# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

# What do you need to graduate from high school?

## 18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
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
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

## In addition, students must complete:

/	12 optional credits†
/	40 hours of community involvement activities
/	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

#### Group 1:

- English or French as a second language\*\*
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education\*\*\*

#### Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
  - business studies
  - French as a second language\*\*
  - cooperative education\*\*\*

### Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
  - French as a second language\*\*
  - computer studies
  - cooperative education\*\*\*
- \* 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.
- \*\* 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.
- \*\*\* A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.
- <sup>†</sup> The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.



