

# What do you need to graduate?

## The Ontario Secondary School Diploma 30 credits are required for graduation

### 18 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 **French as a Second Language**
- 1 Credit in **the Arts**
- 1 Credit in **Health & Physical Education**
- 0.5 Credit in **Civics**
- 0.5 Credit in **Career Studies**

### 12 Optional Credits

Students must earn 12 optional credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Including one additional credit from each group below.

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| 1 credit from Group 1 | English<br>French as a Second Language<br>Indigenous Language<br>First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies | Classical or International Language<br>Social Science<br>Humanities<br>Guidance & Career Education | Canadian & World Studies<br>Cooperative Education<br>American Sign Language as a second language |
| 1 credit from Group 2 | Health & Physical Education<br>The Arts<br>French as a Second Language                                   | Business Studies<br>Cooperative Education<br>American Sign Language as a second language           |  |
| 1 credit from Group 3 | Science (Grade 11 or 12)<br>Technological Education<br>French as a Second Language                       | Computer Studies<br>Cooperative Education<br>American Sign Language as a second language           |  |

*Note: The following conditions apply to selections from the above three groups:*

*A maximum of 2 credits in French as a Second Language may count as additional compulsory credits, 1 credit from Group 1, and 1 credit from either Group 2 or Group 3.*

*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education may count as additional compulsory credits, selected from any of Groups 1, 2, or 3.*

### In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ **Online learning graduation requirement**

Beginning with students that entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, students must earn at least two online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

- ✓ **40 Hours of Approved Community Involvement**

Students working towards their OSSD should make sure they meet these graduation requirements in time for their graduating year.

- ✓ **The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement**

All students must meet the secondary school literacy graduation requirement to earn their high school diploma. For most students, this means passing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Students who do not successfully complete the OSSLT have other opportunities to meet the literacy graduation requirement.