



## QUICK FACTS

### Secondary School Programming

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Excerpts from Ontario's Declining Enrolment Working Group, *Planning and Possibilities* (2009).

- Secondary students are best served by having access to a **full range of pathways** that allow them to fulfil the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
  - The fundamental challenge of declining enrolment is the **need to realign and reallocate resources today** to ensure that the best possible education is available to students tomorrow.
  - Declining enrolment is an issue because a **substantial portion of each school board's revenue is based on enrolment**.
  - As schools become smaller, the **number and variety of programs offered may be reduced**, especially at the secondary level.
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#### Programming Realities in Peterborough Secondary Schools

- Each school is allocated teaching staff based on student enrolment.
- Class sizes are limited by terms in the OSSTF Collective Agreement (page 21).  
<http://www.kprschoools.ca/Employment/CollectiveAgreement.html>
- Students must attain at least 30 credits to be eligible for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), 18 of which are compulsory credits and are offered each year.
- There are a similar number of courses offered in the course calendar at each school.
- Different types of credit courses are offered at each school (academic, applied, open, university prep, university/college prep, college prep, workplace prep)
- The course opportunities in some curriculum areas at each school vary according to the presence of available facilities and/or specialty programs (i.e. French Immersion, Integrated Arts and International Baccalaureate, specific Technologies).
- Optional courses offered may be cancelled due to under-subscription whereby students may not receive their first choice including courses required for certain post secondary programs.
- The number of classes which have the same grade/multiple types is similar in most schools.
- The number of classes which have combined grades/multiple types and combined grades/same type is generally higher when compared to a secondary school with an enrolment of approximately 1000 students.
- The number of students not receiving their first choice is twice as high when compared to a secondary school with an enrolment of approximately 1000 students.