

Online Learning Graduation Requirements



As announced by the Ministry of Education in February 2022, Ontario secondary students will be required to complete two online courses as part of their secondary school diploma requirements impacting all students who entered Grade 9 in September 2020 or later.

For 2022-23, the Lambton Kent District School Board's course offerings to meet this requirement will focus on school-based online courses offered mainly at the Grade 11-12 level, with some opportunities for online courses in Grades 9-10 through school-based and summer school course offerings.

These online courses are teacher-led courses taught by educators through the internet. If required, students will have the opportunity while at school to access the internet and technology to complete their online course work.

This requirement is designed to support the development of digital literacy along with other important transferable skills that will help prepare students after graduation as they enter a digital and ever-changing world.

Information about online course offerings, as well as the process for registering for online courses is available from secondary school guidance staff.

Benefits of Online Learning

Expanding access to high-quality online learning will enable students to increase their digital fluency and gain transferable skills to support lifelong learning and employment opportunities.

Opt Out Process

Parents or caregivers will have the option to opt their child out of this online learning graduation requirement. As students do not need to officially opt out until just prior to graduation, more information will be communicated at a later date.



Eligible Credit Requirements

Credits that count toward the online learning graduation requirement include:

- One credit only earned during the period of school closure April 2021-June 2021*
- Credits earned through summer school virtual learning (asynchronous)
- Credits earned through eLearning

** Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic, the Ministry of Education will recognize up to one secondary school credit completed by Grade 9 students in the 2020-21 school year during the province-wide school closures from April 2021-June 2021*



Credits that are NOT Eligible

Credits that DO NOT count toward the online learning graduation requirement include:

- Credits earned during full remote learning in 2021-22
- Credits earned through a blended or hybrid model, in which digital resources are used in an in-person environment or students are taught part of the time in person and part of the time online
- Credits earned through a flipped model, where students are introduced to content online and practice working through in-person learning in the school