

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

>>> If you started Grade 9 in or before Fall 2023

18 compulsory credits

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

- **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 health and physical education

- **1** credit in French as a second language

- **0.5** credit in career studies

- **0.5** credit in civics

In addition, students must complete:

- • 12 optional credits†

- • 40 hours of community involvement activities

- • the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

- **1**
 - English or French as a second language**
 - a Native language
 - First Nations, Metis, and Inuit studies
 - a classical or international language
 - social sciences and the humanities
 - Canadian and world studies
 - guidance and career education
 - cooperative education***

Group 2:

- **1**
 - health and physical education
 - the arts
 - business studies
 - French as a second language**
 - cooperative education***

Group 3:

- **1**
 - science (Grade 11 or 12)
 - technological education
 - French as a second language**
 - computer studies
 - cooperative education***

* 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 group 3.

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

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



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

>>> If you started Grade 9 in Fall 2024 and after

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)

3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)

2 credits in science

1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)

1 credit in Canadian history

1 credit in Canadian geography

1 credit in 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

1 credits from the 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:

13 optional credits

40 hours of community involvement activities

the provincial literacy requirement

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

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