

Ontario Scholar program

Introduction

This memorandum provides direction to school boards and schools concerning the designation of a student as an Ontario Scholar. The revised requirements, outlined in this memorandum, apply in the 2008-09 school year and in subsequent years.

Requirements

A student may be designated an Ontario Scholar if he or she satisfies both of the following requirements:

- he or she obtains an aggregate of at least 480 marks in any combination of ministry-approved courses listed below that provide a total of six credits, as defined by Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999 (OSS) and/or Ontario Schools, Intermediate and Senior Divisions (Grades 7–12/OACs): Program and Diploma Requirements, rev. ed., 1989 (OSIS)
- he or she has been recommended by the school principal for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) in either the current school year or the previous school year

Ministry-approved courses are the following:

- any Grade 12 university preparation, university/college preparation, college preparation, workplace preparation, and/or open courses authorized under OSS, including locally developed courses approved by the ministry
- cooperative education courses related to any of the above courses
- dual credit courses in college-delivered dual credit programs approved by the ministry
- any Ontario Academic Courses (OACs) authorized under OSIS

Conditions of award

The following conditions will apply:

- a candidate's mark in any course shall be multiplied by the credit value of the course
- where a student obtains more than six credits in any combination of Grade 12 university preparation courses, Grade 12 university/college preparation courses, Grade 12 college preparation courses, Grade 12 workplace preparation courses, Grade 12 open courses, dual credit courses, and/or OACs, the highest marks will be used
- standing in either English for English-language schools or English for French-language schools (i.e., anglais/English under OSIS, English for French-language schools under OSS) may be counted, but not both
- standing in either French as a second language or français may be counted, but not both
- a student previously designated an Ontario Scholar is not eligible for a second award
- a student need not complete the courses in one school year in order to be designated an Ontario Scholar
- standing obtained at a conservatory or school of music – as outlined in section 2 of Policy/Program Memorandum No. 133, "Music Certificates Accepted for Credits", January 5, 2004; in section 2 of appendix 4 of OSS; or in section 2 of appendix C of OSIS – may be considered for the purposes of the Ontario Scholar award

Ontario Scholar certificate

A student designated an Ontario Scholar will receive an Ontario Scholar certificate.