Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.)

- 12 Elective Credits
- Successful Completion of Literacy Test
- 18 Compulsory Credits
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement
## 18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

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<td>4</td>
<td>credits in English (1 credit per grade)*</td>
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<td>credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)</td>
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In addition, students must complete:

- 12 optional credits
- 40 hours of community involvement activities
- the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

**Group 1:**
- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

**Group 2:**
- health and physical education
- the arts
- business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

**Group 3:**
- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***

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* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards the 4 compulsory credits in English, but the fourth must be a credit earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.

** In groups 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 2 credits in French as a second language can count as compulsory credits, one from group 1 and one from either group 2 or group 3.

*** A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits.

† The 12 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual credit courses.
The Grade 10 Literacy Test

• A Diploma requirement. Administered in March of the grade 10 year

• A test based on language and communication (reading and writing) expectations of curricula up to and including grade 9

• Accommodations, deferrals and exemptions may be appropriate for some students

• If standard not met in first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or the Grade 12 Literacy Course
Community Involvement Hours

Step 1:
• Pick up a form from Guidance.
• Complete the notification portion of the form and submit to Guidance for approval prior to completing your volunteer activities.

Step 2:
• Return to Guidance and collect your form from the Guidance secretary. If your activity has been approved then you can complete your volunteer activities.

Please remember…

Volunteer hours must be completed:
• outside of class time
• without pay at a not-for-profit organization
• hours should be completed by end of gr. 11

Liability Insurance
You are covered by the Board’s insurance plan for liability losses arising from the completion of 40 hours of community involvement activities ONLY if the Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form is completed and approved by the school PRIOR to the commencement of the volunteer activity.
Volunteer and Program Opportunities

Google Classroom

Enrollment Key: bf1jq7
COURSE PATHWAY TYPES
IN Gr. 9 & 10

- APPLIED
- ACADEMIC
- OPEN
- LOCALLY DEVELOPED
Choosing Courses

- Select courses in collaboration with your parents, teachers, guidance counselors and student success teachers

- It is important that students do an honest self-assessment, matching their ability with their interests and aptitudes

- Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles

- Remember, initial decisions are not “final” decisions. There are many pathways to post-secondary destinations
UNDERSTANDING THE COURSE CODE

ENG 2 P 1

SUBJECT: Eng = English

GRADE:
1 = Grade 9
2 = Grade 10
3 = Grade 11
4 = Grade 12

COURSE TYPE:
The fifth character (P in this example) refers to the type of course.
P = Applied
D = Academic
L = Locally Developed
O = Open
E = Workplace
C = College
M = University/College
U = University

FOR IN SCHOOL USE:
The sixth character (1 in this example) is for in school use.
M = Arts Unionville
L = ESL class
8 = Female Gym
9 = Male Gym
34 Credit Threshold

- Most students will complete 30 credits within four years. If needed, students **may earn up to 34 credits within five years**.

- While enrolled in their first four consecutive years of secondary school, students may go beyond 34 credits (e.g., music repertoire, summer school, night school, e-learning)

- After secondary school, going beyond the 34 credit threshold is possible with:
  - E-learning
  - Night School
  - Summer School
  - Independent Learning Centre
  - Adult Day School
The 34 Credit Threshold does not apply to:

- Students with an IEP
- International (VISA) students
- English as a Second Language (ESL) core language courses and/or English Literacy Development core language courses
Specialist High Skills Major

Unionville HS has three SHSM Programs!

Business
Arts and Culture
Health and Wellness

• Earn 8-10 required grade 11 and 12 credits in your area of focus
• Test drive your career with a two credit co-op
• Earn industry certifications and training courses ALL FREE OF CHARGE!
• Participate in exciting “Reach Ahead” and “Experiential” opportunities
Where to find more information on SHSM in My Pathway Planner

From your Dashboard, scroll to the bottom of the page to look for information on SHSM.
Want to Learn more about SHSM? 
Want to Sign Up?
Course Selection

Use the “My Pathway Planner” (myBlueprint)

COMPLETED ONLINE
Accessing My Pathway Planner
Click on:

Individual Pathways Plan & Online Course Selection
STEP 1: Login to your My Pathway Planner
STEP 2: From the Dashboard, click on **Plan Courses**
STEP 3: Add courses to your High School Plan. Click on + Course to select courses.
After School and Lunch Time Courses

• If you want to add a lunch time or after school course (repertoire/showtime/music theatre), you must first select all your courses and then you may add an additional course. The ‘Music Repertoire’ category will appear once you do this.

• DO NOT add courses from any category other than the ‘Music Repertoire’ category. Doing so will result in errors with your course selection and you may not get all the courses you have requested.
Summer School Request

If you are considering a summer school course, please complete the Google form. The link is available at the top of your course planner. Click on ‘Course Selection Resources’ and then ‘Summer School Plan’. DO NOT select the same course for UHS (ie. if you selected English for summer school, do NOT add it to your course planner).

Please note: students can start registering for summer school in the spring.
ALTERNATES

You must select 2 alternates in order to submit your course request.

Consider your alternates very carefully. In the event your initial course request cannot be scheduled, your alternate will be used.
STEP 4: Click on **Review Course Selections** to review your chosen courses
NOTE: If you selected less than the minimum requirement or did not select full amount of alternates, you will receive an ALERT. If this occurs, return to the course planner page and make the necessary changes.
STEP 5: Click **Submit Course Selections** to submit courses to your school
STEP 6: Click *Print Sign-Off Sheet*

Submission Details

1. Print Sign-Off Sheet and return signed copy to your school

Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

**Note:** Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

Back to High School
STEP 7: Print your Sign-Off Sheet

Course Selection Sign Off Sheet

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Alternate Courses Selected (2)

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* On Track includes earned, current and next year courses. Students must also complete 40 hours of Community Involvement and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test to graduate. Please see your Counsellor for your current status regarding these requirements.

Student Signature: _____________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________

Date: _____________________________
Note: You can reprint this form at any time from the High School section of your account.
“Course Selection Sign Off Sheet” is created and must be printed.

✓ Clicking on the “Submit” button will produce a warning that once submitted, the selection will be locked and no further changes can occur.

Submit button goes live on Monday February 12!

FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT: FEBRUARY 24

Submit to your homeroom teacher by FEBRUARY 26th.
A copy of these instructions will be found in the Course Selection Information--Google Classroom. Join using the code: us43vmc

AND

Under the Guidance tab on the UHS Website
Timelines

February 11th
❖ Course Selection Information day. Please see specific subject location list on google classroom:

us43vmc

February 12th
❖ Submit button is “live”

February 12th-24th
❖ “Drop In” periods 1 to 5 in the Guidance office for students who need help with course selection. **Come during your lunch!**

February 24
❖ Course selection submitted in My Pathway Planner
❖ Course Request Sign Off Sheet due to homeroom teacher (no later than February 26th)
NEW to GUIDANCE

The Guidance Department is happy to announce our new mobile pop-up Guidance Shop service starting the week of February 10th. A guidance counsellor will be available once a week in the atrium during period 2 or 3 or 4.
Thank you for listening, you may now return to class.

That’s all Folks!