What do you need to graduate from high school?

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

In addition, students must complete:

√	12 optional credits [†]
√	40 hours of community involvement activities
/	the provincial literacy requirement
/	earn at least two Online learning credits

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

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***
- * 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.



