

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.GENERAL TOPICS	
1.1 Where do I find the school year calendar?	Go to the Superior Greenstone School Board Website www.sgdsb.on.ca or you will be given a copy of the school calendar at an information session during the first week of school.
1.2 What are the requirements to graduate from high school ?	<p>a)30 credits are required - 12 elective courses- 18 compulsory courses</p> <p>b) Literacy test -written in grade 10 year after completion of gr. 9 English credits <u>or</u> if unsuccessful take the literacy course in your senior year.</p> <p>c) 40 hours of community volunteer work</p>
1.3 Are there final exams to write in all courses?	No. It depends on the course. Some courses have a summative evaluation which takes place in class during the last one or two weeks of the semester. Grade 9 and 10 exams are 2 hours while grade 11 and 12 exams are 3 hours.
1.4 How many courses do I take in one semester?	4 courses
1.5 Where do I get a copy of my timetable?	Student services issues timetables in the mail for the start of semester 1 to bring to school for the start of the semester in September. Timetables will also be issued in the gym on the first day of school in September if you forgot your timetable. Second semester timetables will be distributed during classes in January and you are expected to bring it for the start of semester 2. If you misplace your timetable during the school year and you need another one, you can get a copy from the front office.
1.6 What does the daily schedule look like?	<p>Period 1: 8:50 to 10:05</p> <p>Period 2: 10:10 to 11:25</p> <p>Lunch : 11:25 to 12:05</p> <p>Activity Period: 12:05-12:35 (for extracurricular activities, appointments with teachers)</p> <p>Period 3: 12:40 to 1:55</p> <p>Period 4: 2:00-3:15</p>
1.7 Are there bells during the school day?	No. This is to increase student self- regulation to make students more responsible about where they should be during the day. If you are in a workplace, college or university there are no bells to signal when you are to go to class or to do the next task. It creates a more true to life setting.
1.8 Am I allowed to stay in high school longer than the four years?	Yes. You are allowed to stay in high school until you graduate or until June of the year you turn 21 if you have the possibility of graduating. Students are allowed to earn a maximum of 34 credits.
1.9 What is an OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma)?	This is a diploma granted upon completion of 30 credits, the literacy component and 40 community hours.
1.10 What is an OSSC (Ontario Secondary School Certificate)?	This is a certificate granted at the age of 18 when completion of specific courses has been reached. The student must earn 14 specific credits.
1.11 What is a Certificate of Accomplishment?	This is a certificate for students who are 18 and are leaving high school but have not met the requirements for a diploma (OSSD) or a certificate (OSSC).

<p>1.12 If I want to make a change on my timetable who do I speak to?</p> <p>First speak to the teacher of the current course you are taking to let them know about your plan to determine if it is the right path for you to take. Second make an appointment at student services by writing your name on the appointment list that is posted there. You will be called down to the office when there is a counsellor available.</p>
<p>1.13 If I need a locker where do I get one and is there a fee?</p> <p>Speak to the secretaries at the front office. There is a \$10 registration fee which covers the lock rental and any Student council activity fee. You will get \$2 back once you return your lock at the end of the school year or if you transfer to another school. You must use a school provided lock on your locker.</p>
<p>1.14 Can I change my locker/lock If I need to and where do I do this?</p> <p>Yes, you can change your locker/lock at the front office.</p>
<p>1.15 What happens to my possessions if I leave them in my locker at the end of the school year?</p> <p>Your locker will be emptied out if you have not done so. All contents will be disposed of.</p>
<p>1.16 What do I do if I get hurt at school?</p> <p>If you are in a classroom and get injured, let your teacher know, they will take appropriate actions. If you are injured at school come to the front office if you are able to or tell someone to let a staff member know that you are injured. First aid supplies are available at the main office.</p>
<p>1.17 If I need a transcript of my courses for a job or post secondary school, where do I get one?</p> <p>Approach the secretaries at the front office. It takes a few days to process the request so ensure you give yourself enough time if you need to meet certain deadlines.</p>

<p>2. Pathways</p>
<p>2.1 Who determines my pathway (academic, applied or locally developed) when I enter high school?</p> <p>Yourself along with your parents. Recommendations will be made by your grade 8 teacher and/or the SERT(Special Education Resource Teacher) based on your performance in elementary school.</p>
<p>2.2 What are my options after high school if I am in the applied program?</p> <p>a) You are eligible to apply to college directly. Highly competitive programs have an average that must be attained to qualify for the program. 50% may be a pass for a course but it may not high enough to be accepted to the program that you want because you are competing with many other students for the program. Contact the college(websites) that you are interested in attending for more details.</p> <p>b) You may be eligible to apply to university from the college program . Some university programs still require academic classes to be taken in high school. Contact the college(websites) and the university(websites) that you are interested in attending for more details.</p> <p>c) You can apply for jobs once you have your high school diploma.</p> <p>d) You are eligible for apprenticeship programs if you have the pre-requisite courses and have a placement to complete the hours. You must register through the regional apprenticeship office at the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.</p>
<p>2.3 What are my options after high school if I am in the locally developed program?</p> <p>a) You can apply for jobs once you have your diploma or</p> <p>b) Apply for the ACE program at college to upgrade your program. You must be 19 and out of high school for two years to apply for this program. There may be pre-placement testing. Check the college website for details.</p>

2.4 What are my options after high school if I am in the academic program?

- a) You can apply to university but be aware that there is a minimum grade expectation for certain courses and an overall average expectation (70% or higher). Check the university websites that you are interested in.
- b) You can look for jobs once you have your diploma.
- c) You can apply to college but be aware there are pre-requisite courses, minimum grade expectations and an overall average expectation. Check with the colleges (websites) that you are interested in.
- d) You can apply to college and then transition to university. Be aware that there is a minimum grade expectation for certain courses and an overall average expectation. Check with the universities (websites) that you are interested in.
- e) You are eligible for apprenticeship programs if you have the pre-requisite courses and have a placement to complete the hours. You must register through the regional apprenticeship office at the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

3. Personal counselling

3.1 What happens if I reveal that I am struggling with personal issues?

You can speak to any teacher, educational assistant, attendance counsellor or guidance counsellor. The person you speak to will direct you and/or take steps to ensure you get the assistance that you need from the correct people. You can ask for a referral to a community agency. A referral can be made to an outside agency like: John Howard Society, North of Superior Programs, Dilico, Greenstone Health team, or the Hospital. An appointment will be made with a counsellor from their organization.

3.2 If I need a copy of my transcript who do I speak to?

You speak to the secretaries at the front office.

3.3 If I am struggling academically in my class, who do I speak to?

First speak to the teacher of the course and explain what the concern is. Second if it is determined that a timetable change needs to occur make an appointment at student services. You will be called down to the office when there is a counsellor available.

3.4 What is the grade to pass a class in high school?

50%. However this is not enough to guarantee acceptance to a college or university. Refer to the college and university websites for minimum grade expectations.

3.5 What happens if I fail a class?

If it is a compulsory course you may have to repeat the class. All students who fail a class will be considered by a committee to determine if you qualify for credit recovery which means you will complete failed expectations of the course to achieve the credit.

3.6 What is the minimum expectation to be successful at the next grade level of a subject?

Level 3 or 70% is a good gauge that you are likely to succeed at the next grade level.

4. Attendance/ late procedures

4.1 If I am absent from school what is the procedure for returning?

Have your parent call the attendance counsellor or bring a note from home explaining the reasons for the absences. When you return, obtain an admit slip from the attendance counsellor to show to each of your teachers.

4.2 If I need to leave the school for an appointment what is the procedure?

- a) You need to get an outslip. The appointment needs to be verified by your parent or guardian before the outslip can be issued.
- b) The outslip must be signed by all the teachers that will be affected.
- c) Bring the outslip to the office for verification and go to your appointment.
- d) Once you are finished the appointment have the person you are meeting with sign and time stamp it.
- e) Bring the outslip to the attendance counsellor.

4.3 If I am late for class, what is the procedure?

You are to go to class but do not disrupt the class when you enter, take your seat quietly and try to figure out what is happening in the class. Follow the procedures that the classroom teacher has set up for dealing with late students. There may be consequences for the late so be sure you understand what they are.

5. Library information**5.1 What are the library hours of operation?**

The library is officially open from 8:30 to 4:00 and closed for lunch 11:25 to 12:00. However, the librarian is usually in the library at 8:00 am and has the library open for students. At certain times the library is closed for presentations for certain groups.

5.2 Where do I get my textbooks for my classes?

Your teacher will accompany you to the library to pick up your textbooks. After you get your book(s), you take them to the librarian to have them signed out to you.

5.3 When do I return my textbooks?

You are responsible for looking after your textbooks(s) and returning them to the librarian at the end of each semester. Do not just them on the counter they need to be scanned so they are deleted from your account. You will not be assigned any new books until they ones owing have been returned or the bill has been paid in full.

5.4 What happens if I lose or damage a textbook or library book?

You are responsible for your books. If they are lost or damaged, you will have to cover the cost of replacing them. You will not be assigned any books until your bill has been paid.

5.5 How long can I keep my library book(s)?

You can keep them until the end of each semester. If you are finished reading the book, return it right away so you do not misplace it.

5.6 Where can I go to do research for my project?

The library has print, reference and internet sources for you to use. The librarian can help you with your research.

5.7 What other materials are available for doing projects?

The library has construction paper, glue, pencil crayons, markers, scissors and stencils for students to use. There are computers available for research or for completing written assignments.

5.8 What other activities can students participate in the library?

Students can read, play chess, surf the "Net", study. The library is our quiet place in the school.

6. Bussing**6.1 How do I arrange for bus pick up?**

The school calls the bus company once you are registered and informs them that you are a bus Student. Your parent/guardian needs to confirm the pickup time and location with the bus company.

6.2 Which bus companies transport the students from each community?

Aroland and Ginoogaming- the band runs their own busses so contact the band office if you have Bussing questions.

Beardmore, Camp 25, Geraldton, Longlac, Nakina – Beaulieu bus lines provides bussing for these Communities so contact them if you have bussing questions

7. Community Hours

7.1 How many community hours do I need to meet the diploma requirements?

40 hours

7.2 When can I start to complete and document the community hours?

Once you graduate from grade 8. July 1st would be the start date for the hours.

7.3 What activities qualify for community hours?

Approach any community event organizers to see if they need any help. If a senior/elder/ disabled person needs help with getting their driveway/walkway shoveled, getting groceries into the house, cutting fire wood etc. These activities are volunteer and should not be paid for.

7.4 Where do I get the required form for documenting the hours?

Student services has them available in an envelope posted on their bulletin board. If there are none there, approach the guidance counsellor or the secretaries at the front office.