



# Earning Your OSSD at Christian Virtual School



## Who Are We

At Christian Virtual School, we connect learners to exceptional online Christian education. Our fully online, self-paced courses follow the Ontario curriculum and challenge students to grow both academically and spiritually. Through personalized teaching and compassionate administrative support, our goal is to ensure everyone has access to high-quality online Christian education.

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## Ontario Student Record (OSR)

An OSR is a physical file that holds all education related documents, including a student's transcript, report cards, registration details and other important information pertaining to the student's education.

## Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement

Students who are interested in earning their OSSD must meet the Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement. This is typically satisfied by writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) or, in some cases, can be met by completing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). Contact CVS Guidance for further details on the administration of this requirement.

## Community Involvement

At CVS, we encourage students to strengthen communities and build a sense of civic responsibility. Students who are interested in earning their OSSD must complete 40 hours of community involvement activities. For further information on eligible activities and tracking details, contact CVS Guidance.

## Online Learning Requirement

In order to earn the OSSD, students are required to complete at least two online learning credits.



## myBlueprint

All CVS students have access to a comprehensive career/life planning tool called myBlueprint. This resource allows students to plan their secondary school courses, research occupations, create cover letters and resumés along with learning how build a budget. All CVS students receive access to myBlueprint upon enrollment.

## Accommodations

Students who have an existing Individual Education Plan or who require accommodations are asked to contact CVS Guidance. CVS aims to support all students as much as possible, and a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) will be implemented for students who require assessment accommodations in their courses.

## Equivalency

Students who have completed education outside of Ontario or through homeschooling, may be eligible to receive equivalent credits. Students will be asked to submit all secondary transcripts to CVS Guidance for an Equivalent Credit Assessment. Please note CVS will require a copy of the student's government issued identification (e.g., passport, birth certificate).

Homeschooled students are required to submit evidence of learning for the purpose of granting equivalent credits. Teaching parents are asked to submit detailed information for each course completed, including resources used, time spent, final grade, a summary of assessments, etc.

Please reach out to [guidance@christianvirtualschool.com](mailto:guidance@christianvirtualschool.com) for more information.

Please send any questions related to earning the OSSD at Christian Virtual School to [guidance@christianvirtualschool.com](mailto:guidance@christianvirtualschool.com).

# Earning the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

## Students starting Grade 9 in Fall 2024 and after will:

- earn 30 credits (17 compulsory and 13 optional)
- complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities
- successfully pass the literacy requirement
- earn at least two online learning credits

## Compulsory Credits

- Students must earn 17 compulsory credits. Compulsory credits are determined by the Ministry of Education.

## Optional Credits

- Students must earn 13 optional credits. Optional credits are determined by the student, based on their pathway plan and post-secondary destination. Course selection should be completed in consultation with parents/guardians and CVS guidance.

## Reminder

- Many courses have required prerequisites. Students may contact CVS guidance if they have any questions surrounding prerequisites.
- To view the OSSD requirements in full, visit the ministry website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/earning-your-high-school-diploma>

## OSSD Requirements Checklist

### Compulsory Credits:

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 the Arts								
1	credit in Health and Physical Education								
1	credit in French as a second language								
1	credit in Technological Education								
0.5	credit in Career Studies								
0.5	credit in Civics & Citizenship								

### STEM-Related course group

- 1 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)

### In addition to the above, students must complete:

13	optional credits								
40	hours of community involvement activities								
Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)									
Online Learning Requirement									

## Course Planner

Grade 9 Courses	Grade 10 Courses	Grade 11 Courses	Grade 12 Courses	Additional Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Art</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Civics &amp; Career Studies</li> <li>• Technology</li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> <li>• </li> </ul>