

SELECTION & PLANNING

If you started Grade 9 in Fall 2024 and after

If you started Grade 9 in 2024 or in later years, you need the following to get your OSSD. Notice that you need 17 compulsory credits, including one credit in the STEM related course group.

Compulsory Credits

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 or Native language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- 1 credit from the STEM-related course group

The following apply to compulsory credit selections.

- You can use the Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- You can use the Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.

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.

Optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.

Additional Requirements:

- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)
- Financial Literacy Requirement (starting for students who begin Grade 9 in 2025).
- 2 online credits (which make up any of the of the compulsory or optional credits). Students can opt out with parental permission. Contact your school guidance department to discuss opting out.

If you started Grade 9 in or before Fall 2023

If you started Grade 9 in 2023 or earlier, you need the following to get your OSSD. Notice that you need 18 compulsory credits and follow the Group 1, 2 and 3 lists.

Compulsory Credits

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 or Native Language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship

The following also apply to compulsory credit selections.

- You can use the Grade 11 English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices course to meet the Grade 11 English compulsory credit requirement.
- You can use the Grade 9 Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures course to meet the compulsory credit requirement in the arts.

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

Group 2: health and physical education, the arts, business studies, French as a second language, cooperative education, American Sign Language as a second language

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

The following conditions apply to selections from the above three groups: A maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language may count as additional compulsory credits, 1 credit from Group 1, and 1 credit from either Group 2 or 3. A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education may count as additional compulsory credits, selected from any of Groups 1, 2, or 3.

Optional credits

You must earn 12 optional credits by successfully completing courses from your school's program and course calendar.

Optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit programs.

Additional Requirements:

- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)