIONS – GRADE 9

Name: _____

NetClassroom Code (See your email): _____

CHOOSE 8 COURSES

Italicized = Ashbury Bilingual Diploma (concurrently enrolled in Extended or Immersion French)

Course	Level and Description	Course Code	✓
COMPULSORY OSSD (required)			
English	Academic	ENG1D	
	Enriched (min. 80%)	ENG1DE	
Mathematics	Academic	MPM1D	
	Enriched (min. 80%)	MPM1DE	
	<i>Mathématiques Enrichi</i>	<i>MPM1DEF</i>	
Science	Academic	SNC1D	
French	Introductory	FSF1O	
	Academic	FSF1D	
	<i>Extended</i>	<i>FEF1D</i>	
	<i>Immersion</i>	<i>FIF1D</i>	
Canadian Geography	Academic	CGC1D	
	<i>Géographie du Canada</i>	<i>CGC1DF</i>	
Physical Education	Healthy Active Living - Female	PPL1OF	
	Healthy Active Living - Male	PPL1OM	
Arts	Drama	ADA1O	
	Music (beginner or experienced)	AMU1O / AMU1OE	
	Visual Arts	AVI1O	
ELECTIVES (Choose 1) (You may choose 2 electives from this list if you have a reach ahead Grade 9 credit)			
Course	Arts	ADA1O/AMU1O/AMU1OE/AVI1O	
	Learning Strategies I	GLS1O	
	Spanish (beginner)	LWSBD	
	Introduction to Business, Gr. 10	BBI2O	
	Introduction to Computer Studies, Gr. 10	ICS2O	
	Communications Technology, Gr. 10	TGJ2O	
	Mandarin (beginner)	LKMBD	
ESL (with diagnostic)	ESL Levels 3, 4 and 5	ESLCO / DO / EO	
Additional electives for students who have a reach ahead Grade 9 credit	Second elective from above	Select from list above	
	Civics / Career Studies, Gr. 10	CHV2O / GLC2O	
	<i>Éducation à la citoyenneté / Exploration des choix de carrière</i>	<i>CHV2OF / GLC2OF</i>	
	Forces of Nature: Physical Processes and Disasters, Gr. 11	CGF3M (prerequisite CGC1D/F)	
You should have a total of at least 8 credits by the end of Grade 9	TOTAL		
Please add any reach ahead credits that you may have completed during the summer before Grade 9. Please indicate course taken: _____	Total Credits Grade 9 + reach ahead		

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

REGISTER YOUR SELECTIONS ONLINE!