

# 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

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

1	<b>Group 1:</b> <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>
1	<b>Group 2:</b> <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	<b>Group 3:</b> <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.