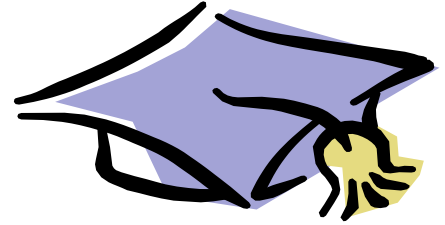


# What you always wanted to know about your Ontario Secondary School Diploma!



## OSSD REQUIREMENTS

30 credits required for graduation:  
18 compulsory and 12 optional

Courses offered in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

- 4 English, one per grade
- 1 French as a second language
- 3 Mathematics, at least one in Grade 11 or 12
- 2 Science
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Arts (dance, drama, media, music, visual arts)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Civics
- 0.5 Career Studies

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

**Group 1** - Additional credit in:

English or French\* or a third language, or a Social Sciences and Humanities, or a Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education\*

**Group 2** - Additional credit in:

Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies, or French\*, or Cooperative Education\*

**Group 3** - Additional credit in:

Grade 11 or 12 Science, or Technological Education, or French\*, or Computer Studies, or Cooperative Education\*

In addition, students must complete: **12 optional credits**

\* A maximum of two credits in Cooperative Education and two credits in French can count as compulsory credits.

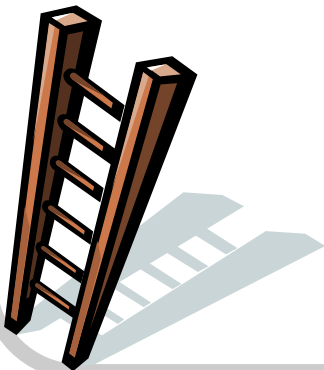
## What else do I need to earn my OSS diploma?

- 1) You must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) to graduate.
- 2) You must complete 40 hours of community involvement (volunteer work). These activities must be recorded on the "Community Involvement Record" form. The form is available in Student Services and on our school website.

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*Follow your  
ladder to success!*



## THE FLIP SIDE



### How long does it take to complete the secondary school program?

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma is designed to be completed in 4 years. However, if you need more time, your counsellor will discuss academic pathway options to help you achieve your goals.

#### When can I take a spare?

You must have at least 23 credits in order to have a spare. Generally, spares are taken in your final/graduating year. See your guidance counsellor for more information.

### What if I do not pass a course?

If you are not successful in a compulsory course, you will be required to take it again. Students may repeat courses in summer school if the course is available. We strongly encourage students to develop effective work and study habits in order to be successful.

#### Can I transfer from one course level to another?

The Ministry of Education has stated that this may be possible upon successful completion of certain courses.

In some cases, you may earn up to a half credit (.5) for these transfer courses.

Transfer courses may be offered in the summer, at night school and online. They should be taken on the advice of your teacher, and/or guidance counsellor.

Speak to your counsellor for more information!

### What is the difference between course levels?

#### Gr. 9 and Gr. 10 Courses:

- A:** Academic courses move at a fast pace and deal with more abstract concepts. They lead to "U" or "U/C" courses in grade 11 and grade 12.
- P:** Applied courses take more time to learn concepts and tend to have a more practical application. They lead to "C" courses in grade 11 and grade 12.
- O:** Open courses have one set of expectation for all students. They tend to be broad interest courses.
- L:** Locally Developed Courses are designed to teach skills needed in the workplace.

### What are E, U, C, M level courses?

#### Gr. 11 and Gr. 12 Courses:

- E:** Workplace/Essential courses are designed to teach skills needed in the workplace.
- U:** University courses are designed as prerequisites for University study.
- C:** College courses are designed for students planning to attend college.
- M:** Courses are designed for study in either college or university programs.

### Websites to know and use!

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/albertcampbell> - a wealth of information about your school and academic pathways.

<http://www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb> - education and career planning.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/> - free online tutorials and resources in math, science and more!

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/> - Ministry of Education.