

Success in High School

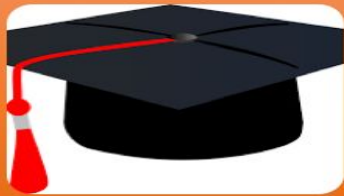




Graduation Requirements



Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements



30 Credits

18 Compulsory credits

12 Elective credits



Successful Completion of the
Ontario Secondary School
Literacy test



40 Hours of Community
Involvement



Pathways Planning for Secondary Students Helping Students to Graduate Within Four Years

What you
**NEED TO
KNOW!**



credit threshold →

What is the
34 CREDIT THRESHOLD
and how does it apply to me?

➡ Did you know that...?

- You need 30 credits to meet Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduation requirements. Most students will complete these credits within four years. If needed, you may earn up to 34 credits within five years.
- While enrolled in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits.
- After secondary school, going beyond the 34 credit threshold is possible with:
 - E-learning • Night School • Summer School
 - Independent Learning Centres • Adult Day School

➡ 34 Credit Threshold does not apply...

- If you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- If you are not enrolled in secondary school
- To English as a Second Language (ESL) core language courses and/or English Literacy Development (ELD) core language courses

For more information about the
full Graduation Requirements
and **34 Credit Threshold**,
visit **www.yrdsb.ca/students**
or contact your school's guidance department.

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scan to visit the website

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.

Opting out

Parents who wish to opt out or exempt their child from the online graduation requirement must complete the opt-out form available from their child's school board.

Exemption from the online learning graduation requirements may be requested by:

- the parent or guardian of the secondary student
- students who are 18 years of age or older
- students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control

Compulsory Credits

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

Group 1:

- English or French as a second language
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

What it looks like

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Elective
Science	Science	Elective	Elective
Geography	History	Elective	Elective
French	Civics & Careers	Elective	Elective
Physical Education	Elective	Elective	Elective
Arts (Highly recommended)	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

How to Read a Course Code

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3 letters
identify
subject

1

Grade

D

Course
type

1

A number or letter for
schools to use to
differentiate between
programs.

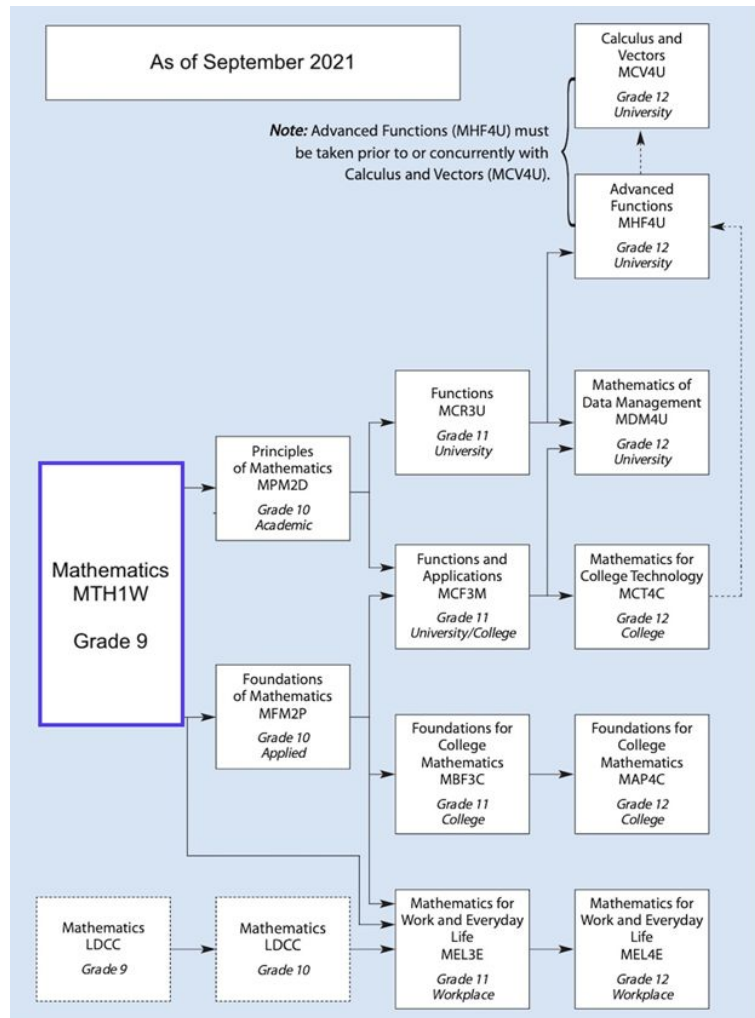
The first letter represents the course's department:

A = Arts
B = Business
C = Canadian and World Studies
E = English or ESL or ELD
F = French
G = Guidance and Career Education
H = Humanities and Social Science
I = Computer Studies
M = Mathematics
P = Physical Education
S = Science
T = Technology

1 = Grade 9
2 = Grade 10
3 = Grade 11
4 = Grade 12

Grades 9

D = Academic
L = Locally Developed
O = Open
W = Destreamed



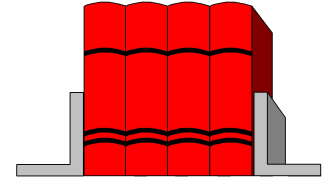
Mathematics De-Streamed

- A de-streamed mathematics class will prepare students for university, college, apprenticeship and workplace pathways.

Students will:

- Learn number sense
- Coding
- Financial literacy
- Algebra
- Data management
- Geometry and measurement


The Grade 10 Literacy Test



- A Diploma requirement and taken in the spring of the grade 10 year
- A test based on reading and writing expectations up to and including grade 9
- If the standard is not met in first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or passes the Grade 12 Literacy Course

Community Involvement

Aims:

- to encourage civic responsibility,
 - to promote community values,
 - a way to explore career interests
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- A total of 40 hours are required for graduation
 - Only activities that involve volunteering for **non-profit** organizations in the community are eligible
 - Students must fill out a form and get pre-approval by guidance before volunteering to ensure the activity is permitted
 - [Further guidelines and suggested activities are on the guidance website](#)

Eligible Activities - This means what is allowed

Eligible Activities include:

Elementary Schools - help with school events and with after school activities for children;

Secondary Schools - help with after school activities

Animal Care - volunteering in a zoo or animal shelter

Arts and Culture - volunteering in libraries

Charitable Organizations - assisting with special events, programs, clerical tasks;

Child/Youth Programs - volunteering in a **not-for-profit** child care centre or camp;

Community Organizations - assisting with special events, food banks

Community Service for Individuals - assisting community members in need - cutting grass, cleaning snow, picking up groceries

Environmental Projects - flower/tree planting

Health Agencies - volunteering in hospitals, hospices, Canadian Blood Services (volunteering to organize or assist with a blood donor clinic), donating blood

Law Enforcement Agencies - volunteering for activities sponsored by the police;

Political Organizations - activities related to political organizations, municipal, provincial and federal political activities

Religious Organizations - assisting with programs, special events;

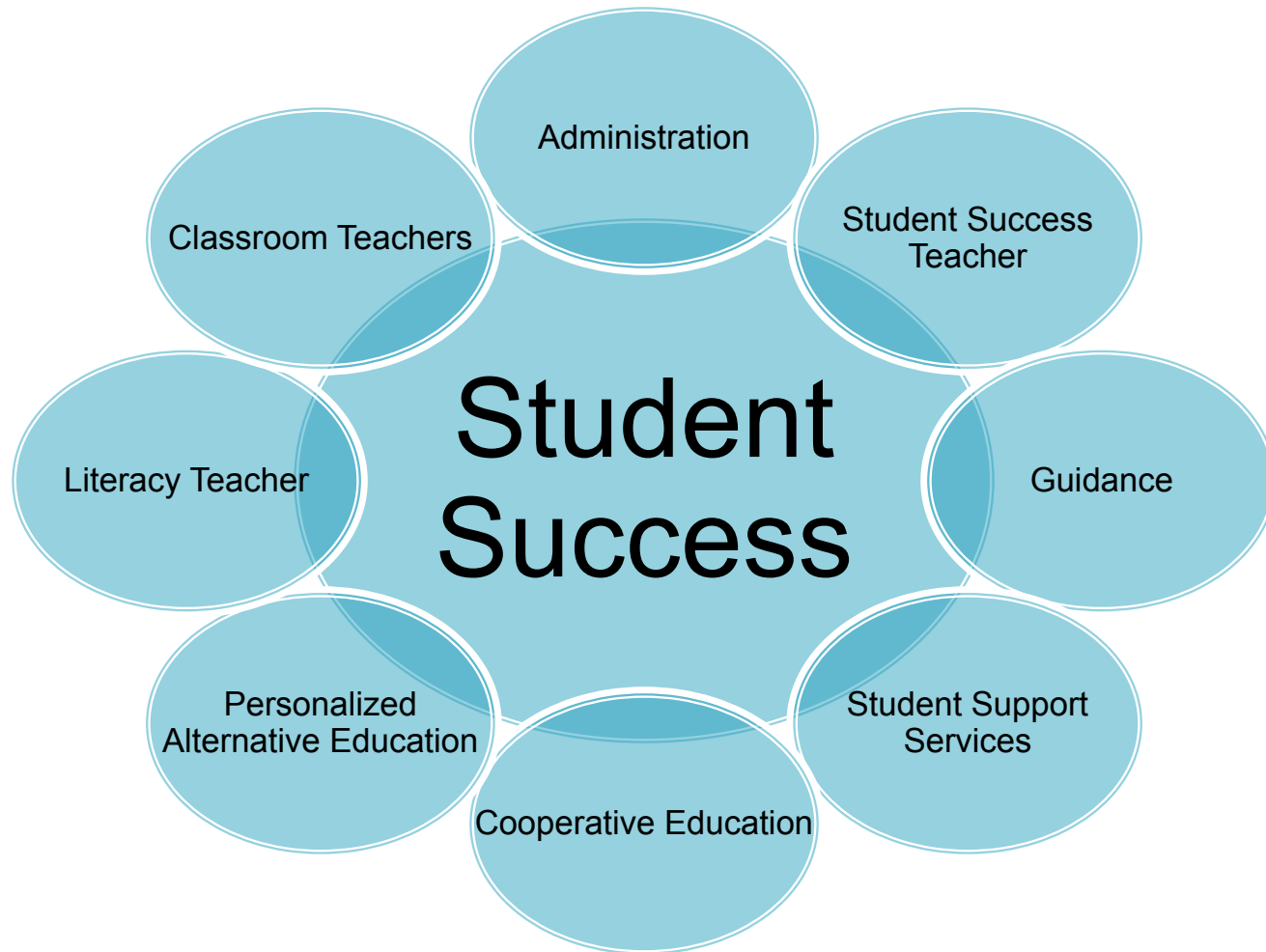
Senior Citizens - assisting in seniors' residences, providing services for seniors in the community;

Sports and Recreation - coaching, organizing special events, assisting with projects/events;

Ineligible Activities - This means what is NOT allowed

An ineligible activity is an activity that:

- involves any work for a **for-profit** organization;
- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled;
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day with the exception of an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or "spare" periods, which is permissible;
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age;
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 years of age and is not accompanied by an adult;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding;
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons;
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government;
- involves any volunteer work for a York Region District School Board trustee; or
- involves participation in extra-curricular activities at secondary school, or any position for which a student stands for school-wide election.



Guidance and Career Education Services

- Assistance with Course Selection
- Personal Counselling
- Study Skills/Time Management Sessions
- Career Counselling
- University and College Information
- Apprenticeship Information and Application
- Scholarships Information