

## GRADE NINE & TEN PROGRAM

Students, with the help of their parents and teachers, will choose courses from one or more of four types: *academic*, *applied*, *locally developed* and *open*.

### ACADEMIC:

In an *academic* course, the essential concepts of the subject are covered and related materials are explored. Although knowledge and skills will be developed through both theory and practical applications, the emphasis will be on **theory and abstract thinking**. These courses tend to direct the student towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma with **university destination**.

### APPLIED:

In an *applied* course, the essential concepts of the subject are covered. Although knowledge and skills will be developed through both theory and practical applications, the focus will be on **practical applications** using familiar, real-life, and hands-on situations to illustrate ideas. These courses tend to direct the student towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma with **college destination**.

### LOCALLY DEVELOPED:

A *locally developed* course is intended for students whose educational needs cannot be met by academic or applied courses in the specific disciplines of English, Mathematics, Science or History. These courses provide students who have experienced significant difficulties in these disciplines an opportunity to obtain sufficient background and skill development to take grade 11 and 12 workplace preparation courses. Whenever possible, the ideas will be presented in a real-life context. The length of time required to receive a credit may be extended. Locally Developed courses tend to direct students towards the Ontario Secondary School Certificate (14 credits) or the Ontario Secondary School Diploma with **workplace destination**.

### OPEN:

An *open* course comprises a set of expectations that is suitable for all students at a given grade level. Open courses are available in art, business, physical education, technical education, and religious education.