



# What do you need to graduate from high school?

## 30 Credits: 18 Compulsory Credits and 12 Optional Credits

### Compulsory credits are comprised of the following:

- 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†
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- the provincial literacy requirement
- earn at least two credits through Online Learning \*\*\*\*

### Plus ONE compulsory credit from each of the following groups:

#### Group 1

- English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course)
- French as a Second Language, Classical Languages, International Languages
- Indigenous Languages
- Canadian and World Studies
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Guidance and Career Education
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

*and*

#### Group 2

- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Business Studies
- French as a Second Language\*\*
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

*and*

#### Group 3

- Science (Grade 11 or 12)
- Technological Education
- French as a Second Language\*\*
- Computer Studies
- Cooperative Education\*\*\*

\* 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.

\*\*\*\* Families who wish to opt out their child from the Online Learning graduation requirement should speak to their child's school.

† The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved Dual Credit courses.

^ Student's achieving an OSSD Red Seal Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) diploma will have additional requirements based on their particular program.



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## French Immersion Students

**To qualify for the French Immersion Certificate, students must take at least 10 credits in French Immersion (out of the 30 credits needed to graduate highschool). These include:**

- Grade 9 Geography
- Grade 10 History
- Grade 10 Civics and Careers
- at least three other courses taught in the French language (excluding third languages since the language of instruction should be the third language).

\* Cooperative Education can qualify as one French Immersion credit if students are working with a French speaking community partner.