

For students who started **Grade 9 in 2023 or earlier**

Graduation Requirements

OSSD Ontario Secondary School Diploma



30 CREDITS
IN TOTAL



40 HOURS OF
CHRISTIAN
SERVICE



LITERACY
REQUIREMENT



2 ONLINE
LEARNING
CREDITS

Students must earn the following credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Religious Education Credits	Credits
Religious Education (1 per grade)	4
Compulsory Credits	Credits
English (1 per grade)	4
mathematics (at least 1 in Grade 11 or 12)	3
Science	2
Canadian history (Grade 10)	1
Canadian geography (Grade 9)	1
the arts	1
health and physical education	1
French as a second language	1
career studies	0.5
civics and citizenship	0.5
compulsory course group 1	1
compulsory course group 2	1
compulsory course group 3	1
Optional Credits	Credits
✓ optional credits from the secondary school's program and course calendar	8

Including **ONE** credit from each of the following compulsory course groups:

Compulsory Course Groups

Group 1

- Grade 11 Religious Education
- English (including OSSLC) or French as a second language
- Native languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies
- classical and international languages
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education

Group 2

- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language
- cooperative education

Group 3

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language
- computer studies
- cooperative education

Other Requirements

- ✓ 40 hours of Christian Service volunteering activities, which can start the summer before Grade 9
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement: OSSLT or OSSLC
- ✓ at least 2 credits of online learning (opt out available)

Students are expected to take a Religious Education course each year, in Grades 9-12. A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD) can be used towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth credit must be a Grade 12 compulsory English course. In groups 1, 2, and 3, students can count a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language as compulsory credits, 1 from group 1 and 1 from either group 2 or group 3. A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education may be counted as compulsory credits. Optional credits may include up to 4 credits achieved through dual credit programs.

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Religious Education (1 per grade)	4
Compulsory Credits	Credits
English (1 per grade)	4
mathematics (Grade 9, 10, and 11 or 12)	3
science	2
technological education (Grade 9 or 10)	1
Canadian history (Grade 10)	1
Canadian geography (Grade 9)	1
the arts	1
health and physical education	1
French as a second language	1
career studies	0.5
civics and citizenship	0.5
STEM-related course group	1
Optional Credits	Credits
✓ optional credits from the secondary school's program and course calendar	9

Including **ONE** credit from the following STEM-related course group:

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)



Other Requirements

- ✓ 40 hours of Christian Service volunteering activities, which can start the summer before Grade 9
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement: OSSLT or OSSLC
- ✓ at least 2 credits of online learning (opt out available)
- ✓ students who began Grade 9 in 2025-26 must earn a financial literacy graduation requirement by completing modules delivered as part of the Grade 10 Career Studies course. Students must achieve a mark of 70% or higher to pass this requirement. This mark will make up 5% of their final mark in Grade 10 Career Studies. Students will have 2 attempts to complete the requirement. This requirement takes effect in the 2026-2027 school year.

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