

What do you need to get your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)?

30 Credits

→ Students must earn the following **compulsory credits**:

- 4 credits in English*
- 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 & 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:**

- one of
 - additional credit in English; or
 - additional credit in French as a Second Language**; or
 - a credit in a Native, Classical or International Language; or
 - a credit in Social Sciences and the Humanities; or
 - a credit in Canadian & World Studies; or
 - a credit in Guidance & Career Education; or
 - a credit in Cooperative Education.***

usually referred to as "Group 1"

- one of
 - an additional credit in Health & Physical Education; or
 - an additional credit in the Arts; or
 - a credit in Business Studies; or
 - an additional credit in French as a Second Language,** or
 - a credit in Cooperative Education.***

usually referred to as "Group 2"

- one of
 - an additional credit in Science (grade 11 or 12); or
 - a credit in Technological Education; or
 - an additional credit in French as a Second Language,** or
 - a credit in Cooperative Education.***

usually referred to as "Group 3"

→ **In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:**

- 12 optional credits
- 40 hours of community involvement
- OSSLT (the provincial literacy requirement)

* 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 two 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.

These graduation requirements are in effect from March 2010 until revised by the Ministry of Education.

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