



Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

Grade 9 Course Information Sheet 2017-18



Overview:

- ❖ Courses in Grade 9 are divided among three academic pathways: **Secondary School to Work (SSTW)** courses, **Applied** courses and **Academic** courses. Detailed information about these pathways is available on the back of this form.
- ❖ Students in Grade 9 take eight courses. Students take six Compulsory courses (e.g. English, French, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education, and Science). Students also take two Elective courses (e.g. Art, Business, Drama, Music, Native Studies, or Technology).

Gr. 9 SSTW Courses

Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship and some College Programs

	Course	Code
Compulsory Courses	English	English ENG1LK
	Geography	
	General Learning Strategies	General Learning Strategies GLE1O1
	Languages	An extra elective credit is chosen
	Mathematics	Elements of Mathematics MAT1LK
	Physical & Health Ed.	Healthy Active Living PPL1O1
	Science	Science SNC1LK

Gr. 9 Applied Courses

Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship and College Programs

	Course	Code
Compulsory Courses	English	English ENG1P1
	Canadian Geography	Canadian Geography CGC1P1
	Core French	Core French FSF1P1
	Foundations of Mathematics	Foundations of Mathematics MFM1P1
	Healthy Active Living	Healthy Active Living PPL1O1
	Science	Science SNC1P1

Gr. 9 Academic Courses

Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship, College Programs and University Programs

	Course	Code
Compulsory Courses	English	English ENG1D1
	Canadian Geography	Canadian Geography CGC1D1
	Core French	Core French FSF1D1
	Principles of Mathematics	Principles of Mathematics MPM1D1
	Healthy Active Living	Healthy Active Living PPL1O1
	Science	Science SNC1D1

Course Code

	Course	Code
Elective Courses	Arts	Dramatic Arts ADA1OK
	Arts	Instrumental Music AMU1OK
	Arts	Visual Arts AVI1OK
	Business Studies	Introduction to Business BTT1OK
	Native Studies	Expressing Aboriginal Cultures NAC1O1
	Technology Studies	Exploring Technologies TIJ1OK

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	Instrumental Music	Instrumental Music AMU1O1
	Visual Arts	Visual Arts AVI1O1
	Introduction to Business	Introduction to Business BTT1O1
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Course Selection Guidelines

Fort Erie and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area elementary schools work closely with Greater Fort Erie Secondary School in what we call a Family of Schools. The Family of Schools works together to provide your son or daughter with valuable transitions activities designed to ensure they are successful in reaching their goals at Secondary school.

Your son or daughter's grade 8 teacher and Learning Resource Teacher (LRT) share information with the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School grade 9 teachers, the Student Success Teacher, the Guidance Department, the Vice-Principal, and the Principal. This process helps ensure that your son or daughter is encouraged to take courses in an academic program that will help them meet their academic and personal goals. In addition to a strong focus on the development of your son or daughter's academic skills, we recognize that school work is only one part of the Secondary School experience - we also focus on clubs, teams and community service opportunities that help your son or daughter expand their horizons, develop lasting friendships, and grow as a person.

Key information about the course pathways:

Secondary School to Work Program Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship and some College Programs	Applied Course Pathway Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship and College Programs	Academic Course Pathway Pathway - Employment, Apprenticeship, College Programs and University Programs
Secondary School to Work courses focus on essential skills, use relevant and practical activities that provide opportunities for students to develop their literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, decision-making, and communication skills. Students enrolled in SSTW courses may choose to pursue employment, an apprenticeship or enter some College Programs after completing secondary school.	Applied courses focus on the foundation concepts of the discipline, develop students' knowledge and skills by emphasizing practical, concrete application of the concepts and focus on practical applications, and examples. Students taking Applied level courses may choose to pursue employment, an apprenticeship, or enter College Programs after completing secondary school.	Academic courses focus on the fundamental principles of the discipline, and explore related concepts, develop students' knowledge and skills by emphasizing theoretical and abstract applications of the essential concepts as well as incorporating practical applications. Students taking Academic level courses may choose to pursue employment, an apprenticeship, or enter College or University Programs after completing secondary school.

We are looking forward to seeing your son or daughter join the Greater Fort Erie Gryphons Family in September 2017!