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2025-2026 Garth Webb Secondary School Grade 9 Program Options

DESTREAMED & SINGLE STREAMED OPTIONS

THE ARTS

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ENGLISH

English

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ENL1W1

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FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Core French

Academic

FSF1D1

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HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Healthy Active Living Education

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PAI1O1 (all genders)

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	Gifted	CGC1W5
	AP Prep	CGC1WP
	ESL Support	CGC1WE

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ENL1W5 ENL1WP

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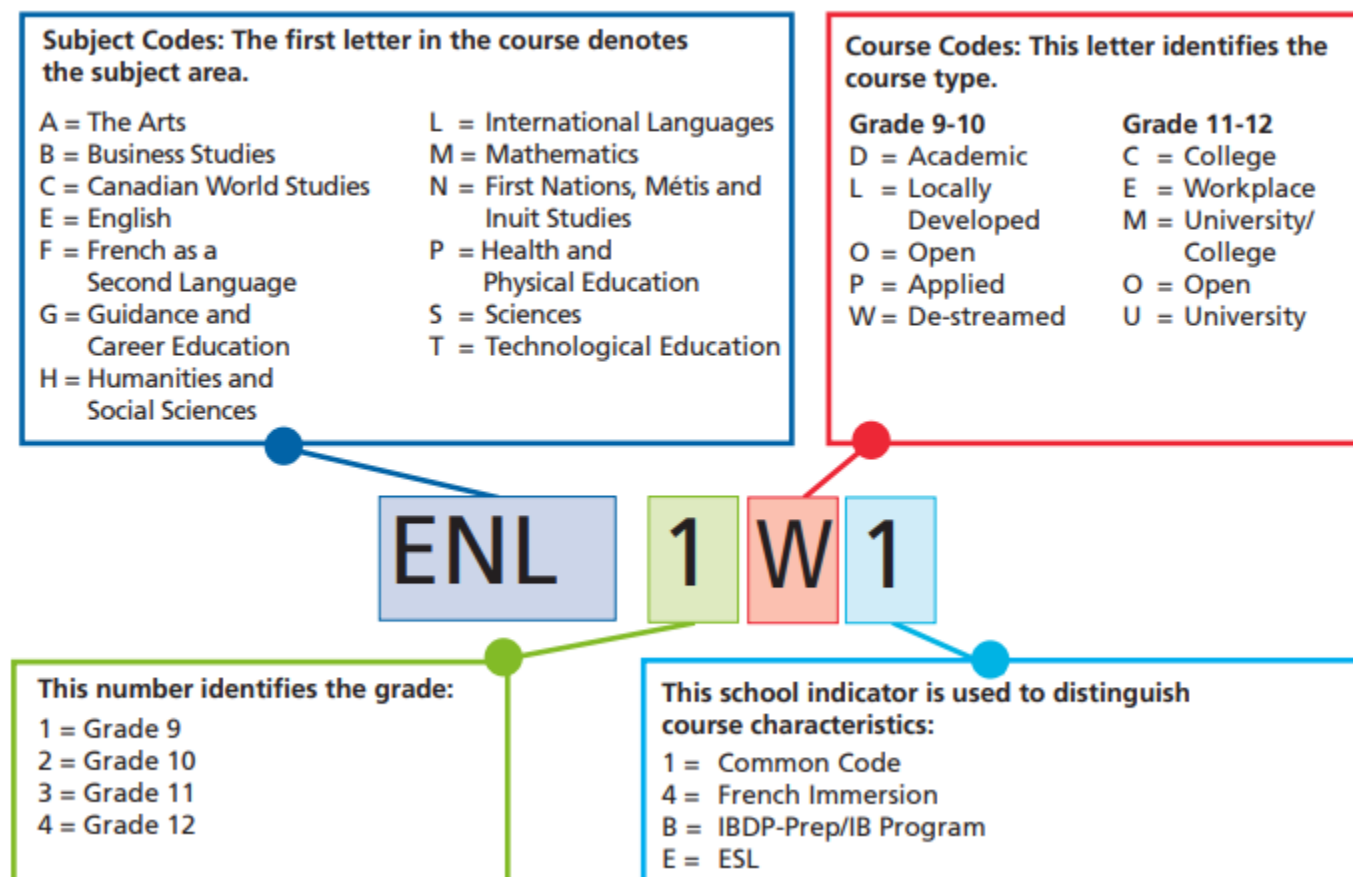
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