

If you started Grade 9 in or before Fall 2023

What do you need to graduate from high school?

18 Compulsory Credits

If you started Grade 9 in 2023 or earlier, you need the following to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Credits	Subject
4	English (1 credit per grade)*
3	Mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 Credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	Science
1	Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
1	French as a Second Language
1	Canadian History (Grade 10)
1	Health and Physical Education
1	Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts)
0.5	Career Studies
0.5	Civics and Citizenship

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Credits	Subject
1	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***
	First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
	American Sign Language as a Second Language
1	Group 2
	Health and Physical Education
	The Arts
	Business Studies
	French as a Second Language**
	Cooperative Education***
1	Group 3
	Science (Grade 11 or 12)
	Technological Education
	French as a Second Language**
	Computer Studies
	Cooperative Education***
	American Sign Language as a Second Language

- 1 30 credits in total
- 2 40 hours of Community Involvement
- 3 Completion of the Literacy Requirement
- 4 Earn at least 2 Online Learning Credits*

**Applies to students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. Due to the province-wide school closures from April 2021 to June 2021, these students may be granted one credit towards the graduation requirement.*

In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 elective credits [†]
✓	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 3.

*** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

† The 12 elective credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

‡ To opt-out of the online eLearning Graduation requirement, see your Guidance Department for a form or visit the DDSB website.