

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"> • English • Math • Science • Geography • French • Physical Education • Business • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Science • History • Civics & Career Studies • Technology • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • • • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •