

Entered Grade 9 in 2024 or Later

## FOR STUDENTS WHO STARTED GRADE 9 IN 2024 OR LATER



# 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 (OSSD):**

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per Grade)\*
- 3 credits in Mathematics (Grade 9, 10, and 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts\*\*
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
- 0.5 credit in Civics and Citizenship

**Plus one (1) credit from the following group:**

### STEM-RELATED COURSE GROUP

- business studies
- computer studies
- cooperative education
- mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- technological education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

## In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 4 religion credits (1 per Grade)
- ✓ 9 optional credits\*\*\*
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ Provincial literacy requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)
- ✓ 2 online courses

Starting in September 2025, students must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of their compulsory Grade 10 Mathematics course. Students will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement and earn their high school diploma.

- \* 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.
- \* The Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices course may be used to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- \*\* The Grade 9 Visual Arts: Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Cultures course may be used to meet the compulsory credit requirements in the Arts.
- \*\*\* Students may count a maximum of 4 optional credits towards the OSSD earned through approved college-delivered dual credit programs, if they are not also claiming credit for external (Music) credentials.

The **Ministry of Education** provides details on the opportunities for students to complete the following during their secondary education: [Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements](#)

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- 3 credits from Group 1, 2 and 3 courses (1 from each)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 credit in Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in the Arts\*\*
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in French as a Second Language
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies
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**Group Requirements:**

### GROUP 1

Additional English; additional French as a Second Language\*\*\*; FNMI Studies; a Classical, International or Native Language; Humanities; Social Science; Canadian and World Studies; Guidance and Career Education; Cooperative Education\*\*\*\*

### GROUP 2

Additional Health and Physical Education; additional Art; Business, additional French as a Second Language; Cooperative Education

### GROUP 3

Science (Grade 11 or 12); Technological Education; Computer Studies; additional French as a Second Language\*\*\*; Cooperative Education\*\*\*\*

## In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 4 religion credits (1 per Grade)
- ✓ 8 optional credits\*\*\*\*\*
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ Provincial literacy requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)
- ✓ 2 online courses

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\*\*\* A maximum of 2 FSL credits can count towards compulsory groups.

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