

WESTLANE



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Secondary School Requirements and Information Presentation

2021/2022 School Year



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our intent is to put as much information as we can into one place, for your current and future reference.

As always, feel free to reach out to a Guidance teacher, Student Success teacher, Resource teacher, Classroom teacher, or our Administration at any time.

Let's have a great year!

Westlane Student Services

Guidance Google Classroom Codes

For additional announcements and information parents and students are asked to join Google Classroom.



Westlane Class of 2022: [ovxq3vv](#)

Westlane Class of 2023: [ceygoz5](#)

Westlane Class of 2024: [2dlh5it](#)

Westlane Class of 2025: [zx43kl3](#)

There are 3 Graduation Requirements

1. 30 Credits

2. 40 Community Involvement Hours
(20 Hours for the class of 2022)

3. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
(waived for class of 2022 grads)



What do you need to graduate from high school?

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits [†]
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.

*** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

[†] The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.



**Let's talk
CREDITS...**

30 Credits = 18 Compulsory + 12 Elective



Typically:

- Gr. 9 Compulsory (5) = English, Math, Science, Geography, French
- Gr. 10 Compulsory (5) = English, Math, Science, History, Civics/Careers (.5 credit each)
- Gr. 11 Compulsory (2) = English, Math
- Gr. 12 Compulsory (1) = English
- (any year) Compulsory (5) = 1 Arts, 1 Phys. Ed, 1 each from Groups 1,2,3



Compulsory Credits

- ✓ Must take!
- ✓ Can choose either applied/academic (Gr. 10) or college/university (Gr. 11&12) BUT don't be swayed by the terminology! Select the level at which the student is going to be most successful. All Gr. 9 compulsory courses at Westlane are delivered at the academic level.
- ✓ Remember that a Gr. 11 course might require a Gr. 9 and/or Gr. 10 prerequisite course; likewise, a Gr. 12 course might require a Gr. 11 prerequisite. [Courses and Pre-Requisites Chart.PDF](#)
- ✓ If a post-secondary program (college, university, apprenticeship), or an SHSM program (Gr. 11/12 high school), requires a credit in specific courses, students need to ensure that they take the prerequisite courses, if applicable.

Elective credits

- ✓ Any 12 credits that are of interest to the student.
- ✓ Elective credits should be comprised of those prerequisite courses that are needed in order to apply to a post-secondary program of choice, or to complete an SHSM program.

Specialist High Skills Major @ Westlane

An “SHSM” is a Ministry-approved specialized program that provides the opportunity for students to explore and plan for future career options. Students select courses that satisfy their OSSD and post-secondary entrance requirements, while adding valuable experiential learning to the decision-making process.

Upon graduation, students receive a “red seal” diploma (literally a red seal on the diploma!) to indicate that they successfully completed the bundle of credits and experiential learning opportunities, while also completing regular graduation requirements. Students are able to sign up for an SHSM in Grade 11 but can indicate their intent to join in Grade 10.

Westlane offers several SHSM programs: **Information & Communications Technology, Agriculture, Construction, and Transportation**. DSBN also offers two regional programs for all students: the **Home Build** and **Discovering Innovative Green Industry Techniques - DIG IT** (which takes place at Westlane) and is tied to an SHSM in **Horticulture**.

[Westlane Website-SHSM Link](#)



DIG iT
SHSM HORTICULTURE



**Let's talk COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
HOURS...**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS (CIH)



"Hour Republic" is a web-based tracking system through which all DSBN students securely record, and submit, their community involvement hours. Students usually register with Hour Republic in June of their Gr. 8 year, as they can start to acquire hours after their elementary school graduation.

Any volunteer opportunities that we receive from external community organizations will be posted in each grade's Google Classroom.

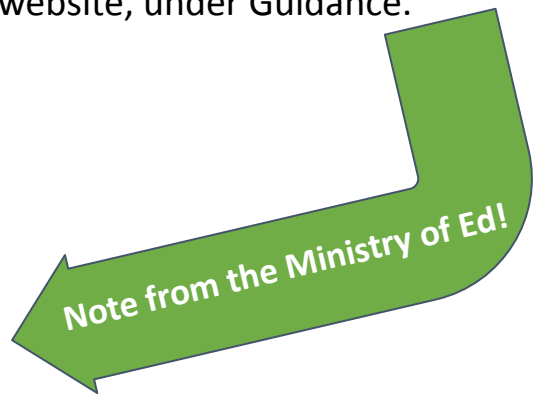
How to Register: Students need to sign in to their school account, choose D2L, and within External Tools the Hour Republic widget can be found. Students will need to register the first time they log in.

Verification of Hours: Once students submit their hours the app generates an email to parents/guardians as well as the volunteer organization. Once these hours have been verified by both parties, then Guidance will be able to approve them.

All Community Involvement information is posted on the Westlane website, under Guidance. [Community Involvement Link](#)



For **students who are graduating in the 2021-2022 school year**, we reduced the graduation requirement to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities. The community involvement graduation requirement of 40 hours will be restored in 2022-23. Students working towards their OSSD should make sure they meet these graduation requirements in time for their graduating year.





Let's talk OSSLT...

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) & the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC401)

- The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All students across the province write this test.
- **Information re: Dates/Times of the OSSLT @ Westlane still to come (via main office).**
- The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC401)** is a full-credit Grade 12 credit course that is offered as a part of the English program. The reading and writing competencies required by the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) form the instructional assessment core of the course. Students who have been eligible to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) at least twice, and who have been unsuccessful at least once, or students who have been deemed eligible by administration, are able to take this course **to achieve both a Grade 12 credit and their literacy credential for graduation.** Eligible students register for this course through Guidance.



↓↓↓↓ Direct from the Ministry of Education (Sept. 2021)



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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

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As the literacy graduation requirement for all students graduating during the 2021–2022 school year has been waived, graduating students do not need to take the OSSLT.

The administration of the OSSLT will take place from

- Wednesday, October 13, to Wednesday, December 1, 2021, with individual student results reported by the end of January 2022.
- Wednesday, March 23, to Wednesday, May 18, 2022, with individual student results reported by the end of June 2022.

Westlane Graduation = June 29, 2022 (tentative date)

Graduation information is posted in the **Google Classroom Westlane Class of 2022**: (the code to join is ovxq3w)



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Westlane's Website Link

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