

Online Learning Graduation Requirement

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Online Graduation Requirements

- The Ministry of Education has added a new graduation requirement to the OSSD.
- Students who entered Grade 9 in 2020-2021 must complete **2** “online” courses.
- Students working towards an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) or a Certificate of Accomplishment (CoA) are **not** required to complete this new requirement. Students who are completing an OSSC or CoA may choose to enrol in e-Learning courses.
- The Ministry has provided for an **Opt – out/withdrawal** process.
- Eligible online learning courses are **e-Learning** courses.

What is an E-Learning Course?

E-learning courses are:

- delivered online using an **asynchronous model** which includes digital content such as readings, videos, blogs, commentaries, and online discussion boards.

Students:

- complete the assigned work independently with ongoing teacher support.

Teachers:

- provide ongoing support for student learning through videos, examples, rubrics, tutorials and individual conferences.
- provide ongoing assessments and evaluations, including regular, detailed feedback.

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For 2020-2021 ONLY:

The Ministry of Education has stated that up to **one** secondary school credit that was successfully completed by students who were in Grade 9 during the province-wide school closures (from April 2021 to June 2021) may be counted towards the requirement, in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Opt-out/Withdrawal Process

The Ministry of Education has provided an option Opt-out/withdraw from the graduation requirement.

Opt-out/withdrawal Process:

- Students may opt out/withdraw at any time in their high school career.
- Students who opt out/withdraw will graduate with their OSSD upon completion of all other OSSD requirements.
- No explanation/reason for opting out is required
- Students who opt out/withdraw may still register for e-Learning courses.
- Students who opt out/withdraw may opt back in at any time while attending high school.

The TDSB form to opt-out/withdraw is available to both digitally and in print and can be submitted at any time.

I'm Not Ready to Decide...

- A final decision is not required at this time.
- If you are not ready to make a decision with regard to participating in e-Learning, there will be future opportunities to enrol in an e-Learning course or withdraw from the graduation requirement.
- If this is the case, there is no action required on the part of the student or parent/caregiver/guardian at this time.

2022-2023 School Year

Schools are developing their plans for e-Learning course offerings for next year.

For information on the new graduation requirement:

- Consult your high school Administration or Guidance Department
- Access the [e-Learning Q & A](#) on the TDSB website



Questions?



