

Online Learning Graduation Requirement Opt-Out Form

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 requirement began 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.

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 Students aged 18 years of age or older, or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control, can also opt out of the graduation requirement.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.

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

By signing this form (on reverse side), I confirm that:

I agree with the following statements:

- Having reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability
 of supports for online learning through my student's/my school, I would like to
 opt my student/myself out of this requirement.
- The benefits of online learning have been shared with my student/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.
- Should my decision change, my student/I can opt back into the eLearning requirement by submitting a request through the school's guidance office.

I understand the following statements (continues on page 2):

- Upon receipt of this form by my student's school/my school, my student/l will not be required to earn two online learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- My student/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.

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- My student/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- This will be recorded on my student's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement Non-Applicable".

Student First Name	Student Last Name
Parent/Guardian First Name (if applicable)	Parent/Guardian Last Name
I prefer the school confirm the receipt of the completed Opt-Out form by: □ Email □ Paper copy	
Signature of parent/guardian or student aged 18 or olde student who is 16 or 17 and has withdrawn from parent	
Principal Signature:	

Please return this form to the guidance/student services department of your school. Upon receipt, this form will be included in your student's/your Ontario Student Record.

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