

CHOOSING THE BEST LEVEL FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

During your grade 8 year you will be asked to select a level of study for your grade 9 compulsory courses (English, French, Geography, Math and Science). Once you read the information below you will have a better idea of what level is best for you. To be sure that you are choosing the right level you must work with your grade 8 teachers and talk with your parents.

- ❖ **Remember it is important to start in a level where you can be successful.**
- ❖ **It is not fun to fail.**
- ❖ **It is better to be successful in a level that best fits your learning style.**
- ❖ **You can always change levels once you have acquired all of the skills in your original choice.**
- ❖ **Always work with your high school guidance counselor when considering a change of levels.**

Academic Courses “D”

- ❖ Emphasis will be on theory and abstract thinking as a basis for future learning.
- ❖ You will learn the essential concepts of a subject and explore related materials.
- ❖ You must be working consistently at or above level 3 or 4 in grade 8.
- ❖ You should be an independent learner with learning skills in the good to excellent level.

Applied Courses “P”

- ❖ Emphasis will be on the practical and hands-on applications of the concepts.
- ❖ You will learn the essential concepts of a subject.
- ❖ You are working consistently at Level 1+, 2- or 2 in grade 8.
- ❖ You should be starting to be an independent learner.
- ❖ You will require teacher direction and instruction.

Locally Developed Courses “L”

- ❖ Emphasis will be on helping students to improve their skills.
- ❖ You will learn the most essential concepts of a subject.
- ❖ You are consistently working at a level 1 or below in grade 8.
- ❖ You need a lot of teacher direction and instruction.
- ❖ You will receive additional resources and teacher support.

Open Courses “O”

- ❖ You will learn concepts and skills designed to prepare you for further study in a subject area.
- ❖ These courses are designed for all students no matter what level you are working at.
- ❖ You will learn a variety of skills that will help direct you to a destination of your choice.