Acronyms you may need to know:

OSSD – Ontario Secondary School

Diploma

OSSC – Ontario Secondary School

Certificate

OSSLC- Ontario Secondary School

Literacy Course

OSSLT – Ontario Secondary School

Literacy Test

SSAH – Special Services at Home

GPS – Guiding the Process to Success

Notes:

(Things I should do next or soon. Questions I should ask.)



Community Living North Grenville

(613-258-7177)

Developmental Services of Leeds and Grenville

(613-345-1290)

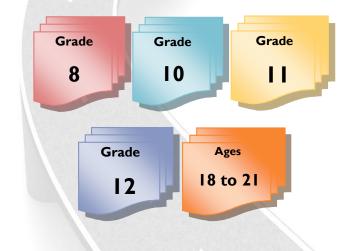
Gananoque and District Association for Community Living

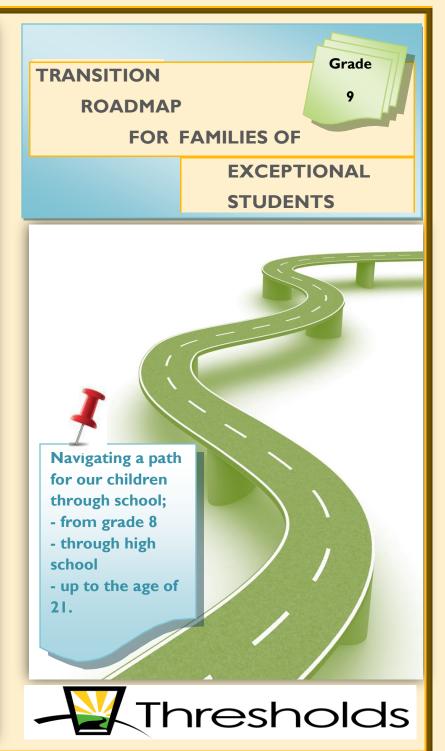
(613-382-7702)

Upper Canada District School Board

(613-342-0371)

Watch for the rest of this set:





Thresholds is a Leeds and Grenville program that provides assistance to schools, students and their families before, during and after the transition from the school system to adult life in the community. Five agencies and both school boards have representatives who meet regularly as the Thresholds Committee.

It is very important for the transition process to begin as early as Grade 8, a milestone year as students get ready to move from elementary schools to high schools. Throughout the high school years, the transition process is reviewed regularly and builds to the move from high school to various options in adulthood. Our experience with families has shown us that parents would appreciate some guidelines; one mother said, "I would like to see a specific roadmap for parents because there are already too many variables in our lives that that we are not sure about...I just want to know what we need to do to make this as smooth as possible..."

The Thresholds Committee has prepared a set of six Transition Roadmaps to assist and empower parents to advocate on behalf of their children. There is one for each of Grades 8 to 12 and one for ages 18-21. Each roadmap provides useful information and prompts about school events and meetings. We hope that you find these roadmaps helpful as you navigate with your child from year to year on the school journey. If you require any other assistance, feel free to contact a member of the Thresholds Committee from the list on the back page.

Participate fully in the High School Experience!

September, Grade 9

Extracurricular

Activities: Ask what

your child can take

part in during the day

or after school.

Look for ways your

child can gather

community service

hours.

Course Selection

Sheets - Advocate

for your child's

choices.

Ask what kind of special

programs will be available

next year.

End of year exams and

summative tasks.

Parent Night

Find out about lunch time and how your child can access the cafeteria.

IEP comes

Things you can watch for and ask about throughout the year.

Report card and parent interviews

All students taking Applied or Academic Grade 9 Math will take the EQAO test.

Grade 9 **EQAO** Math Assessment

Semester I exams and summative tasks

Semester 2 starts in February

If your child is not taking exams, find out what options are available for them.

Transition
Planning Meeting

IPRC meeting

June, Grade You will be invited to attend this annual review, but can choose to dispense with it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many schools send student timetables in the mail during the summer. Call the school before the start of the year if you didn't receive one.

Find out as early as possible who your child's teachers are going to be, and who your main contact will be.

(Often it is a resource teacher or student success teacher.)

Who will be meeting your child when they arrive on their first day?

DID YOU KNOW?

To earn an **OSSD** your child must:

- earn 30 credits
- pass the grade 10 literacy test (OSSLT) or
- pass the literacy course (OSSLC)
- complete 40 hours of community service

To earn an OSSC your child must:

- earn 14 credits

DID YOU KNOW?

Transition Planning

must start the school year your child turns 14.
This planning must be reviewed annually.

It is important for your child to be a part of the High School community. Find out how you and your child can get involved.

DID YOU KNOW?

The school year in High School is divided into 2 semesters. The first semester finishes at the end of January.

Agencies can help tie you into community resources and funding. Ask at your school, or call a number on the back of this.

DID YOU KNOW?

If your child is not working towards an OSSD or an OSSC, they can earn a Certificate of Accomplishment, and should expect to receive that with their peers at a Graduation Ceremony.

DID YOU KNOW? Some behaviour your child may display can be <u>accommodated</u> for, while other behaviour may need to be <u>corrected</u> – and this can take time. Ask the school and your community partner to support the development of socially appropriate behaviour!