

Grade 9 is considered the Foundation Year. Students choose courses based on the compulsory credits for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, the Ashbury Bilingual Certificate 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).

**Please Note:** the mandatory requirements for the OSSD have changed effective September, 2020 with the implementation by the Ontario Ministry of Education of mandatory online learning. Students choosing courses for Grade 9 may complete an online course through a Summer School option or may elect to opt-out of the requirement with parental consent directed to Mrs. Kathleen Munro Collins.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
8 credits	8 credits	7 credits	7 credits	= 30 credits
		8 credits	6 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 or provide opportunities to take additional courses of interest.

**Accelerated level courses:** To best ensure their success, it is recommended that students interested in the accelerated stream of a course have a mark of 85% 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. (The only accelerated course in Grade 9 is Math.)

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

**\*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. Students for whom English is not their first language: a diagnostic test for ESL will be taken prior to the start of school to determine suitability.

**Languages:** The OSSD requires one course in French. 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.**

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**CHOOSE 8 COURSES**

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

Course	Level and Description	Course Code	✓
<b>COMPULSORY OSSD (required)</b>			
English	Academic	ENG1D	
Mathematics	Academic	MPM1D	
	Accelerated (min. 85% in gr. 8)	MPM1DE	
Science	Academic	SNC1D	
French	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 (circle)	
	Visual Arts	AVI1O	
<b>ELECTIVES (Choose 1) (You may choose 2 electives from this list if you have a reach ahead Grade 9 credit)</b>			
Course	Arts (see titles above)	ADA1O/AMU1O/AMU1OE/AVI1O (circle)	
	Learning Strategies I	GLS1O	
	Spanish (beginner)	LWSBD	
	Introduction to Business	BBI2O	
	<i>Initiation aux affaires</i>	<i>BBI2OF</i>	
	Introduction to Computer Studies	ICS2O	
	Communications Technology	TGJ2O	
	Simplified Chinese (Level 1)	LKBBD	
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	CHV2O / GLC2O	
	<i>Éducation à la citoyenneté / Exploration des choix de carrière</i>	<i>CHV2OF / GLC2OF</i>	
<b>You should have a total of at least 8 credits by the end of Grade 9</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	
Please add any reach ahead credits that you may have completed before the start of Grade 9. Please indicate course taken: _____		<b>Total Credits Grade 9 + reach ahead</b>	
Alternate elective: _____			

**REGISTER YOUR SELECTIONS ONLINE!**