

Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

Use the following chart to plan your course selection to earn your Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Subject	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Additional
1	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12	
2	Mathematics 9	Mathematics 10	Mathematics 11		
3	Science 9	Science 10			
4	Canadian Geography 9	Canadian History 10			
5	French 9	Civics & Career Studies 10			
6	Physical Education*				
7	Arts*				
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* Recommended in grade 9, but can be taken at any point (see below)

<p>✓ 18 Compulsory Credits</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>4 English¹</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Mathematics</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Science</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Issues in Canadian Geography</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Canadian History since WWI</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Health and Physical Education</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 The Arts</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 French as a Second Language</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.5 Career Studies</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.5 Civics and Citizenship</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>PLUS one credit from each of the following groups:</p> <p>Group 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English or French as a Second Language² Native Languages First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Classical and International Languages Social Sciences and Humanities Canadian and World Studies Guidance and Career Education Cooperative Education³ American Sign Language as a Second Language Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde⁴ <p>Group 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Physical Education the Arts Business Studies French as a Second Language² Cooperative Education³ American Sign Language as a Second Language Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde⁴ <p>Group 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science (Grade 11 or 12) Technological Education French as a Second Language² Computer Studies Cooperative Education³ American Sign Language as a Second Language Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde⁴ 	4 English ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			1 Issues in Canadian Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>				1 Canadian History since WWI	<input type="checkbox"/>				1 Health and Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/>				1 The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>				1 French as a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/>				0.5 Career Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>				0.5 Civics and Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>				<p>✓ 12 Optional Credits</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>✓ 40 hours of Community Involvement Activities</p> <p>✓ Pass the Provincial Literacy Requirement</p> <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC40) <p>✓ Online Learning Requirement</p> <p>Students must complete two high school credits through online learning. Families may opt out of this requirement by contacting their school.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>¹ 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.</p> <p>² 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.</p> <p>³ A maximum of 2 credits in Cooperative Education can count as compulsory credits.</p> <p>⁴ The <i>Langue des signes québécoise langue seconde</i> course is only available in French-language schools in Ontario.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Course Code Explanation

The OCDSB uses a six-digit alphanumeric code for courses. Here is a sample course code and its explanation:

CHC	2	D	F	History, Grade 10, Academic (French Immersion) This course enables students to enhance their understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics and of the interrelationships between science, technology, society, and the environment. Students are also given opportunities to further develop their scientific investigation skills. Prerequisite: None.
Major Subject Area	Grade/ Language Level	Course Type	Program Credit/ Differentiation	

<h3>Major Subject Area</h3> <p>The first three digits indicate the Ministry approved course title:</p>	
A = The Arts B = Business Studies C = Canadian and World Studies E = English F = French G = Guidance and Career Education H = Humanities and Social Sciences K = Alternative (non-credit)	L = Languages, Classical and Indigenous M = Mathematics N = First Nations, Métis, Inuit Studies P = Health and Physical Education I = Computer Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies S = Science T = Technological Education

<h3>Program or Credit Differentiation</h3> <p>The sixth digit indicates program or credit differentiation:</p>
F = French Immersion G = Gifted H = Advanced Placement (French) P = Female Physical Education Q = Male Physical Education R = Advanced Placement (English) T = eLearning

<h3>Grade/Language Level</h3> <p>The fourth digit indicates the grade or language level:</p>	
Grades 1 = Grade 9 2 = Grade 10 3 = Grade 11 4 = Grade 12	Language Level B = Level 1 (Grade 10) C = Level 2 (Grade 11) D = Level 3 (Grade 12)

<h3>Course Type</h3> <p>The fifth digit indicates the course type:</p>
C = College D = Academic E = Workplace L = Locally Developed M = College or University O = Open U = University N = Non-Credit W = Destreamed

Course Offerings for the 2024-2025 school year

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts				
Dance		ATC20	ATC3M	
Drama	ADA10(F)	ADA20	ADA3M*	ADA4M*
Music – Brass/Woodwind – Beginner	AMU109			
Music – Brass/Woodwind – Experienced	AMU102	AMU20	AMU3M*	AMU4M(R)*
Music – Repertoire – Band and Orchestra	AMR10*	AMR20*	AMR3M*	AMR4M*
Music – Strings – Beginner	AMS109			
Music – Strings – Experienced	AMS102	AMS20	AMS3M*	AMS4M(R)*
Visual Arts	AVI10	AVI20	AVI3M*	AVI4M*
Visual Arts – Crafts General		AWA20	AWA30	
Business Studies				
Introduction to Business		BBI20		
Financial Accounting Fundamentals			BAF3M	
Marketing: Goods, Services, Events			BMI3C	
Entrepreneurship: The Venture			BDI3C	
Financial Accounting Principles				BAT4M*
International Business Fundamentals				BBB4M
Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals				BOH4M
Canadian and World Studies				
Issues in Canadian Geography – Academic	CGC1D(G,F)			
Canadian History Since World War I – Academic		CHC2D(F,G)		
Civics and Citizenship (0.5 credit) <u>Taken with GLC20</u>		CHV20(F)		
Geographic Forces of Nature			CGF3M*	
Understanding Canadian Law			CLU3M*	
World History to the End of the Fifteenth Century			CHW3M*	
Travel and Tourism			CGG30*	
Analysing Current Economic Issues				CIA4U*

Canada: History, Identity, Culture				CHI4U*
Canadian and International Law				CLN4U*
Canadian and International Politics				CPW4U*
World History since the Fifteenth Century				CHY4U(R)*
Guidance and Career Education				
Career Studies (0.5 credit) <u>Taken with CHV2O</u>		GLC2O(F)		
Social Sciences and Humanities				
Food and Nutrition		HFN2O		
Food and Culture			HFC3M*	
Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology – College			HSP3C	
Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology – University			HSP3U(F)*	
Philosophy: The Big Questions			HZB3M	
Challenge and Change in Society				HSB4U*
Equity and Social Justice: From Theory to Practice				HSE4M*
Human Development throughout the Lifespan				HHG4M*
Nutrition and Health – College				HFA4C*
Nutrition and Health – University				HFA4U*
Philosophy: Questions and Theories				HZT4U*
Computer Studies				
Introduction to Computer Programming – College			ICS3C	
Introduction to Computer Science – University			ICS3U	
Computer Science				ICS4U*
Technological Education				
Exploring Technologies	TIJ1O			
Communications Technology		TGJ2O	TGJ3M	TGJ4M*
Food Preparation		TFJ2O	TFJ3C	TFJ4C*
Media Studies				
Media Studies			EMS3O	

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Cooperative Education				
Cooperative Education (2-credit) Half-Day			1CO3AD	1CO3AD
Cooperative Education (4-credit) Full-Day			1CO44D	1CO44D
English				
English – Academic	ENL1W(G)	ENG2D(G)*		
English – College			NBE3C*	ENG4C*
English – University			NBE3U(G)*	ENG4U(G,R)*
English Elective Courses (may not be substituted for the compulsory English courses listed above)				
The Writer’s Craft				EWC4U(R)*
AP Capstone				
AP Seminar – Grade 11 (students must select both in the same year)			NBE3UR* HSE4MR*	
AP Research – Grade 12				IDP4U*
French as a Second Language				
Core French – Introductory	FSF1O			
Core French – Academic	FSF1D	FSF2D*	FSF3U*	FSF4U*
French Immersion	FIF1D	FIF2D*	FIF3U(H)*	FIF4U*
Classical Studies and International Languages				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Latin	LVLBD	LVLCU*	LVLDU*	
Spanish	LWSBD	LWSCU*	LWSDU*	
Health and Physical Education				
Healthy Active Living Education – All Genders	PPL1O			
Healthy Active Living Education – Female	PPL1OP	PPL2OP	PPL3OP	
Healthy Active Living Education – Male	PPL1OQ	PPL2OQ	PPL3OQ	PPL4OQ
Outdoor Education – All Genders		PAD2O	PAD3O	
Personal and Fitness Activities – Female		PAF2OP	PAF3OP	
Personal and Fitness Activities – Male		PAF2OQ	PAF3OQ	
Personal and Fitness Activities – All Genders				PAF4O
Introductory Kinesiology – All Genders				PSK4U*

Link Crew Leadership

Link Crew – Leadership			IDC30*	IDC4U*
Leadership and Peer Support			GPP30	

Mathematics

Mathematics – Destreamed	MTH1W(G)			
Principles of Mathematics – Academic		MPM2D(G)*		
Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life – Workplace			MEL3E*	MEL4E*
Foundations for College Mathematics – College			MBF3C*	MAP4C*
Functions and Applications – University/College			MCF3M(G)*	
Functions – University			MCR3U(G)*	
Advanced Functions				MHF4U(R)*
Calculus and Vectors				MCV4U(R)*
Mathematics of Data Management				MDM4U(R)*

Science

Science – Destreamed	SNC1W(G,F)			
Science – Academic		SNC2D(G)*		
Biology – College			SBI3C* SNC2P, 2D(G)	
Biology – University			SBI3U(G)*	SBI4U*
Chemistry – College				SCH4C*
Chemistry – University			SCH3U(G)*	SCH4U*
Earth and Space Science				SES4U*
Environmental Science			SVN3M*	
Physics			SPH3U(G)*	SPH4U*

Spares (Grade 12 students only)

NEW Grade 11 students may not take a spare. Grade 12 students who are on track to graduate may opt for up to two spares/free periods in their year (no more than one per semester) and may not take more than 7 courses.

eLearning (Grade 11 and 12 students only)

Please [click here](#) to view the OCDSB eLearning course guide.