

# 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 additional credit** (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 additional credit** (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 additional credit** (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 to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

- 12 optional credits†
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- the provincial literacy requirement

**There are many options for post-secondary destinations. Your son or daughter may choose to go to work, apprenticeship, college or university as long as they have the required prerequisite courses and average to gain entry into the post secondary program of their choice**

## The Grade 9 Program

In Grade 9 you will take **8** courses. **6** of these courses are compulsory:

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. English   | 4. Mathematics           |
| 2. French    | 5. Healthy Active Living |
| 3. Geography | 6. Science               |

You will need to choose between locally developed, academic and applied courses in English, Math and Science. Geography and French are offered at the academic or applied level. Healthy Active Living is an open level course.

Your remaining **2** courses will be chosen from **8** options:

Dramatic Arts

Music  
Visual Arts  
Introduction to Business

Information Technology in Business

Graphic Design/Communication Technology/Computers

Transportation/Construction/Computers

## The Grade 10 Program

In Grade 10 you will be taking **8** courses of which **5** are compulsory:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Civics/Career Studies | 4. Mathematics |
| 2. English               | 5. Science     |
| 3. History               |                |

If you did not complete an Arts course in Grade 9, you **MUST** complete it in Grade 10.  
Before you graduate you must also complete:

- 2 English
- 1 Mathematics
- 1 additional credit in Health & Physical Education or Business Studies or the Arts
- 1 Technology (Gr. 9 - 12) or 1 Science (Gr. 11 or 12)

1 additional English, or a third language, or a social science or a Canadian or world studies

Your remaining **3** optional courses will be chosen from the following:

Dramatic Arts  
Music  
Visual Art  
Introduction to Business  
Information Technology in Business  
German  
French

Healthy Active Living  
Communications Technology  
Hospitality and Tourism  
Manufacturing Technology  
Technology Design  
Transportation Technology  
Computer & Information Science

### **The Grade 11/12 Program**

**There are many options for post-secondary destinations. Your son or daughter may choose to go to work, apprenticeship, college or university as long as they have the required prerequisite courses and average to gain entry into the post secondary program of their choice.**

In Grade 11/12 you will be taking at least **6** courses. If you have earned **17** of your **18** compulsory credits by the end of Grade 11, then you must:

Take **1** compulsory course this year

1. English

Check to ensure that you have all the remaining compulsory credits.

Check university, college and apprenticeship requirements to ensure you have chosen the course which will meet entrance requirements.

There are many options for post-secondary destinations. Your son or daughter may choose to go to college, to university, directly to work, apprenticeship, private training or take advantage of the many international opportunities

