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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students,

The purpose of this message is to inform you that the Ministry of Education has announced that all compulsory Grade 9 courses will be offered in one stream beginning in September 2022.

What is Streaming?

In Ontario secondary schools, Academic and Applied courses or “streams” have been in place for decades. The original intent of Applied courses was to provide a different instructional approach to learning. Students in Applied courses are limited in the courses they can take in later grades, which in turn limits their post-secondary options.

Why De-streaming?

In September 2021, the Ontario Ministry of Education implemented a [De-streamed Grade 9 Math Course](#) across the province. Ontario’s plan to de-stream all Grade 9 courses was informed by research from around the world which shows that streaming students into Academic and Applied courses in early secondary school has negative and long-term impacts on students.

Grade 9 Courses in 2022-2023

Grade 9 compulsory courses are:

- De-streamed Math (new curriculum released in September 2021)
- De-streamed Science (curriculum to be released in the Spring of 2022)
- Academic English
- Academic Geography
- Academic French

Elective Grade 9 courses will continue to be available to students.

We are pleased that TVDSB students will participate in de-streamed and/or single pathway courses which will keep course options open so that students may pursue the post-secondary options of apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace.

More information on course options will be available when secondary school registration begins in the new year.