



De-streaming of Additional Grade 9 Courses to Begin in September 2022

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The Ontario Ministry of Education is committed to addressing systemic discrimination and helping to break down barriers for Indigenous, Black and racialized students, students from low-income households and students with disabilities and other special education needs. The purpose is to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to succeed, thrive and reach their full potential.

As part of this commitment, the ministry has developed a comprehensive plan to remove Academic and Applied courses (de-streaming) in Grade 9 and issue a revised curriculum policy with de-streamed courses that meet the needs of all students and support all future education pathway options.

“St. Clair Catholic supports the Ontario Ministry of Education as it works to provide equal opportunities for all students,” says Scott Johnson, Director of Education. “These actions will better support all students to achieve their pathway goals to post-secondary destinations, including co-operative education, colleges, universities and the world of work.”

De-streaming, which began with a new math course for Grade 9 in September 2021, will now be expanded to include a new de-streamed curriculum in science. Geography, English and French as a second language courses will be offered as single stream academic courses.

Streaming is still in place in Grade 10; however, to support the continuum of learning in mathematics, the ministry will be releasing an addendum for each of the Grade 10 Academic and Applied mathematics courses, to be implemented in the 2022-2023 school year. The addendum will outline additional learning expectations for math instruction in Grade 10, which support students in their transition from the de-streamed Grade 9 mathematics course to the current Grade 10 math courses.

Information regarding the new de-streamed courses have been shared with Grade 8 students and families. The Board of Trustees received a report on de-streaming at the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

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