



Pathway Planning Day

The Pathway Planning Day provides grade 12 students will an opportunity to transition from secondary to post-secondary programs. In order to prepare as much as possible for the year ahead, complete those tasks below that are needed.

1. Ensure all graduation requirements have been met and determine next steps if they have not been met.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/graduate.html>

2. Assess the extent to which you have achieved the course expectations that are prerequisites for your post-secondary program pathway. Does your post-secondary program “recommend” that you take specific courses that you did not? Are there specific areas of the curriculum that you need to improve upon? For example, students entering a Math program may need to develop skills in computer programming if they have not taken courses in this area.

3. Once you have identified what curriculum content you will likely need to improve upon, develop a summer learning plan to address these areas in order to better ensure you have the skills to succeed in your post-secondary program. This will require obtaining the resources you will need to learn from (i.e. library books, online purchases, web resources, etc.). Schedule blocks of time over the summer to work through these resources.

4. Create a digital portfolio or Individual Pathway Plan (IPP). In this portfolio, you should highlight and provide samples of relevant skills, attributes, or past experiences you have as well as work or projects that you think would be helpful to present to a prospective employer in the years ahead. For example, you may be interviewed in January for a Cooperative Education placement if your post-secondary program requires that you have one.

5. Prepare to begin your post-secondary placement or work placement. Complete those tasks below that are relevant to you:

- Ensure your tuition fee payments are up-to-date. If you are entering the workforce, determine if you require any certification requirements.
- Determine where you will reside and make a list of all of the things you will need to gather from home or that you will need to purchase. Find out which items are permitted at your residence and which are not.

- ❑ Map out a budget plan for the year. Visit www.myblueprint.ca/ycdsb and click on “Guides”. Read the “Budget and Finance” guide for pointers. Do you need to obtain a credit card or debit card? [To login to *myblueprint* use your school email address for your userid and your student ID number for your password.]
- ❑ Conduct research on your post-secondary institution to determine: how you will get back and forth from home, what are the features of the the fitness centre and cafeteria, where the medical facility is located, what the drop dates are for specific courses, and what clubs and sports teams there are.
- ❑ If you are entering the workforce, familiarize yourself with the services in the area (transportation/parking, fitness, healthcare, food services).

6. Continue to apply for scholarships. Some scholarships are offered over the summer months. Here are two sites you can use as a resource: <https://scholartree.ca> and <https://yconic.com/>

7. Find a summer job if you have not already done so. Ideally, your future jobs will be connected to your future career aspirations. Visit www.myblueprint.ca/ycdsb and click on “Guides”. Read the “occupations” and the “resume” guides to help you learn about the workforce and to write a resume. If you don’t have a resume, create one as part of your digital portfolio and Individual Pathway Plan.

8. Reassess and research your long term pathway plan with respect to the developing trends in the global market workplace. You will find many online resources when you conduct a search for “job market trends”. Below are some web resources that may help you:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/labour-market>
www.realtalk.careers
www.workopolis.com
www.ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario
www.jobbank.gc.ca
www.jobpostings.ca
www.indeed.ca
<http://talentegg.ca>

9. Reach out to extended family and friends to find out more about your program next year and your future career aspirations. They will provide you with invaluable first-hand information and advice that will position you to succeed academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. *Yconic* provides student experiential knowledge as well: <https://yconic.com/>

10. Schedule time to retreat, reflect and pray. May your faith be your guide in the years ahead.