

Graduation Requirements

OSSD Ontario Secondary School Diploma



17 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the OSSD:

- 4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 Credits in mathematics (1 credit in grade 11 or 12)
- 2 Credits in science
- 1 Credit in Canadian history
- 1 Credit in Canadian geography
- 1 Credit in the arts
- 1 Credit in health and physical education
- 1 Credit in French as a second language
- 1 Credit in technological studies
- 0.5 Credit in career studies
- 0.5 Credit in civics

Students must earn ONE credit the following course group:

STEM-Related Course Group

- ✓ Business studies
- ✓ Computer studies
- ✓ Co-op
- ✓ Additional credit in mathematics (Grade 11 or 12)
- ✓ Additional credit in science
- ✓ Additional credit in technological education

NOTES:

- ✓ 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 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course may be used to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.
- ✓ Optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 13 Optional Credits
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ The provincial literacy requirement (OSSLT)
- ✓ At least two online learning credits (or Opt Out)

Literacy Requirement

There are 2 options to complete this requirement:

- ✓ Pass the Ontario School Literacy Test
- ✓ Complete the OLC4OR course in grade 12

Community Involvement Approved Activities

- ✓ Help the elderly, sick, isolated, disabled, or disadvantaged in organized settings or on an individual basis
- ✓ Serve as a youth leader
- ✓ Work for service clubs, community organizations, and church groups
- ✓ Work for non-profit organizations
- ✓ Tutor/mentor
- ✓ Provide childcare
- ✓ Work in the public sector (e.g. community policing, hospitals, schools, libraries)
- ✓ Community development and beautification of environmental concerns
- ✓ Ambassadorship work for political parties/causes
- ✓ Coach, referee, score keep

Online Credits

There are 2 options to complete this requirement:

- ✓ Complete 2 online credits (night school/summer school co-op will NOT satisfy this requirement)
- ✓ Complete an Opt Out form (Students under 18 must have a parent/guardian complete the form)