

## The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.)

In order to receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students must fulfil credit requirements, pass the literacy test, and complete community involvement hours.

1. **Credit Requirements. Students must complete 30 credits. Of these credits, 18 are compulsory and 12 are optional.**
2. **Community Involvement. Students must complete a minimum of 40 community involvement hours.**
3. **Literacy Test. Finally, students must successfully pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test (or if they are unsuccessful, take the Ontario Secondary Literacy Course in Grade 12).**

### (1) O.S.S.D Credit Requirements

#### Compulsory credits

- 4 credits in English
- 1 Credit in Native Language or French as a Second Language
- 3 Credits in Mathematics (at least one in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 Credits in Science
- 1 Credit in Canadian Geography
- 1 Credit in Canadian History
- 1 Credit in the Arts
- 1 Credit in Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Credit in Civics/0.5 Credit in Career Studies
- 1 additional credit in English, or a third language, or Social Studies/Humanities. or Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education
- 1 additional credit in Health/Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies, or Cooperative Education
- 1 additional credit in Science (Grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education (Grades 9-12), or Cooperative Education

#### Optional credits

- 12 optional credits in addition to the above Compulsory credits
- Please note that students will have the opportunity to select Optional Credits in Grades 11 and 12 according to course offerings of their chosen secondary school. To view a list of optional credits, visit the Ontario Ministry of Education website, [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)