



Secondary Online Learning Graduation Requirement Opt Out

About the Online Learning graduation requirement

Students are now required to earn two Online Learning credits to earn their OSSD, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with working and learning in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that will help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

Meeting the Online Learning graduation requirement should not pose a barrier to graduation for students. As with all learning, students taking online courses will have access to the support they need through their school, (e.g., Individual Education Plans, guidance, and services for English-language learners).

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory online courses required for graduation. Students aged 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control can also opt out of the graduation requirement. Students and parents/guardians may opt back in to the Online Learning graduation requirement should their decision change.

I agree with the following statements:

- Having reviewed the Online Learning graduation requirement and the availability of support for Online Learning through my child's/my school, I would like to opt my child/myself out of this requirement.
- The benefits of Online Learning have been shared with me by the school, including how the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills are intended to help prepare students for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

I understand the following statements:

- Upon receipt of this form by my child's school/my school, my child/I will not be required to earn two Online Learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- My child/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- My child/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- This will be recorded on my child's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable".

If you do not wish to opt out, no action is required.

Students working towards other certificates (for example, the certificate of accomplishment or an Ontario Secondary School certificate) are not required to complete the Online Learning graduation requirement, yet may be encouraged to enroll in Online Learning courses to support the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills that help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

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Student's First Name

Student's Last Name

Parent/Guardian First Name
(if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Last Name
(if applicable)

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student
Age 18 or Older, or Student who is 16 or 17
and has Withdrawn from Parental Control

Date

Please note:

Upon receipt, this form will be included in your child's/your Ontario Student Record.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used to manage student records. Contact the school principal for more information.

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