

# What do you need to graduate?

## 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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

- 1 *group 1*: additional credit in English, **or French as a second language,\*\* or a Native language, or a classical or an international language**, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, **or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\***

New

- 1 *group 2*: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, **or French as a second language,\*\* or cooperative education\*\*\***

New

- 1 *group 3*: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, **or French as a second language,\*\* or computer studies, or cooperative education\*\*\***

## In addition, students must complete:

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

\*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.

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