

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (OSSC) AND CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT (COA)



What do you need to graduate from high school?

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (OSSC)

The Ontario Secondary School Certificate will be granted on request to a student who are leaving secondary school upon reaching the age of eighteen without having met the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

The Community Service, Literacy and Online Learning requirements are not required for this certificate.

To be granted the OSSC, a student must earn a minimum of 14 credits distributed as follows:

7 compulsory credits

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

2	credits in English
1	credit in Canadian Geography or Canadian History
1	credit in Mathematics
1	credit in Science
1	credit in Health and Physical Education
1	credit in Arts, Computer Studies, or Technological Education

7 optional credits

7	credits selected by the student from available courses that match their interests and future pathways to develop their skills
14	Total Credits Required for OSSC

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT (COA)

A student who is leaving school upon reaching the age of eighteen without having met the requirements for the OSSD or the OSSC may be granted a Certificate of Accomplishment.

This Certificate is a useful means of recognizing achievement for a student in the secondary school program, especially for a student pursuing a vocational program or further training for employment after leaving school.

A student may return to school and take additional credit courses and have their Ontario Student Transcript (OST) updated. A new Certificate will not be issued but an OSSD or OSSC will be granted when the returning student has fulfilled the appropriate requirements.

