# What do you need to graduate from high school?

## 18 compulsory credits

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

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<th>Credit</th>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>credits in English (1 credit per grade)*</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)</td>
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<td>credits in science</td>
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<td>credit in health and physical education</td>
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<td>credit in French as a second language</td>
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### In addition, students must complete:

- ✔️ 12 optional credits†
- ✔️ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✔️ the provincial literacy requirement

### Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

#### Group 1:
- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- 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***

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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 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.

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