

SECONDARY ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT OPT-OUT FORM

About the online learning graduation requirement

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with working and learning in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that will help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

Meeting the online learning graduation requirement should not pose a barrier to graduation for students. As with all learning, students taking online courses will have access to the supports they need through their school, (e.g., guidance, nutrition programs, extra-curricular activities and services for English-language learners). If a student in a publicly funded school has an Individual Education Plan, the plan should be shared, when appropriate, with an educator instructing an online course delivered by another publicly funded school board, with the necessary consent.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory online courses required for graduation. Students age 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control may also opt out of the graduation requirement. Students and parents/guardians may opt back into the online learning graduation requirement should their decision change. Adult learners entering the Ontario secondary school system in 2023-24 or later will be required to meet this graduation requirement and may opt themselves out of the requirement.

If you would like to opt-out of the online learning graduation requirement, please read and complete the following section.

Student is under the age of 18

Student is 18 years of age or older or is 16 or 17 and has withdrawn from parental control

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I agree with the following statements:

- Having reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning through my child's/my school, I would like to opt my child/myself out of this requirement.
- The benefits of online learning have been shared with me by the school, including how the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills are intended to help prepare students for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

I understand the following statements:

- Upon receipt of this form by my child's school/my school, my child/I will not be required to earn two online learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- My child/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- My child/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- This will be recorded on my child's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable".

Student Legal First Name

Student Legal Last Name

Student Preferred First Name

Student Preferred Last Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Student is under the age of 18)

Date

Student Signature

(Student is 18 years of age or older or is 16 or 17 and has withdrawn from parental control)

Date

Upon receipt, this form will be included in the Ontario Student Record.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used in the management of student records. Questions regarding information collected on this form should be directed to the school principal.