

# 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:

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| 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:

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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

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| 1 | <p><b>Group 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English or French as a second language**</li> <li>a Native language</li> <li>a classical or international language</li> <li>social sciences and the humanities</li> <li>Canadian and world studies</li> <li>guidance and career education</li> <li>cooperative education***</li> </ul> |
|   | <p><b>Group 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>health and physical education</li> <li>the arts</li> <li>business studies</li> <li>French as a second language**</li> <li>cooperative education***</li> </ul>  |
| 1 | <p><b>Group 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>science (Grade 11 or 12)</li> <li>technological education</li> <li>French as a second language**</li> <li>computer studies</li> <li>cooperative education***</li> </ul>  |

\* 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.