



Next Steps for De-Streaming: Grade 9 Courses & Descriptions 2022-2023

The new de-streamed Grade 9 Mathematics course (MTH1W) was implemented for all students in the province in September 2021. The Ministry will continue to phase out early streaming as part of its efforts to ensure better outcomes for all students and particularly for those who are from marginalized communities.¹

Beginning in September 2022, all subjects that were formerly streamed in Grade 9: English, Issues in Canadian Geography, French as a Second Language- Core French and Immersion, and Science will follow a common curriculum. Note - there is still a Core French pathway as well as an Immersion French pathway available to students. This extends the K - 8 common curriculum framework, allowing for the continued development of skills, knowledge, competencies, and experiences, and greater flexibility for all students to pursue postsecondary education and training in any pathway they choose.

English, Issues in Canadian Geography and French as a Second Language will be offered using the current Academic course expectations. There is no change to the existing course descriptions and course codes for the existing academic course offerings in these subjects.

A new de-streamed Science, Grade 9 course (SNC1W) will be issued in Spring 2022 and will be available for educators and parents on the [Curriculum and Resources website](#). The new Science, Grade 9 course (SNC1W), will fulfill the prerequisite requirements that were previously identified as Science, Grade 9, Academic (SNC1D) and Science, Grade 9, Applied (SNC1P).

SNC1W Course Description:

This course enables students to develop their understanding of concepts related to biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space science, and to relate science to technology, society, and the environment. Throughout the course, students will develop and refine their STEM skills as they use scientific research, scientific experimentation and engineering design [processes to investigate concepts and apply their knowledge in situations that are relevant to their lives and communities. Students will continue to develop transferable skills as they become scientifically literate global citizens.

Prerequisite: None

Further information on the background to streaming secondary school courses, and the research surrounding the benefits of de-streaming can be found at:

- [Coalition for Alternatives to Streaming in Education \(CASE\)](#)
- People for Education [Roadmaps and Roadblocks: Career and life planning, guidance, and streaming in Ontario's schools](#)
- YouTube Video: [A Brief History of Academic Streaming in Ontario](#)

¹ Ministry of Education, [Ontario Taking Bold Action to Address Racism and Inequity in Schools](#) (news release) July 9, 2020