

Program Description

This program is open to all students entering grade 9 in a Durham District School Board school in September and provides them with a brief introduction to the grade 9 English and mathematics curriculum, as well as study skills, time management, and steps to success. The program also allows students to become familiar with their new school and prepares them for the transition from elementary school to secondary school. It is especially helpful for students who are experiencing some anxiety related to the upcoming transition. Each daily program will be taught by an OCT qualified teacher. **The expectation is that students are engaged from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM, daily.** This program is delivered in a Synchronous/Real Time learning model. Synchronous/Real Time learning provides student-teacher contact in Google Classroom. Instruction may include students watching video lessons, participating in live interactive lessons, completing assigned tasks either offline at home or in an online classroom environment, and contributing to online discussion boards.

At registration, students should choose the secondary school in which they will be attending in Fall 2021. Regular attendance is suggested to allow students to benefit from this program. Students should be available for activities from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM for the duration of the program.

Course Registration Deadlines

Registration closes Wednesday August 16, 2021, 9:00 AM. Registrations will not be accepted after this date. Durham Continuing Education reserves the right to revise, limit or cancel programming because of the COVID-19 pandemic, enrollment, and other circumstances. Students will be notified of course cancellations.

Course Access – First Day Procedures

Durham District School Board students – all DDSB students will access their course using DDSB credentials via the MyCampus portal (<http://student.ddsb.ca>). Courses may not be accessible until the first day of program.

All other students will receive login instructions at least 3 days prior to course start. Courses may not be accessible until the first day of the program.

Login Assistance: For help with login or technical issues, please [complete the Support form](#).

Course Withdraw

Withdraws PRIOR to the first day of the course:

- Students may withdraw using our online [Withdraw Form](#)

Withdraws AFTER the first day of the course (even if student has not attended):

- Students must use the withdraw link found in the navigation bar of the course or our online [Withdraw Form](#)

DDSB Secondary School Acceptable and Safe Use Procedure for Computing and Information Technology

The Durham District School Board's computing and information technology facilities and resources are made available to students in support of their learning, research requirements and career preparation. Students and parents/guardians will be asked to review the [DDSB's Secondary School Acceptable and Safe Use Procedure for Computing and Cyber Safety](#)

NOTE: Use of a laptop, tablet or desktop computer is **HIGHLY** recommended for this program. The program is not designed for completion on a cell phone.