

## **Graduation Requirements for Incoming Grade 9 Students - September 2025**

### **Compulsory Credits**

**You need the following 17 compulsory credits to earn your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (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 (see below)***

### **STEM-related course 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.

### **Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement**

Starting in September 2025, you must earn a new financial literacy graduation requirement as part of your compulsory Grade 10 mathematics course. You will need to achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this new requirement and earn your high school diploma.

### **Literacy Graduation Requirement**

You must meet the literacy graduation requirement to earn your high school diploma. Typically, this means passing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), in Grade 10.

### **Online Learning Graduation Requirement**

You must earn at least 2 online learning credits to get your high school diploma, unless you opt out of this graduation requirement either through the Parent Portal or getting a form signed from the Guidance office.

### **Community Involvement Activities**

You need to have at least 40 hours of community involvement activities (volunteering) to graduate and earn your OSSD.