

Program Information – Getting Ready for High School

Program Overview

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Note: Due to COVID-19, the delivery model (face to face, distance learning or mixed), transportation and first day procedures have yet to be determined and will depend on future direction from the Ministry of Education regarding safety and operating protocols for the reopening of schools. More information will be provided at a later date.

This program is open to all students entering grade 9 in a Durham District School Board school in Fall 2020 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.

The program runs Monday August 24, 2020 to Thursday August 27, 2020 (Monday August 24, 2020 to Wednesday August 26, 2020 at Brock HS, Henry St. HS, and Maxwell Hts. SS) from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. This program will be delivered by qualified teachers and where possible teachers from the school in which the program is held. It is recommended that students attend the program at the secondary school they will be attending in Fall 2020 as the programs will be tailored to that school.

Note: For students who are NEW to the Durham District School Board for Fall 2020. To support Identified students who receive modifications or accommodations to their program during the school year, who are new to the DDSB, please ensure that you submit a copy of your child's IEP to Continuing Education prior to the start of the program. This will be forwarded to the teacher. If you have questions, please call Michele Reid, Head of Elective Programs – Durham Continuing Education – 905.436.3211. Documents may be submitted at Durham Continuing Education via email michele.reid@ddsb.ca. This is for students NEW to the DDSB only.

Transportation: Bus transportation is available only for Brock HS, Port Perry HS, and Uxbridge SS. A schedule will be issued at the time of registration. Note: bussing will only be provided if in-person programs occur.

Course Cancellations

Durham Continuing Education reserves the right to cancel a course if there are insufficient registrations, as well as the right to determine the number of courses to be offered, and the number of sections in each course. Students will be notified ONLY of course cancellations. Students will be notified if a class is cancelled by telephone and email using the information provided at the time of registration. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date information. Course cancellations will also appear on the DCE website by Thursday August 20, 2020 for the Getting Ready for High School Program.

Program Locations

Ajax HS, 105 Bayly St. E., Ajax L1S 1P2
Anderson CVI, 400 Anderson St., Whitby L1N 3V6
Brock HS, C1590 Concession 12, Cannington L0E 1E0 (Aug 19 – 21)
Brooklin HS, 20 Carnwith Dr. W. Brooklin L1M 0K7
Donald A. Wilson SS, 681 Rossland Rd. W., Whitby L1P 1Y1
Donald A. Wilson SS, 681 Rossland Rd. W., Whitby L1P 1Y1 - French Immersion
Dunbarton HS, 655 Sheppard Ave., Pickering L1V 1G2
Eastdale CVI, 265 Harmony Rd. N., Oshawa L1G 6L4
Henry St HS, 600 Henry St., Whitby L1N 5C7 (Aug 19 to 21)
G.L. Roberts CVI, 399 Chaleur Ave., Oshawa L1J 1G5
J Clarke Richardson C, 1355 Harwood Ave. N., Ajax L1T 4G8
Maxwell Heights SS, 1100 Coldstream Dr., Oshawa L1K 0N1 (Aug 19 to 21)
O'Neill CVI, 301 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa L1G 4T2
J Clarke Richardson C, 180 Church St. N., Ajax L1T 2W7

Pine Ridge SS, 2155 Liverpool Rd. N., Pickering L1X 1V4
Port Perry HS, 160 Rosa St., Port Perry L9L 1L7
R.S. McLaughlin CVI, 570 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa L1J 5P1
D A Wilson SS, 380 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby L1R 2K5
Uxbridge SS, 127 Planks Lane, Uxbridge L9P 1K5

First Day Procedures for Getting Ready for High School Students:

Classes begin Monday July 6, 2020 for the Elementary Programs, Monday August 24, 2020 for the Getting Ready for High School program.

- a) Classes at all summer school locations begin promptly at 8:30 am, but students should arrive 15 minutes early for the first day at 8:15 am.
- b) Class locations will be posted in the main lobby of the school.
- c) If a student's name does not appear on any class list, he/she should take his/her registration receipt to a program teacher to gain entry into a class.
- d) New registrations will be accepted on the first day of class at the program site.

No Cafeteria Service

Short breaks will be provided for all programs. The cafeteria will be closed so it is recommended that students bring refreshments from home. There will not be time to walk to stores or fast food outlets while on the brief break. Water bottles are recommended for hydration during class time as no other food or drink is allowed in the classroom. An area will be provided in each school for food consumption.

Progress Reports

There are no reports issued for the Getting Ready for High School program.

Telephone Messages

Except for serious emergencies, telephone messages will not be taken on behalf of students. Please refrain from texting or calling students during instructional time.