



What do you need to graduate from a Catholic Secondary School?

30 credits

Students are expected to take a Religious Studies credit in each grade:

4 credits in Religious Studies

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

4 credits in English* (one per grade)

3 credits in mathematics (one senior credit)

2 credits in science

1 credit in Canadian history

1 credit in Canadian geography

1 credit in the arts

1 credit in health and physical education

1 credit in French as a second language

0.5 credit in career studies

0.5 credit in civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

1 additional credit in English, *or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language*, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, *or guidance and career education, or cooperative education***

† Grade 11 Religious Studies meets this requirement!

1 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, *or cooperative education** or French as a second language*

1 additional credit in senior science, technological education, computer studies, or French as a second language (Grades 9 - 12), *or cooperative education***

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete:

9 optional credits***

+ 40 hours of Christian Service

+ the provincial literacy requirement

*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. **A maximum of 2 credits in cooperative education can count as compulsory credits. ***May include up to four credits achieved through approved Dual Credit courses.

To learn more about what is available, contact your local Catholic Secondary School or visit www.hwcdsb.on.ca.