There is value, honour and dignity in all postsecondary destinations and all sectors of employment. A student's **Program Pathway** is his or her educational program and reflects the goals that help motivate him or her to complete secondary school.

Building a successful pathway through school requires planning and is a cooperative effort involving students, parents/guardians, teachers and guidance counsellors

> Factors you must consider in your planning include: most recent levels of achievement, preferred learning style, strengths, and immediate educational needs

Successful completion of secondary education in Ontario is important and a valuable step toward postsecondary opportunities. Students may create or choose a program pathway that prepares them for direct entry into:

Apprenticeship Programs, College, Community Living, University, or the Workplace.

For more information please contact the **Principal** or **Guidance Counsellor** of your local High School

> Information gathered by Renfrew County District School Board Special Education Department 2012

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But We'll All Choose Different
Pathways

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All RCSB Secondary Schools offer a fully inclusive environment to meet the needs of all students.

Not all RCDSB Secondary Schools offer specific classes for all six pathways. Please talk to the Principal of your local High School about the options available to meet your child's needs.

LIFE SKILLS

NON-CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who are identified as exceptional who need highly individualized programming to meet their complex needs in a highly supported and structured environment

FOCUS:

Daily living skills, communication skills, and functional literacy & numeracy skills

Program includes
collaboration with community
agencies to support transition
planning for students and may
include work experience
opportunities

RESULTS IN:

Certificate of Accomplishment

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

Supported work experience and/or Community Living

TRANSITIONAL

NON-CREDIT/PARTIAL CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who are identified as exceptional, working well below grade level who need basic literacy, numeracy and employability skills delivered at an individualized level and pace

FOCUS:

Individualized literacy & numeracy skills, practical programming activities, and employability skills

Integration into Vocational and Life Skills programs as well as elective courses may be incorporated into student's timetable when appropriate and available

RESULTS IN:

Certificate of Accomplishment

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

On-the-Job Training in the Workplace with or without Employment Support

VOCATIONAL

PARTIAL CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who are identified as exceptional, working below grade level who need practical real-life examples and applications delivered in a smaller group at a slower pace

FOCUS:

Intensive instructional support for compulsory credits including English, Math, etc typically at a half credit per semester pace

> Integration into practical skills-based courses (e.g., Tech, Co-op, etc)

RESULTS IN:

Fourteen-credit
Ontario Secondary School
Certificate

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

On-the-job Training in the Workplace

LOCALLY DEVELOPED

30 CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who may or may not be identified as exceptional, working near or at grade level who need practical real-life examples and applications delivered in a smaller group

FOCUS:

Applied and Open level programming with the exception of Math, English and/or Science which are delivered in a smaller class with additional support

The Grade 10 Literacy Test and 40 hours of community involvement activities are graduation requirements

RESULTS IN:

Thirty credit
Ontario Secondary School
Diploma

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

On-the-Job Training in the Workplace or Apprenticeship

APPLIED

30 CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who may or may not be identified as exceptional, working at grade level

FOCUS:

Development of knowledge and skills through practical applications and concrete examples

The Grade 10 Literacy Test and 40 hours of community involvement activities are graduation requirements

RESULTS IN:

Thirty credit
Ontario Secondary School
Diploma

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

College or Apprenticeship

ACADEMIC

30 CREDIT

BEST SUITED FOR:

Students who may or may not be identified as exceptional, working at grade level

FOCUS:

Development of knowledge and skills through the study of theory and abstract problems

The Grade 10 Literacy Test and 40 hours of community involvement activities are graduation requirements

RESULTS IN:

Thirty credit
Ontario Secondary School
Diploma

TYPICALLY LEADS TO:

University

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