

What do you need to graduate from high school?



17 Compulsory Credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Credits	Subject
4	English (1 credit per grade)
3	Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 Credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	Science
1	Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1	French as a Second Language
1	Canadian History (Grade 10)
1	Health and Physical Education
1	Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts)
0.5	Career Studies
0.5	Civics and Citizenship
1	Technological Education
1	STEM Related Course Group
	Business Studies
	Cooperative Education
	Mathematics <i>(In addition to the 3 compulsory credits)</i>
	Science <i>(In addition to the 2 compulsory credits)</i>
	Technological Education <i>(In addition to the 1 compulsory credit)</i>

- 1 30 credits in total
- 2 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 3 Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 4 Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits

In addition, students must complete:

✓	13 elective credits
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Starting in September 2025, you must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of your compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics Course.

You will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement.

The following apply to compulsory credit selections

- The Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- You can use the Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.
- You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.
- Optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.

If you started Grade 9 in or before Fall 2023

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2	Science
1	Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1	French as a Second Language
1	Canadian History (Grade 10)
1	Health and Physical Education
1	Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts)
0.5	Career Studies
0.5	Civics and Citizenship

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Credits	Subject
1	Group 1
	English or French as a Second Language**
	A Native Language
	A Classical or International Language
	Social Sciences and the Humanities
	Canadian and World Studies
	Guidance and Career Education
	Cooperative Education***
	First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
American Sign Language as a Second Language	
1	Group 2
	Health and Physical Education
	The Arts
	Business Studies
	French as a Second Language**
	Cooperative Education***
1	Group 3
	Science (Grade 11 or 12)
	Technological Education
	French as a Second Language**
	Computer Studies
	Cooperative Education***
	American Sign Language as a Second Language

- 1 30 credits in total
- 2 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 3 Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 4 Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits*

**Applies to students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. Due to the province-wide school closures from April 2021 to June 2021, these students may be granted one credit towards the graduation requirement.*

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 elective credits †
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a Second Language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or 3.

*** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

† The 12 elective credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

‡ To opt-out of the online eLearning Graduation requirement, see your Guidance Department for a form or visit the DDSB website.