



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.