
Opt-Out Form for Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Information About the Online Learning Graduation Requirement:

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from an Ontario 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 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.

Meeting the online learning graduation requirement should not pose as a barrier to graduation for students. As with all learning, students taking online courses will have access to the supports they need through their school, (e.g., guidance, extra-curricular activities).

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory online courses required for graduation. Students aged 18 years of age or older can also opt out of the graduation requirement. Schools must also allow for students and parents/guardians to opt back into the online learning graduation requirement should their decision change.

The average cost for an online course for Ontario high school students is \$500-\$600. This cost will be covered by each individual family.

I agree with the following statements:

- (1) Having reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning through my child's/my school, I would like to opt my child/myself out of this requirement.
- (2) The benefits of online learning have been shared with me by the school, including how the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills are beneficial.

I understand the following statements:

- (3) Upon receipt of this form by my child's school/my school, my child/I will not be required to earn two online learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- (4) My child/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- (5) My child/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- (6) This will be recorded on my child's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement – Non-Applicable".

****Signatures required on back side of this page****



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Student's First Name

Student's Last Name

Parent's First Name

(if applicable)

Parent's Last Name

(if applicable)

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student Aged 18 or Older

Please Note:

Upon receipt, this form will be included in your child's Ontario Student Record.

You will receive an acknowledgement from the school via email as soon as it is in the Ontario Student Record.

If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact: office@umei.ca

Please return this signed form no later than:

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