

SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT

The Ministry of Education has introduced new initiatives that gives high school students in the province of Ontario more ways to earn and accumulate credits, stay motivated and focused on learning and customize their high school education to reflect the students' unique strengths, interests and goals. These initiatives are explained in detail at the Ministry web site: www.ontario.ca/6ways

Archbishop Denis O'Connor C.H.S. is committed to helping every student achieve a successful outcome from their high school experience. Programs and supports available to help students achieve this outcome include:

Credit Recovery Program

The Credit Recovery Program is a program that combines the teaching of core learning strategies with the opportunity to recover credits by working on correspondence courses offered through the Durham Catholic District School Board. Students in the program are enrolled in, and can earn credit in the course Learning Strategies or Managing Personal Resources. The Credit Recovery Teacher teaches the expectations the course enrolled in while allowing time for students to work on correspondence courses. Students are identified for the program by members of the Administration, Guidance and Program Support staff.

Full Year English and Math in Grade 9

English and Math are delivered in a non-semestered format in grade 9. This initiative was first offered in the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Expanded Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education allows a student the opportunity to earn credits, learn skills and gain experience from a workplace. Two Cooperative Education credits can now count as compulsory credits required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (please see section titled Graduation Requirements). A more detailed description of Cooperative Education can be found in the section titled Course Descriptions: 2007 – 2008.

Grade 8 – 9 Transition

A team from Archbishop Denis O'Connor works closely with staff at our associate schools to ensure that there is a smooth transition from elementary school to high school. Students who have difficulty making the move from elementary school to high school will get the support they need through increased individual attention and programming tailored to fit their individual situation.

Student Achievement Team

The Student Achievement Team is a school based team that works with school staff, parents and the community to ensure that students are achieving success and accessing necessary programs and supports. A key member of this team is our Student Success Teacher.