

# What do you need to graduate?

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

- 4** credits in English\*
- 3** credits in mathematics
- 2** credits in science
- 1** credit in Canadian history
- 1** credit in Canadian geography
- 1** credit in 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

➤ **Plus one credit from each of the following groups:**

**GROUP 1** - 1 additional credit in English, or French as a second language\*\* or a Native language, or a classical or an international language or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\*

**GROUP 2** - 1 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language\*\* or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*\*\*

**GROUP 3** - 1 additional credit in science, or technological education, or French as a second language\*\* or computer studies, or cooperative education\*\*\*

➤ **A total of 18 compulsory credits**

**In addition to the 18 compulsory credits, students must complete:**

- **12** optional credits+
- **40** hours of community involvement activities
- the provincial literacy requirement

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**\*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 2 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. +The 12 optional credits may include up to four credits earned through approved dual credit courses.**