

OSSD REQUIREMENTS

The OSSD is changing. What is needed?



What you need to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma depends on the year you started Grade 9.

If you started Grade 9 in 2023 or in prior years, you must earn:

- 18 compulsory credits, 12 optional credits, the literacy requirement, at least 2 online learning credits

If you started Grade 9 in 2024 or in later years you must earn:

- 17 compulsory credits, 13 optional credits, the literacy requirement, at least 2 online learning credits

Everyone needs 40 hours of community involvement activities (volunteering) to get their high school diploma.

If you started Grade 9 in or before Fall 2023:

You need the following 18 compulsory credits to get your OSSD:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 3 credits for group 1, 2 and 3 courses (1 credit in each group)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 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 and citizenship

Group 1, 2 and 3 compulsory credits

Of the 18 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from each of the following groups:

Group 1

- English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course) or French as a second language
- Native languages. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- classical studies and international languages
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies. guidance and career education
- cooperative education, American Sign Language as a second language
- Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

Group 2

- health and physical education, the arts
- business studies, French as a second language
- cooperative education, American Sign Language as a second language
- Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

Group 3

- science (Grade 11 or 12), technological education
- French as a second language, computer studies
- cooperative education, American Sign Language as a second language
- Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde

If you started Grade 9 in Fall 2024 and after:

You need the following 17 compulsory credits to get your OSSD:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- 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 and citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

STEM-related course group

Of the 17 compulsory credits, you must complete 1 from the following group:

- business studies
- computer studies
- cooperative education
- mathematics (in addition to the 3 compulsory credits currently required)
- science (in addition to the 2 compulsory credits currently required)
- technological education (in addition to the 1 compulsory credit required)

Optional credits

You must earn 13 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.

ASCIS students complete a vast number of compulsory credits in their grade 9 and 10 years.

Students who arrive from outside of Ontario with completed years of high school:

- Student must complete 10 hours per year of high school at ASCIS and not the full 40 hours
- Students are granted credits for their years of school completed which will satisfy compulsory credit requirements of the OSSD including online learning requirements