



# WHITE OAKS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## September 2010 School Profile

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### Community

Located on the shores of Lake Ontario, Oakville, Ontario is a community of over 165,000 residents. Known as one of the more affluent areas of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Oakville is actually a diverse cultural, economic, and social centre. As part of the Halton District School Board, Oakville is home to 28 elementary/middle schools and 5 secondary schools.

### School

White Oaks Secondary School is home to approximately 2100 full-time students, offering a four-year program in grades 9-12. We are a school with two campuses: South Campus is the site for our Main Administrative building and the location of the majority of our academic programs; North Campus houses our Centre for Science and Technology, with specialized facilities for our vast offerings of programs in these areas. We are fortunate to share our South Campus with a branch of the Oakville Public Swimming Pool and the Oakville Public Library.

### Curriculum

White Oaks offers a more diversified academic program than any other school in Ontario. We are the only school in Oakville to offer programs for all post-secondary study (university, college, apprenticeship), and workplace destinations. Approximately 83% of White Oaks graduates attend post-secondary education and training programs after graduation, 7% attend alternative education, or go directly to work.

Students take courses in a two-semester system; 4 credits/courses per semester is the maximum workload available to students, totaling 8 credits each year. Students take the same courses each day throughout each semester; examinations and summative assignments take place at the end of each semester, in January and June of each year. In order to graduate with an Ontario diploma, students must earn 30 credits/courses, complete 40 hours of community service, and successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

White Oaks is the only Oakville site to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP), receiving accreditation in 2007. The IB program is offered to students in their grade 11 and 12 years. Students from this program complete three Higher Level courses



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(English HL, and two of Math HL, Chemistry HL, or History HL), and three Standard Level Courses (three of French SL, Spanish SL, Math SL, Math Studies SL, Biology SL, Physics SL, Geography SL, Music SL, or Film Studies SL). Also, students complete a 4000-word Extended Essay, a Theory of Knowledge (ToK) course, and a minimum of 150 hours of Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) to earn their IB Diploma.

In order to prepare students for the rigour of the IB Diploma option, White Oaks offers the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) to highly able and highly motivated students in grades 9 and 10. These courses match the Ontario Academic level curriculum courses taken in grades 9 and 10, and accelerate the pace of the program to provide further opportunities for enrichment and extension activities. These courses are designated by the sixth digit on course codes as a “B” (i.e. SNC1DB, ENG2DB) on school transcripts for the grade 9 and 10 years. Currently, about 20% of the population of White Oaks is enrolled in our ALP-IB programs.

With our Centre for Science and Technology, White Oaks offers the largest Technology Education program in Ontario, including programming in Child Care, Computer Engineering, Computer Graphic Design, Computer Science, Communications Technology, Construction Technology, Green Technologies (horticulture/landscaping), Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Hospitality & Tourism, Manufacturing, Technological Design, and Transportation (Auto Body, Automotive, and Small Engines).

White Oaks is proud to be a flagship school for two technology specialty programs. We were one of the first Ontario schools to offer the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP); students can now choose from three OYAP programs at WOSS in Hairstyling, Manufacturing, and Transportation. OYAP students have the opportunity to complete apprenticeship hours towards their industry certifications while still at high school.

Second, White Oaks provided the pilot for what have become the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs. Our original SHSM in Manufacturing has been joined by five other SHSM programs in Arts & Culture (Music), Health & Wellness, Hospitality & Tourism (Chef Training), Justice, Community and Emergency Services, and Landscaping. SHSM programs deliver packages of 8-10 sector specific courses, including a cooperative education component, to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing careers in these sectors. SHSM programs meet all four post-secondary destination pathways (university, college, apprenticeship, and the workplace).

The last pathway represented in our school is the Certificate Program teaching Life Skills education, which assists students to transition into assisted living and equips them with the skills to be personally happy and publicly useful citizens.

White Oaks is also one of two schools that offer a full English Language Learner (ELL) program; students from our ELL program speak more than 40 international languages. The popularity and success of our ELL program demonstrates the broadening diversity of both White Oaks and the larger Oakville community.



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### Extra-curricular Activities

White Oaks offers more than 80 co-curricular activities for students outside the classroom in athletics, the arts, and clubs. Over 80% of our students are involved in some kind of co-curricular student activity.

### Grade and Ranking Procedures

Considering our diverse programming and service to a wide-variety of student learning levels, as a school, White Oaks does **not** rank its students. GPA is not used to determine student graduation in Ontario; where GPA is calculated, it is for consideration by American schools, and done with unweighted marks for all earned courses in high school, based on the following scale:

Percentage (%)	GPA Equivalent	Percentage (%)	GPA Equivalent
100	4.00	74	2.96
99	3.96	73	2.92
98	3.92	72	2.88
97	3.88	71	2.84
96	3.84	70	2.80
95	3.80	69	2.76
94	3.76	68	2.72
93	3.72	67	2.68
92	3.68	66	2.64
91	3.64	65	2.60
90	3.60	64	2.56
89	3.56	63	2.52
88	3.52	62	2.48
87	3.48	61	2.44
86	3.44	60	2.40
85	3.40	59	2.36
84	3.36	58	2.32
83	3.32	57	2.28
82	3.28	56	2.24
81	3.24	55	2.20
80	3.20	54	2.16
79	3.16	53	2.12
78	3.12	52	2.08
77	3.08	51	2.04
76	3.04	50	2.00
75	3.00		

### Testing

Due to the minimum number of students taking the SATs, we do not tabulate an average SAT score for the school.

### Post-secondary Readiness

In summary, White Oaks Secondary School is a leader in preparing its students for all post-secondary pathways. More than 40% of our graduates continue on to Canadian and international universities; more than 40% of graduates continue on to two- or three-year Canadian college programs; still, 7% continue into apprenticeship training; others go directly into the workforce, many choosing to return to post-secondary education afterwards. Whatever the pathway, White Oaks students are highly trained, contributing members of society.