

Requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma

In order to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), a student must:

- Earn 30 credits (18 compulsory and 12 optional)
- Successfully complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
 - Complete 40 hours of Community Involvement Activities

COMPULSORY CREDITS:

Students must earn the following 18 compulsory credits in order to obtain the OSSD.

4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)

1 credit in French as a second language

3 credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)

2 credits in Science

1 credit in Canadian Geography

1 credit in Canadian History

1 credit in the Arts (Art or Music or Drama)

1 credit in Health and Physical Education

.5 credit in Civics & .5 credit in Career Studies

Group 1 - 1 additional credit in English OR French as a second language
OR a Native language OR a classical OR a third language (e.g. Latin)
OR Canadian & World Studies OR Social Sciences and the
Humanities OR Guidance and Career Education OR Cooperative Education

Group 2 - 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education
OR the Arts OR Business Studies OR Cooperative Education

Group 3 - 1 additional credit in Science (Grade 11 or 12) OR Computer Studies
OR Technological Education (Gr. 9-12) OR Cooperative Education

Note: A maximum of 2 of the 3 additional compulsory credit requirements for groups 1, 2 and 3 may be met with credits earned through Cooperative Education.

OPTIONAL CREDITS:

In addition to the 18 compulsory credits, students must earn **12 optional credits** selected from the courses listed in the school course calendar.

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) will be granted on request to students who leave school before earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma and who have earned a minimum of 14 credits (7 compulsory and 7 optional):

COMPULSORY CREDITS (7)

- 2 credits in English
- 1 credit in Mathematics
- 1 credit in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography or History
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 1 credit in the Arts (Art or Music or Drama) or Technological Education

OPTIONAL CREDITS (7)

- 7 credits selected by the student from the available courses in the school calendar.

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

“Begin with the end in mind”

Grade 9 Year 1 8 credits	Grade 10 Year 2 8 credits	Grade 11 Year 3 8 credits	Grade 12 Year 4 6 credits	Year 5
Choose Locally Developed, Applied, Academic or Open Courses	Choose Locally Developed, Applied, Academic or Open Courses	Choose Workplace, College, University/College, University or Open Courses	Choose Workplace, College, University/College, University or Open Courses	If needed, complete required courses for graduation.
1. English	1. English	1. English	1. English	
2. Math	2. Math	2. Math	2.	
3. Science	3. Science	3. Group 1 (any grade)	3.	
4. Geography	4. History	4. Group 2 (any grade)	4.	
5. French	5. Civics & Careers	5. Group 3 (any grade)	5.	
6. Health and Physical Ed.	6. Arts (in grade 9 or 10)	6.	6.	
7. Optional Course	7.	7.		
8. Optional Course	8.	8.		30 credits needed for an OSS Diploma

The 18 compulsory course requirements are in the grey shaded areas.

The 12 optional credit requirements are in white.

Within these choices, students must have one more credit from each of the following 3 groups:

- ✓ Group 1– 1 additional credit in English, or French as a second language or a Native language or a classical or an international language or social sciences and humanities or Canadian and world studies or guidance and career education or cooperative education

- ✓ Group 2– 1 additional credit in health and physical education or the arts, or business studies, or cooperative education

- ✓ Group 3– 1 additional credit in science (grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or Computer Studies or cooperative education

***A maximum of 2 of the 3 additional compulsory credit requirements for groups 1, 2 and 3 may be met with credits earned through Cooperative Education.**