

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

OAKRIDGE

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Counsellors

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Mr. Michailidis

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Aspen Secretary

Ms. Rhee

Guidance/IB Secretary

Ms. Cox

GUIDANCE OFFICE



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- Counsellor offices
 - Desk of the Aspen secretary (Ms. Rhea)
 - Desk of the Guidance/IB secretary (Ms. Cox)
 - Volunteer Forms
 - Ontario Student Records (OSR)
 - All report cards
 - Volunteer hours
 - Medical reports
 - Suspension records
 - Student photos
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BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE GUIDANCE OFFICE



GUIDANCE BULLETIN BOARD

1. QR Code for easy access to making a guidance appointment
 2. Graduation Requirements
 3. Community Volunteer Opportunities
 4. Tutoring Opportunities
 5. Part-time Jobs
 6. Post Secondary Information
 7. Scholarships
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 30 Credits (18 Compulsory Credits
+ 12 Optional Credits)
- 40 Hours Community Involvement
- Completion of Literacy Requirement – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) OR Ontario Literacy Course (OLC401)

For detailed information on Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements and for a link on volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).

18 COMPULSORY CREDITS

- 4 English (1 per grade)
- 3 Math (1 must be at senior level - gr.11 or gr.12)
- 2 Science
- 1 French
- 1 Geography
- 1 History
- 1 Civics/Careers (2 half credits)
- 1 Art
- 1 Physical Education
- Group 1, 2, 3 Credits (1 of each)

12 OPTIONAL CREDITS

“Optional Credits” are elective credits that students can choose from any subject area, any grade, and can be taken at any level (i.e. academic, applied, college, destreamed, locally developed, mixed, open, university, workplace) providing the prerequisite credit (if any) has been previously earned.

ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Students must earn **at least two** online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

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Opting Out:

Parents/guardians who wish to opt out or exempt their child from the online graduation requirement **MUST** complete the opt-out form that will be available from Thames Valley soon. Exemption from the online learning graduation requirements may be requested by:

- the parent or guardian of the secondary student
- students who are 18 years of age or older
- students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Community service hours accumulated starting in July 2023, and **submitted**, count towards graduation
- How to Submit your hours:
 1. Pick up “**Completion of Community Involvement Activities**” form from guidance office or download [**here**](#)
 2. Have your supervisor sign the form
 3. Have a parent sign the form
 4. Photocopy or take a picture of the form before turning into Ms. Cox in the guidance office

LITERACY REQUIREMENT

All grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

What if I don't pass the OSSLT in grade 10 or if I was away on the day of the test? – you will have a second opportunity in grade 11 to write the test OR take the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC4O1) in either grade 11 or 12.

What if I don't pass the OSSLT in grade 11 or if I am away again on the day of the test? – you will have the option to write the OSSLT OR be enrolled in the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC4O1) in grade 12

REASONS TO BOOK A GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT

- Timetable inquiries – availability of courses
- Course changes – add/drop course
- Summer school registration
- eLearning course registration
- Volunteer hours and part-time employment
- Academic planning – meeting Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements
- Peer tutoring – you will be matched up with a peer tutor in grade 10/11/12 if you require academic assistance in a subject area
- Scholarship investigation and application support
- Post-secondary planning – apprenticeship/college/university/workplace destinations
- Social/emotional support – Concerns about school, peers, life, etc.

HOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

1. Go to the Oakridge homepage: <https://oakridge.tvdsb.ca>
2. Scroll down to “Support, Advice, Guidance, Assistance” road sign
3. Click on the counsellor that corresponds to the first letter of your last name
4. Schedule your appointment for a time and date that does not interfere with a presentation/test/assessment/etc.

OAKS CARE

- Anonymous reporting site to let a caring adult at Oakridge know about concerns regarding a friend/classmate/student or situation.
 - You may be worried because you see a change in someone's mood, behaviour, or coping strategies as a result of a personal loss, bullying or other life issues.
 - This tool is for non-emergency incidents of bullying and other school safety issues, it is not monitored on a 24/7 basis. In emergency, call 911.
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HOW TO SUBMIT AN OAKS CARE REPORT

1. Go to the Oakridge homepage: <https://oakridge.tvdsb.ca>
2. Scroll down to horizontal burgundy tool bar on the homepage
3. Click on the “Oaks Care” link, third icon from the left side
4. Complete the electronic form with as much information as possible and then click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page

ANNUAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

- Awards Assembly in November to celebrate academic achievements from the previous school year
- Only course credits granted by publicly funded schools, earned between September to June, count towards the calculation of Academic Excellence
- **Academic Excellence**: achieving a minimum of 80% average in the required number of courses each school year, earned between September to end of June (summer school courses not included)
 - Grade 9: **8** courses
 - Grade 10: **8** courses
 - Grade 11: **7** courses
 - Grade 12: **6** courses

COMMENCEMENT - SOCIAL GRADUATION

- Oakridge has the tradition of hosting a **Social Graduation** on the first Friday of June.
- Social Graduation means that students **do not have to officially graduate** (30 credits, successful completion of literacy requirement, completion of 40 community service hours) in order to participate and cross the stage at Centennial Hall.
- Your Commencement will be held on the first Friday in **June of 2027**, with everyone who entered into high school in the **2023 – 2024 school year**.

Any Questions?

