

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A guide to earning your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

**30** CREDITS  
IN TOTAL



**40** HOURS OF  
COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT



COMPLETION OF THE  
ONTARIO LITERACY  
REQUIREMENT



COMPLETION OF THE  
ONTARIO FINANCIAL  
LITERACY REQUIREMENT

17 Compulsory Credits	CREDITS
English (1 credit per grade)	4
Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)	3
Science	2
Canadian Geography (Grade 9)	1
Canadian History (Grade 10)	1
The Arts	1
Health and Physical Education	1
French as a Second Language	1
Technological Education (Grade 9 or 10)	1
STEM - Related Course Group (Business Studies, Computer Studies, Cooperative Education, Mathematics*, Science*, Technological Education*) <i>*In addition to compulsory credit(s) required</i>	1
Career Studies	0.5
Civics and Citizenship	0.5
<b>Total Compulsory Credits</b>	<b>17</b>
13 Elective Credits	CREDITS
Students are required to earn 13 optional credits that match their interests and future pathways to develop their skills.	13
<b>Total Elective Credits</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>30</b>

Note: Please be aware that Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Graduation Requirements may change after the date of publishing. Please check the Ministry of Education website for the most current information: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/high-school-graduation-requirements>

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Other Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Community Involvement completed over 4 years <i>Note: Grade 8 students can start their community involvement hours in July and August before Grade 9</i></li> </ul>	40 hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement Taken during Grade 10 Mathematics Course based on cumulative Financial Literacy learning from Grade 1–9</li> </ul>	70% or higher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Online Learning Any of the 30 credits may be taken online. For information relating to the opt-out process, please see your guidance counsellor <i>*<a href="https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2022/10/20/online-learning-graduation-requirement-and-opt-out-process/">https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2022/10/20/online-learning-graduation-requirement-and-opt-out-process/</a></i></li> </ul>	2 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Provincial Literacy Requirements OSSLT or OSSLC Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)</li> </ul>	

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (OSSC)	
The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) will be granted, upon request, to students who are leaving secondary school at the age of 18 without meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students must meet the following criteria in order to be granted an OSSC:	
7 Compulsory Credits	CREDITS
English	2
Mathematics	1
Science	1
Canadian Geography	1
Health and Physical Education	1
The Arts or Technological Education	1
7 Elective Credits	CREDITS
Students are required to earn 7 optional credits that match their interests and future pathways to develop their skills.	7
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>14</b>