OFF THE GRID

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OFF THE GRID ADVANTAGE

Tommy Douglas Collegiate's Off the Grid program is a half-day, full-year learning experience that will take students on an integrative, interdisciplinary adventure. This program is intended for Grade 9 students who are interested in such topics as climate change, sustainable living, social justice and the growing need for innovation in these areas. Part of the course will include students working towards the goal of making Tommy Douglas Collegiate a more energy efficient building. This course will appeal to students who want to experience life outside the box as they gain insight into the topics of complex systems that govern all life through a hands-on learning style. Through this course students will become leaders equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to make a difference in their community. Topics will include: renewable resources/energies; environmental policy; traditional knowledge; plant and soil science; societal pressures; and democratic practices.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Students taking part in the Off the Grid program will be exposed to other similar-minded youth who are passionate about positively influencing our communities in Saskatoon and surrounding areas. Students will have the opportunity to meet some of Saskatchewan's leading experts in the fields of environment and sustainability while getting the chance to share and teach the class about their own thoughts and values. Our school and local community inspire Off the Grid initiatives, making our program a link between education and practical application of important projects in our society.

EQUIPMENT

Students will need suitable outdoor wear for all four seasons and access to a bicycle.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application forms are available at the Tommy Douglas Collegiate Open House as well as online at the Off the Grid website. The application is designed to find students who are wishing to push themselves both academically and physically to create and inspire positive environmental and social change in our community and in our building.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Outdoor activities and trips
• Local expert presentations and conferences
• Creating lifelong friendships
• A deeper understanding of science and social-based structures and issues in our society

CREDITS

• Social Studies 9
• Science 9
• English Language Arts 9A
• Arts 9