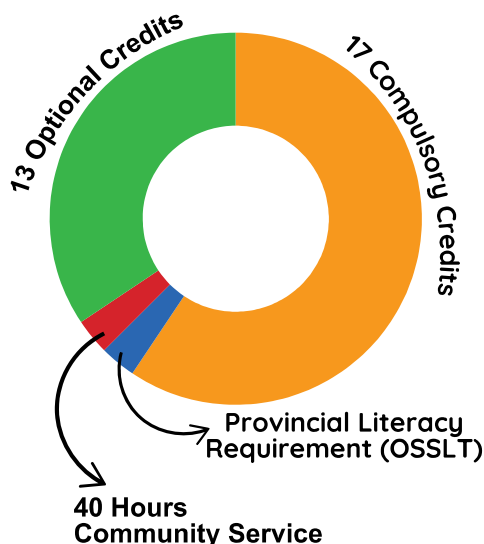




Entering Grade 9 in September 2024

What do you need to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma?



Community Service

To graduate and earn your OSSD, you must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement (volunteering).

Students can begin accumulating these hours during the summer before starting Grade 9.

For more information, consult your principal or guidance counsellor.

Literacy Test

To earn your high school diploma, you must fulfill the literacy graduation requirement.

For most students, this is achieved by passing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

If you do not pass the OSSLT, alternative options are available to meet the requirement. Contact your school principal for more information on these options.

All students will
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17 Compulsory Credits

**2 of the 30 credits are to be completed through Online Learning unless student opts out.*

4 English (1 credit per grade)**
3 Mathematics (Grade 9,10 and 1 in 11 or 12)
2 Science
1 Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
1 Arts***
1 Health & Physical Education
1 French as a Second Language
1 Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)
0.5 Career Studies
0.5 Civics
1 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math-Related) Course Group: • Business Studies • Computer Science • Cooperative Education • Mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory required) • Science (in addition to the 2 compulsory required) • Technological Education (in addition to the 1 compulsory required)

*Opting out:

If you want to opt out of the online graduation requirement you must be:

- 18 years of age or older
 - 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from your parent or guardian's control
- If you meet this requirement, you can complete the exemption form available from your school board.
- Otherwise, your parent or guardian needs to ask for this exemption by completing the form for you.

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13 Optional Credits

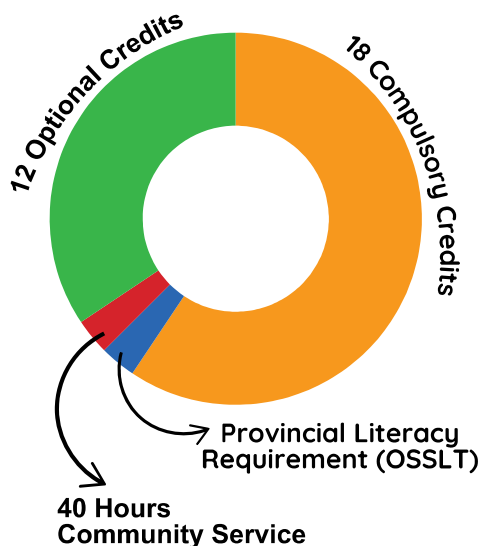
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Entered Grade 9 before September 2024

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18 Compulsory Credits

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3 Mathematics (Grade 9,10 and 1 in 11 or 12)
3 Group (1 credit from each group)***
2 Science
1 Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
1 Arts****
1 Health & Physical Education
1 French as a Second Language
0.5 Career Studies
0.5 Civics

*If you were in Grade 9 and learning remotely when all schools were closed (from April 2021 to June 2021), you can count 1 of the high school credits you earned towards the 2 online learning credits you need to graduate.

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***Group 1: English, French as a Second Language, Native Languages, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies, Classical Studies and International Languages, Social Sciences and the Humanities, Canadian and World Studies, Guidance and Career Education, Cooperative Education, American Sign Language as a Second Language, Langue des Signes Québécoise Langue Seconde.

Group 2: Health and Physical Education, The Arts, Business Studies, French as a Second Language, Cooperative Education, American Sign Language as a Second Language, Langue des Signes Québécoise Langue Seconde.

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, Langue des Signes Québécoise Langue Seconde.

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12 Optional Credits

This may include 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.

You are required to earn 12 optional credits by successfully completing courses offered in your school's program and course calendar.