



BCHS Student Services - Grad Update!

Key Dates for Students Graduating in 2024

April 15th	Grad Assembly Period 5, Valedictorian nomination process opens.
April 19th	Valedictorian nomination process closes.
April 24th	Mark Transmission Date - Marks for all second semester courses will be transmitted to universities and colleges on April 24th. <i>If you do not wish a mark in the current semester to be transmitted to universities and colleges, you must drop the course BEFORE this date.</i>
May 1st	BCHS Awards Applications close (optional) - <i>this information is used by the BCCHS Awards committee in determining graduation awards recipients</i>
May 3rd	Grad Fee deadline (last day to order a cap & gown in time for Graduation)
May 3rd	Full Disclosure - grade 11 and 12 courses dropped after this date will remain on the student's transcript
May 24th	Grad Brunch - 9:40 am in the BCCHS cafeteria
June 19th	Final Date to submit Community Service Hours to Mrs. Coles in Guidance to satisfy the Community Involvement Hours Graduation Requirement.
June 19th	Final report card and/or transcript for Night School courses or courses done outside of HDSB must be submitted to Mrs. Coles in Guidance by this date.
June 27th	Semester 2 exam review day. This is the time to discuss any concerns regarding your final exam with the teacher.
June 27th	Graduation - 4:30 pm in the gym. Grads arrive at 3:15 and report to the library for marshalling.
July 6th	Final IB results are published through https://candidates.ibo.org . Students will use their unique account information (already provided) to access results.
July 3rd	Final marks and graduation status as of July 3rd communicated to Ontario Universities and Colleges.
July 8th	Semester 2 report cards available for pick up in the main office. <i>The Main Office and Guidance are closed for the summer from mid-July to mid-August. Exact dates will be posted on the school website.</i>

Mid-July	<u>Board Email/Drive Accounts Expire</u> - students who are not actively registered with HDSB for summer school or pre-registered with HDSB for the 2024-2025 school year will lose access to the HDSB Network & Halton Cloud / G Suite for Education applications, data, and email two weeks after their graduation or demit date. ACTION: Transfer email and Drive files to a personal Google Account prior to this date.
Early August	HDSB Summer school grades sent to OCAS/OUAC. Students are responsible for making sure marks from other boards are sent to OCAS/OUAC or Post-Secondary institutions.



Mark Transmission Dates & Full Disclosure

Marks for all second semester courses will be transmitted to the colleges and universities on Wednesday, April 24th at 8 am. *If you do not wish a mark in the current semester to be transmitted to the universities and colleges, you must drop the course **before April 24th.***

Full Disclosure date is the date after which grade 11 and 12 courses dropped from a student's course of study *remain* on the student's transcript. The Full Disclosure date for Semester 2 courses is **Friday, May 3rd.**

Grad Brunch

BCHS will be hosting a celebration in honour of graduating students on Friday, May 24th at **9:40 am.** Grade 12 students are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast, speeches, the Valedictorian vote, and pick up their Graduation invitation/tickets. Be sure to mark your calendar and remember to join us in the cafe at the start of period 2! Please let Ms. Farrell know ahead of time if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions.



Community Involvement Hours!

You can't graduate without them.

What do you need to graduate?

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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

- New** 1 *group 1: additional credit in English, or French as a second language,** or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education****
- New** 1 *group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,** or cooperative education****
- New** 1 *group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,** or computer studies, or cooperative education****

In addition, students must complete:

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

3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards 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 group 3. ***A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. †The 12 optional credits can include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

reach every student

Students who are graduating in 2024 are required to complete 40 hours of Community Involvement as one of the requirements of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Students are responsible for completing and submitting a record of their hours to Student Services.

Graduating students must submit all hours prior to the end of the school year in order to meet Graduation Requirements.

[Here](#) is a link to the Record of Community Involvement Hours Form that you may use to record and submit your hours. A signed letter on letterhead confirming date, hours, location, and activity is an acceptable alternative to using the Record of Community Involvement Hours Form.

Courses Taken Outside of the HDSB



A final report card and/or transcript for courses taken outside of HDSB must be submitted to Mrs. Coles in Guidance in order for the course to be added to your transcript and counted towards your diploma .

Graduation

The BCHS Celebration of the Class of 2024 will take place on Thursday, June 27th at 4:30 pm in the gym. Grads are to arrive at 3:15 pm and report to the library where they will don their cap and gown and prepare for the academic procession.

All students participating in the Celebration of the Class of 2024 ceremony are expected to wear a cap & gown. The **cost of a cap & gown is included in the Grad Fee** which must be **paid using [School Cash Online](#)**. Students requiring assistance with the Grad Fee are asked to see Mrs. Victorino. **Grad Fees must be paid by Friday, May 3rd in order to get a gown in time for Graduation.** Cap & Gowns can be picked up in the main office from June 24th to 27th.



Graduation tickets will be distributed at the Grad Brunch on May 24th. Each graduate will receive 2 tickets for guest seats, which will be required for admission to the main gym. Additional guest seating will be available in the overflow area located in Gym C, where the ceremony will be simulcast to a video screen. Any guests without tickets will be directed to the overflow area.

Additional graduation tickets may be requested using [this Google Form](#) until June 7th. While we wish we could accommodate all requests, please understand that safety protocols prohibit overcrowding resulting in a limited number of available seats. Additional tickets will be distributed by a random draw on June 10, 2024.



Final Marks and Grad Status Transmission

Final marks for semester 2 courses will be transmitted to the Ontario Colleges and Universities on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Graduation status is also updated including the date your OSSD was issued. All graduation requirements including Community Involvement Hours, eLearning requirement and Literacy Requirements must be met in order prior to an OSSD being granted.



The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is a financial aid program that can help you pay for college or university. OSAP offers funding through; **grants** - money you don't have to pay back, and **student loans** - money you need to repay once you're finished school. You can use OSAP to go to a public or private college or university anywhere in the world, as long as it's been [approved](#).

OSAP applications for the 2024-2025 school year are expected to be available in late spring. Apply early at ontario.ca/osap. Full-time students have until 60 days before the end of their study period to apply

You'll need:

- your Social Insurance Number (SIN) to create your OSAP account
- info about your school and program
- your parents' SIN
- your tax information
- your parents' tax information (Tax information includes income and other information found in an income tax return.)



Offers of Admission & Deposit Deadlines

Ontario Colleges

May 1, 2024: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission

June 2024: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

Ontario Universities

May 29, 2024: The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university.

June 3, 2024: The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

Late OUAC and OCAS Applications?... *Yes, there are still options!*

Many students forget that there are still several program opportunities available at both colleges and universities for next year...even if you have not yet applied!

Information on college programs which are still accepting applications is available at ontariocolleges.ca - look for the “green light” for Sept 2024 and January 2025 programs!

www.ontariocolleges.ca

Starting on June 5th, Ontario high school students can search for possible openings at Ontario universities using the Admission Information Service (AIS). The AIS allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs.

To begin your search, visit the [OUAC Undergraduate Application page](#) and click the “Search Open Programs” button. Once you find an open program of interest, add it to your application.

[View the Admission Information Service flyer](#) for more information.

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IMPORTANT: If you have used your HDSB email when **applying for post secondary, resume, job** applications, **you will need to update your information and change it to a personal email** address before access to your HDSB account is lost.

You can transfer email and Drive files to a personal Google Account using [Google Takeout](#) to transfer your content.

This will enable you to easily retain your email, essays, resumes, projects and any other files stored on Google Drive before access has been removed to your HDSB account.



My Blueprint After Graduation

For students to have access to myBlueprint after graduation, they will need to add their personal email address and password in their account settings in June (prior to graduating). Students that do not complete this process prior to graduation can connect with myBlueprint directly for support (support@myblueprint.ca). Detailed instructions can be found [here](#).

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TRANSITION RESOURCE GUIDE

Transition Resource Guide

The [Transition Resource Guide](#) is a comprehensive tool to help all students, but specifically, to help students with Learning Disabilities, ADHD, and ASD arm themselves with the knowledge they need to access resources at college and university and make a successful transition to post-secondary education.



Help us stay in touch with you!

Two weeks after your graduation date or demit date your HDSB email will no longer be active and we will still need to be in touch with you. Please complete this [Google Form](#) by June 21st so we can stay in touch. We will use this contact information to let you know when to come and pick up items from the school (e.g. report cards, certificates, etc.).

You're in the Home Stretch...Keep Going!

You've worked hard...pulled the late nights... focused when your friends were goofing off...and received an Offer of Admission for next year - congratulations! Just remember, **offers are still based on the receipt of final marks** - there's still half a semester to go. Don't step off the gas or - worse - turn off the engine until you've crossed the finish line!





Keep up to date by checking the
[Central Grads - Class of 2024 - Google](#)
[Classroom](#) regularly.

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