

# 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\*
- 3 credits in mathematics
- 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

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### Religion Requirements

- 1 course per year
- 4 course minimum

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

- 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 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or cooperative education\*\*

New

- 1 additional credit in science, or technological education, or cooperative education\*\*

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional 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. \*\*A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. \*\*\*May include up to four credits achieved through approved Dual Credit courses.