

# 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 the 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

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional credits<sup>†</sup>
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement
- ✓ at least two online learning credits

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

	<b>Group 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English or French as a second language**</li><li>• a Native language</li><li>• First Nations, Metis, and Inuit studies</li></ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a classical or international language</li><li>• social sciences and the humanities</li><li>• Canadian and world studies</li><li>• guidance and career education</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>
	<b>Group 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• health and physical education</li><li>• the arts</li></ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• business studies</li><li>• French as a second language**</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>
	<b>Group 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• science (Grade 11 or 12)</li></ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• technological education</li><li>• French as a second language**</li><li>• computer studies</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>

\* 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.