FOR STUDENTS WHO STARTED GRADE 9 IN 2024 AND AFTER

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:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)[1]
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 History (Grade 10)
1	credit in Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
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

In addition, students must complete:

✓	4 religion credits (1 per grade)
✓	9 optional credits[2]
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities (which can start the summer before Grade 9)
✓	the provincial literacy requirement
✓	2 online courses

[1] 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.

[2] 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.

Plus one credit from the following group:

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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)

Starting in the 2026-27 school year, students must earn a new financial literacy requirement as part of the compulsory Grade 10 Career Studies course to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students will need to achieve a 70% of higher on the financial literacy modules/assessment.

The following conditions apply to compulsory credit selections:

- The Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis 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, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course may be used to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.

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