



## 6 Ways to Student Success in High School

Every student learns differently. Now there are exciting new ways for them to participate in high school and earn the credits they need to graduate.

These 6 Ways present students with a range of innovative programs that help take student learning beyond the traditional classroom.

The 6 Ways help high school students:

- Enjoy more ways to earn credits for hard work
- Stay motivated and focused on learning
- Benefit from more opportunities to succeed

As these programs continue to develop, high school students in Ontario have more opportunities to customize their high school experience around learning that's relevant to them. This can make all the difference to their individual success.

# 6 Ways to Help Students Graduate

## Student Success Teams

Student Success Teams are one of the key 6 Ways. Each team works with school staff, students, parents and the wider community to ensure that, together, we help more students earn the credits necessary to graduate.

## Specialist High Skills Major

For students who have a career path in mind, this initiative offers an opportunity to customize their learning. Students take "bundles" of six to twelve courses that help them prepare for specific employment sectors, such as hospitality and tourism, arts and culture, construction, manufacturing, and primary industries.

## Lighthouse Projects

Lighthouse pilot projects help students stay in school, accumulate needed credits, take programs linked to colleges and encourage youth who have left school, to return.

## More Ways to Graduate

Discover some of the additional programs and initiatives which are transforming high school education in Ontario. Here are three more ways to help high school students graduate.

## Credit for External Credentials

Credit for External Credentials will give students recognition for selected learning which they pursue outside their secondary school program. Certification from specific, recognized institutions such as conservatories of music, can count as optional credits towards a high school diploma.



## Expanded Co-op Credit

Co-op is a great way to learn skills and gain experience from the workplace, and get a "head start" with building a résumé. Students can now include two co-op credits within the 18 compulsory credits they need to graduate.

## Dual Credit Program

With the new Dual Credit Program, high school students can earn a number of credits by participating in apprenticeship training and postsecondary courses that count towards both their high school diploma and their postsecondary diploma, degree, or apprenticeship certification.

## Grade 8-9 Transition

Students who have difficulty making the move from elementary school to high school will get the support they need through increased individual attention and programming tailored to fit their individual situation.

## New Courses

More than 300,000 students have benefited from over 200 new technology courses and 500 upgraded courses, including hospitality, health care and computer engineering.

## Student Success Culture

Training for board and school leaders, principals and teachers is being rolled out across the province. This includes new ideas and innovative approaches to helping kids graduate from high school and builds upon a culture of high expectations and individualized attention and caring.

Find out how 6 Ways can help at [www.ontario.ca/6ways](http://www.ontario.ca/6ways) or contact the Student Success Team at your school.