

ACADEMIC OR APPLIED: WHICH ONE SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

As you choose your courses, you will be asked to select either the ACADEMIC or the APPLIED level for each of your mandatory courses: English, Math, Science, Core French, and Geography. Please note that Math is also offered at the ESSENTIAL level.

How do you know which level is right for you?

1. Consult your grade 8 teachers.
2. Discuss with your parents.
3. Read the information below.

ACADEMIC - Courses ending in “D”

These courses have an emphasis on theory, abstract thinking, and mature writing with a view to future university-level study in the subject area.

A student who is successful at the academic level usually has the following profile:

- Is an independent worker, willing to complete work outside of class
- Strong reader, with the ability to summarize and explain material
- Has the ability to infer, elaborate, and apply concepts
- Is able to cover material at a relatively fast pace
- Has a 70% average in the specific subject in Grade 8 (unmodified program)
- Grade 6 EQAO Level 3 or 4
- Good mastery of basic skills such as multiplication, fractions, and multi-step problems

APPLIED - Courses ending in “P”

These courses emphasize essential concepts and practical, hands-on application of the concepts with a view to college-level study or to the world of work.

A student for whom this level is ideal usually has the following profile:

- Enjoys concrete as opposed to abstract engagement with the subject matter
- Works willingly in class, but not at home
- Is a dependent learner who benefits from greater teacher direction and/or who learns better at a slower pace
- Works consistently at a Level 1+ to Level 2 in Grade 8 and on Grade 6 EQAO
- Has completed Grade 8 curriculum (unmodified)



MAT1L: Math for Life - ESSENTIAL

This course is for students working on modified Math curriculum in grade 8. Students in this program gain skills in math concepts that are applied to everyday life and several technical trades while obtaining the compulsory credits required to complete the high school diploma.