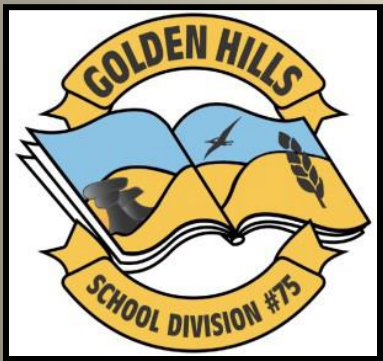


Drumheller Valley Secondary School

Grade 9 to 10 Transition

How to have a successful senior high
experience.



Foundational Requirements

- A positive attitude
- A willingness to do your best in all classes
- A willingness to try different courses even those you may not be interested in
- Consistent attendance
- Consistent effort
- Meet the requirements of an Alberta High School Diploma

Grade 10 Mandatory Courses

- English 10-1 or 10-2
- Math 10C or 10-3
- Science 10 or 14
- Social 10-1 or 10-2
- CALM – Career & Life Management
- Physical Education 10 – at least 3 credits
- Option Courses

Option Courses

- Fine Arts – Art, Band, Choir, and Drama
- CTS – Career & Technology Studies
 - Computer Science, Construction, Cook Apprentice, Cosmetology, Digital Photography,, Foods, Leadership, Media Arts, Mechanics, Recreational Leadership, Video Arts, Welding, and Wildlife
- Locally developed courses
 - Paleontology and Forensic Science
- Second Languages –German, French, & Spanish
- HCS3000 – Workplace Safety Systems – 1 credit
- Volunteerism –2 credit – 30 hours

Other Changes for Grade 10

- 2 semesters
 - September to January – with final exams – last 4 days – will not be rescheduled
 - February to June – with final exams – last 4 days – will not be rescheduled
- 4 periods per day each 80 minutes – two in the am and two in the pm and 29 minutes of Learning Strategies
- The pacing is much faster

What is the difference between 10-1 and 10-2 courses?

- 10-1 courses are designed for students to get a high school diploma and attend **university, college, or Registered Apprenticeship Program**
- 10-2 courses are designed for students to get a high school diploma and attend a **college, or Registered Apprenticeship Program**
- Recommendation is a 65% or higher mark in grade 9 core subject areas for 10-1 courses
- A strong work ethic is required to be successful in 10-1 courses

How many credits are expected for each year of high school?

- Grade 10 – a minimum of 40 credits
- Grade 11 – a minimum of 40 credits
- Grade 12 – a minimum of 35 credits – only one spare will be allowed in grade 12 – if a course is below 50% in grade 10 or 11 a student must take a full course load of 40 credits in grade 12

Spares?

- Grade 10 – no spares allowed
- Grade 11 – no spares allowed
- Grade 12 – up to one spare - if no courses have been below 50% in grade 10 & 11

Tools to Help Keep You Informed

- PowerSchool – student and parent registration
- Synervoice – call and email home
- Report Cards – 2 per semester
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Email
- Call and talk with the teacher

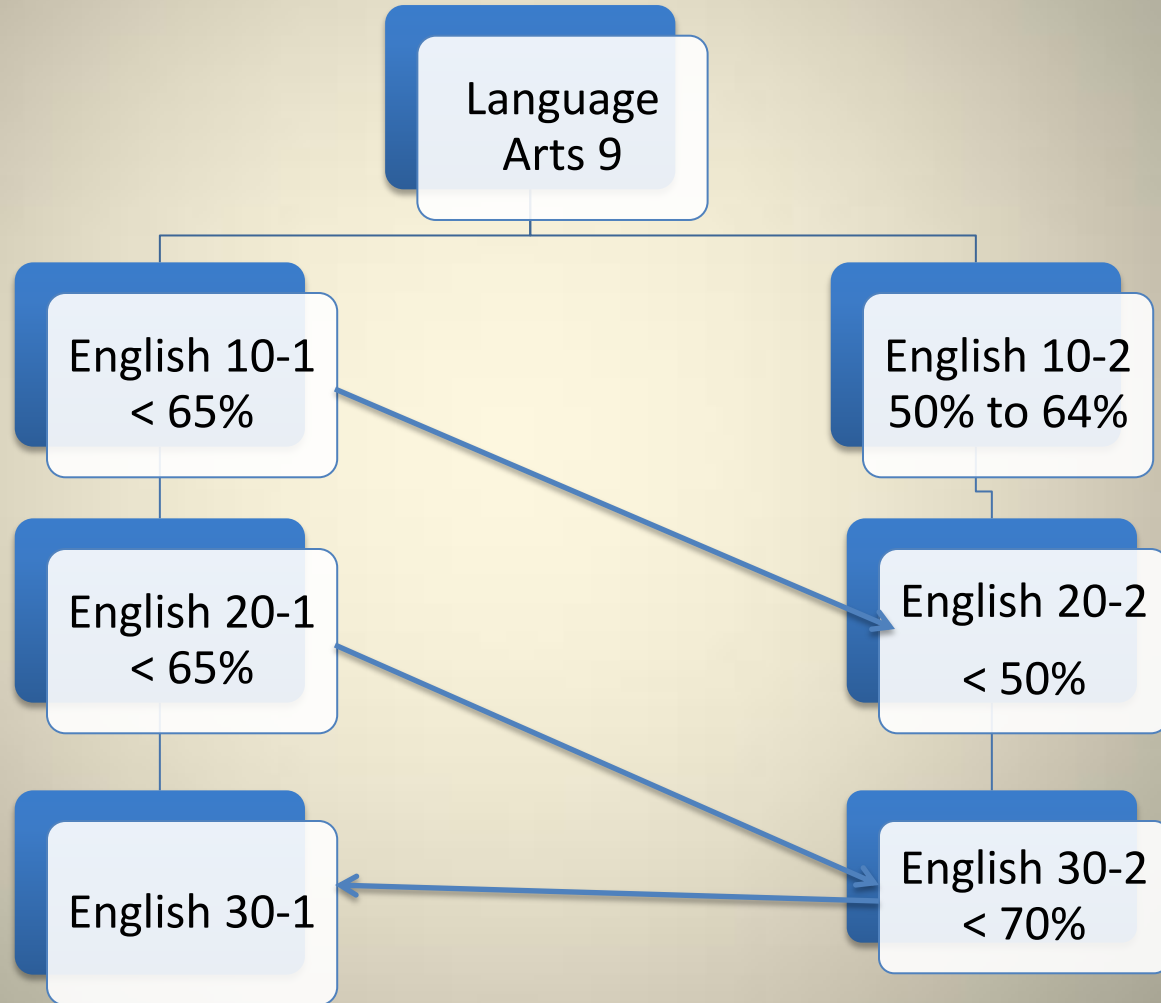
Other Factors that Impact Success

- Students that are engaged in the school over and above core course offerings
 - Sports – Badminton, Basketball, Football, Track & Field, and Volleyball
 - Student Council
 - FOR Club – Friends of Rachel
 - Fine Arts – Art, Band, Choir, & Drama
 - CTS – Career & Technology Studies
 - Work Experience and RAP programs

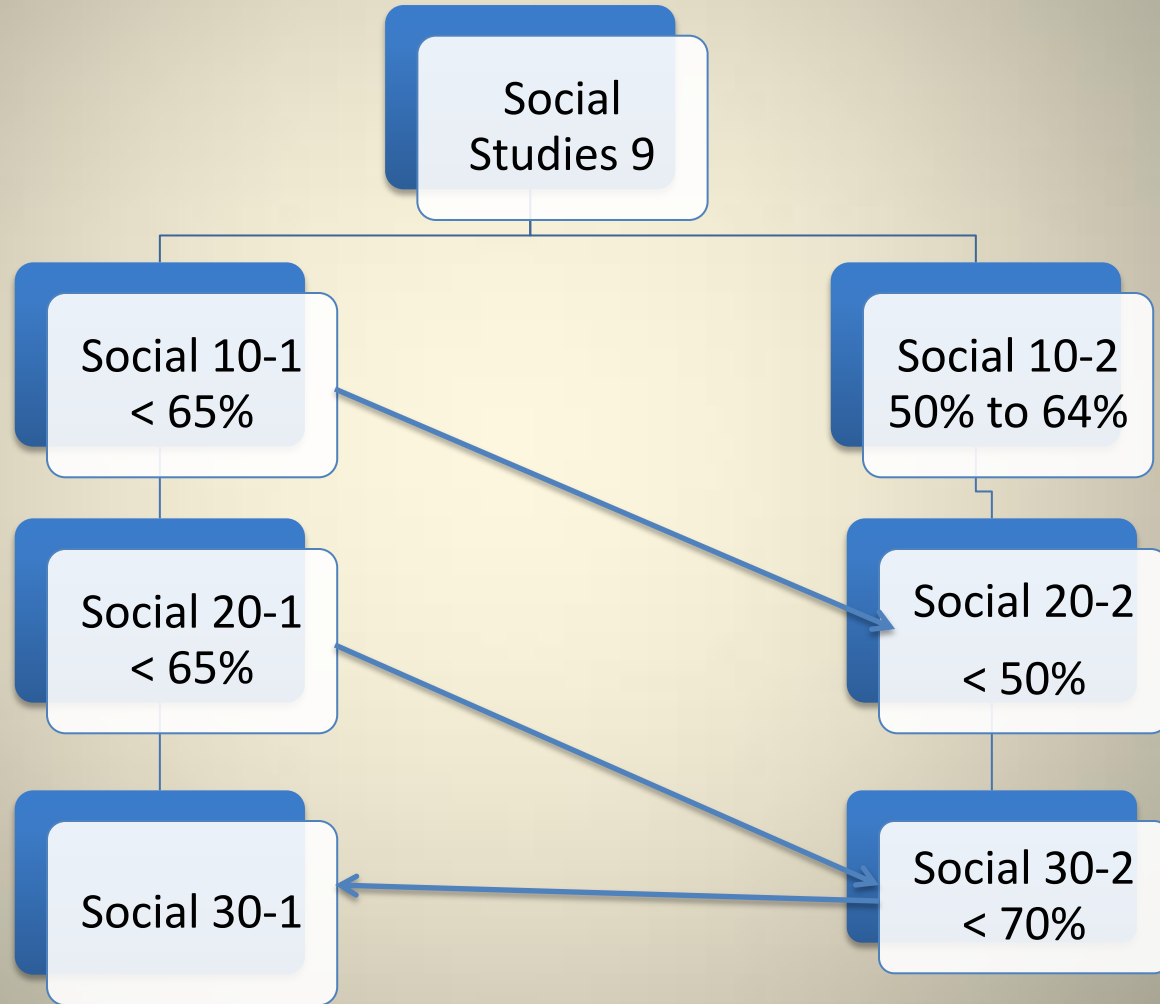
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- Parental Involvement
 - School Council – 2nd Tuesday of each month
 - Coaching
 - Friends of DVSS
 - Assisting with clubs, sports, and special events

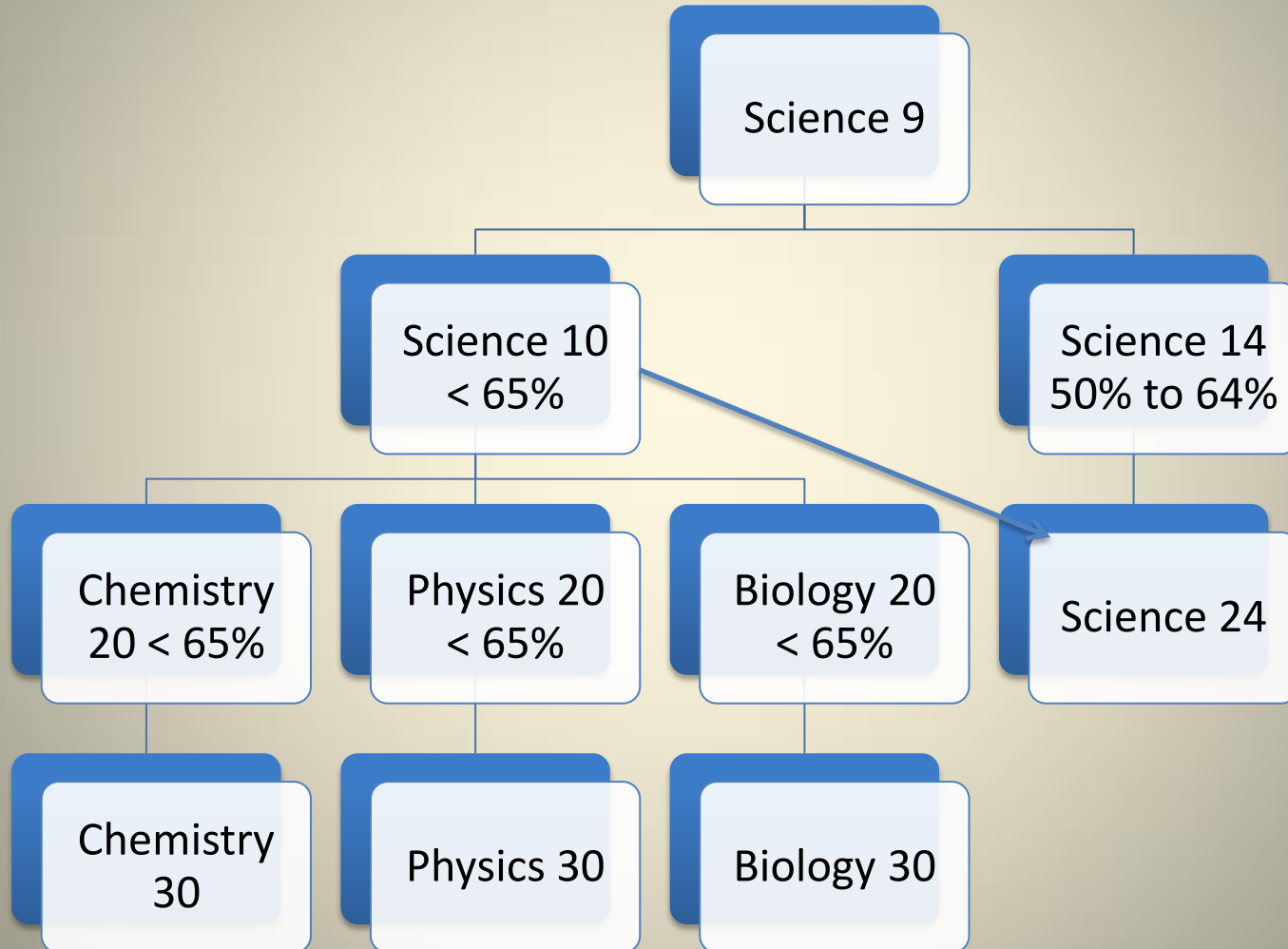
Senior High English



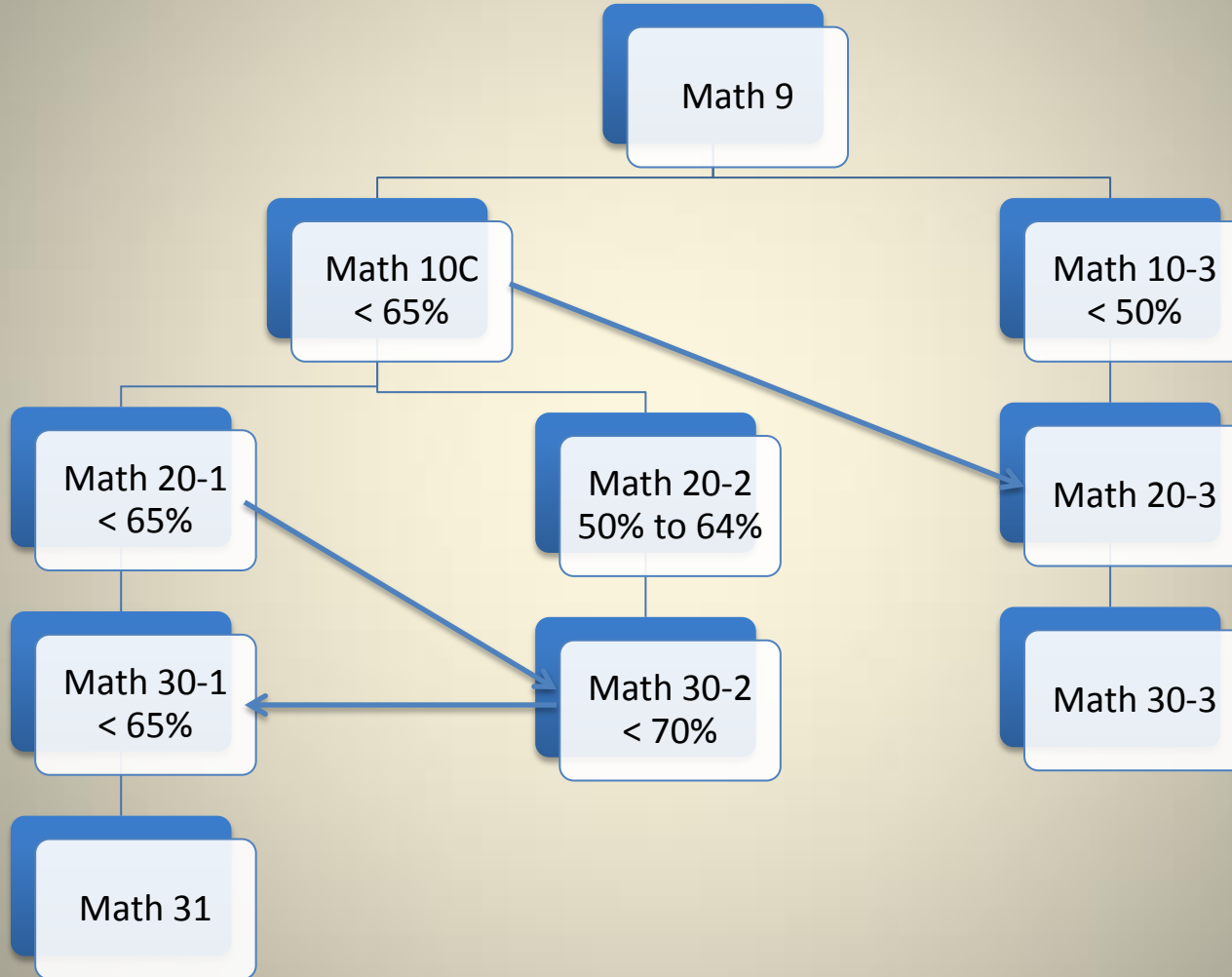
Senior High Social Studies



Senior High Science



Senior High Math



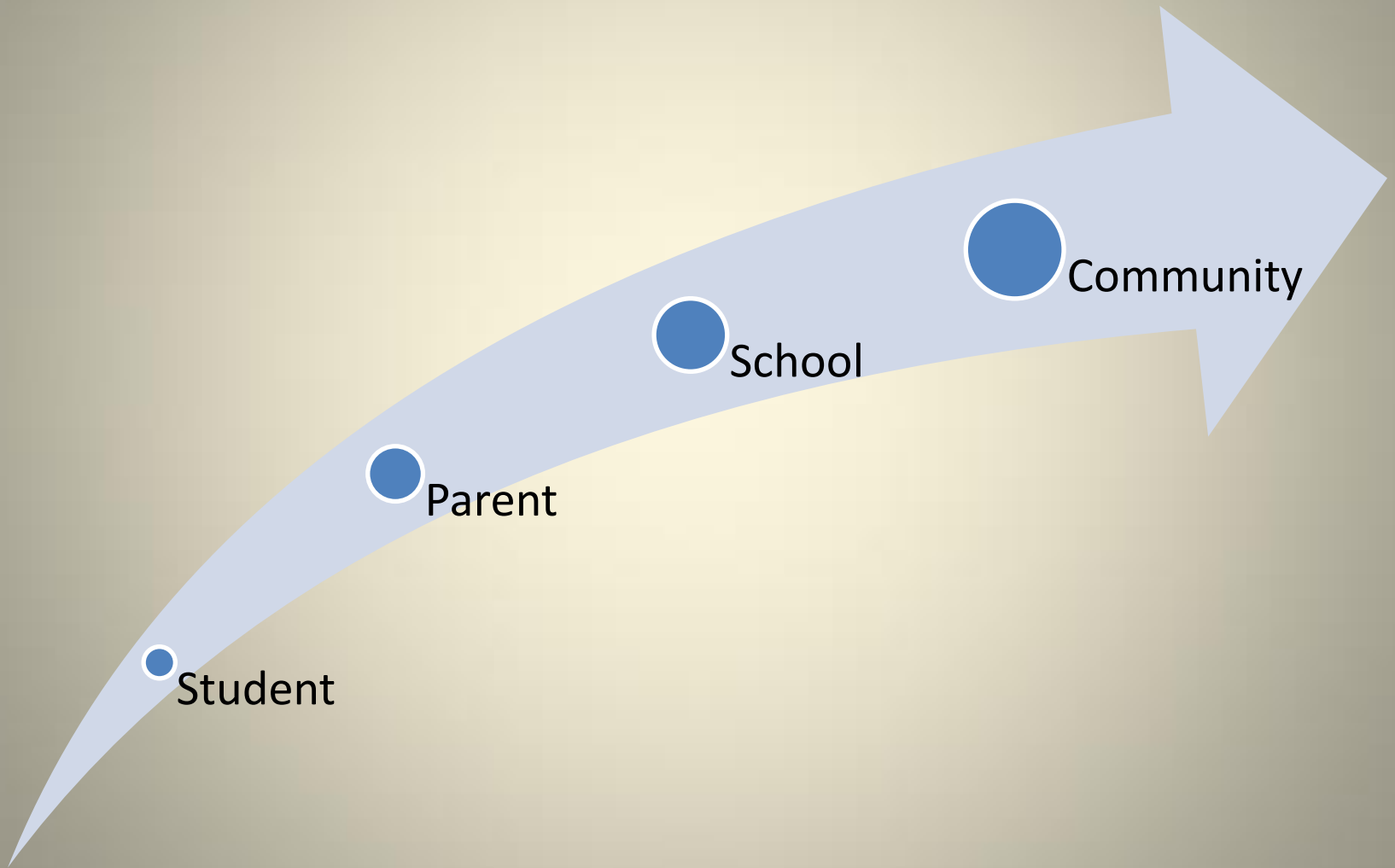
If You Need Assistance

- If you require one on one support in selecting courses please feel free to book an appointment with:
 - Mrs. Palomaki
 - Mrs. Hemming
 - Mrs. Spitzer
 - Mr. Teske
 - Mr. LaPierre

New and Cool

- Myblueprint.ca – activation key - Drumheller

Together We Can Make It Happen



What We Need From You

- Complete Registration Forms – Every Year
- Select Courses – Every Year
- Bus Registration – Every Year
- School Fees – Every Year