



ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT OPT-OUT FORM

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-2021 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in development 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. For more information, please access the [Policy/Program Memorandum 167](#).

Please submit this form ONLY if you are choosing to opt out of the online learning requirement.

Online learning refers to eLearning courses that do not require students to be physically present with one another or with their teacher and school. To help you and your son/daughter make the best decision, please read this form carefully.

There is one exception: **Up to one** secondary school credit that was 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 graduation requirement, in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to be exempt from the online learning graduation requirement, this form must be printed and return to the Principal or designate at TIOS. Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory online courses required for graduation. Students and parents/guardians can opt back into the online learning graduation requirement should their decision change. **Please note:** Upon receipt, this form will be included in the student's Ontario Student Record (OSR).

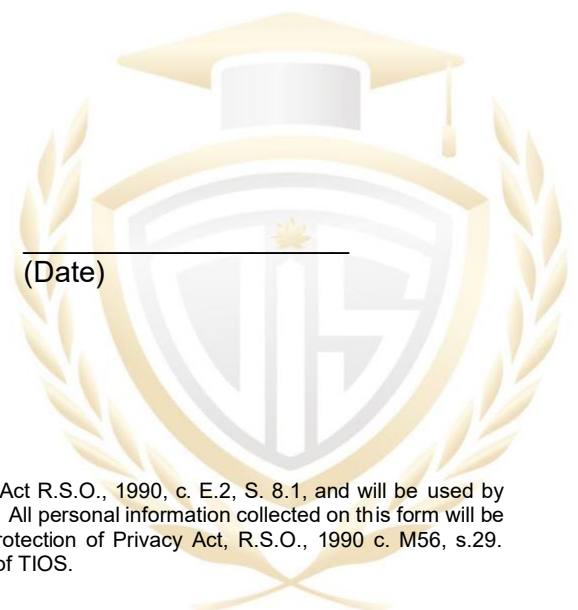
I agree with the following statement:

Having reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning through TIOS, I would like to opt my child out of this requirement.

(Student name: first & last)

(Parent/Guardian name: first & last)

(Parent/Guardian signature)



(Date)

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About The Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Beginning with the cohort of students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-2021 school year, all students must earn a minimum of two online learning credits as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma unless they have been opted out or exempted. For more information, please refer to Policy/Program Memorandum 167 from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

What are online courses or credits?

Online learning courses or *online learning credits*, also known as “eLearning” courses or credits, are Grades 9-12 credit courses that are **delivered entirely using the internet and do not require students to be physically present** with one another or with their educator in the school, except where they may be needed for examinations and other final evaluations and/or access to internet connectivity, learning devices or other school-based supports.

Online Courses or Credits:

- rely primarily on online communication between students and educators;
- do not generally require students to be physically present with one another or with their educator in the school, except where required for assessments, occasional meetings, etc.;
- may have students learning with other students from different areas of the world;
- provide opportunity for students to learn how online learning might support their pathway goals, while development their digital literacy;
- can present students for future online post-secondary courses;
- can be more flexible in that they do not require students to be present in class at the same time every day;
- require more time-management skills and independent work than a traditional face-to-face class.

How do I know if online learning is a good fit for my son/daughter?

When determining if online learning is a good fit for your son/daughter, consider:

- How might these online courses support your son's/daughter/s pathway goals and provide them with the skills needed once they enter apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace?
- How might your son's/daughter's pathway destination (apprenticeships, college or university) support online courses for admissions?
- How might online learning help your son or daughter with the way they learn (e.g. does your son or daughter prefer asynchronous and/or synchronous learning)?
- How well does your child independently manage time? Schedule work assignments? Work independently?

Your responses to these questions will help you decide if online learning is a good fit for your child.

If you have more questions or aren't sure, please speak with the Principal of TIOS.