

HDSB eLearning Graduation Requirement Opt Out Form

Information



About the eLearning graduation requirement:

Students are required to earn two eLearning credits to graduate from secondary school **as part of the 30 credits required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**. This is 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.

eLearning credits are defined as courses that are delivered primarily asynchronously with learning between students and educators done through Brightspace, where coursework is teacher-led.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their student out of the mandatory eLearning courses required for graduation. Students aged 18 years of age or older, or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control, can also opt out of the graduation requirement. School boards must also allow for students and parents/guardians to opt back into the eLearning graduation requirement should their decision change.

I understand the following statements:

- Upon receipt of the completed opt out form by my student's school/my school, my student/I will not be required to complete two eLearning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) although this does not prevent them/you from taking an eLearning course in the future. An OSSD still requires 30 credits.
- My student/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- My student/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- The request to opt out will be recorded on my student's/my subsequent provincial final report cards and transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable".
- Should my decision change, my student/I can opt back into the eLearning graduation requirement by visiting my school's Guidance office.

Please complete the reverse side of this form if you wish to complete the opt out process for your student/yourself.

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Please print to ensure legibility and submit to your school's Guidance Office.

I agree with the following statements:

- ☐ Having reviewed the eLearning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for eLearning through my student's/my school, **I would like to opt my student/myself out of this requirement.**
- ☐ The benefits of eLearning 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.

Student's Last Name, First Name

Ontario Education Number (OEN)

Parent/Guardian Last Name, First Name (if applicable)

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student Age 18 or older,
or Student who is 16 or 17 and has withdrawn from parental control

Please note: When you return this form, it will be included in your student's/ your Ontario Student Record. Confirmation of receipt of this Opt Out form will appear on your student's subsequent provincial final report cards as indicated by the N/A box being checked for the eLearning Graduation requirement.

Optional Credits	12
Total Credits Required for Graduation	30
Community Involvement	40 hours
Online Learning Graduation Requirement	N/A ☒

For additional information about the opt-out process, please contact your school's Guidance office.

**Please return this signed form no later than the last Friday of November
in your grade 12 year or at any time prior.**

Office Use Only

Received by (print full name clearly)

Date Received (DD-MM-YYYY)

Entered in Aspen by (print full name clearly)

Date entered into Aspen (DD-MM-YYYY)