

BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS AND ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Students receive an Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma (OSSD) upon successful completion of high school, and the following requirements:

- 30 credits - 18 compulsory and 12 optional
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement
- 40 Community Service Hours
- Residency Requirement: All students are expected to be enrolled in at least 6 credit courses per year (i.e. a full Judaic schedule and at least 4 General Studies courses).

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Question: How do I earn a credit?

Answer: You must earn a final grade of 50% or more in a course to earn a credit.

Question: How many credits can I earn each year?

Answer: This table* outlines a typical student's credits and credit totals year per year.

Yearly	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
General Studies	7	7	6-7	4-7
Judaic Studies	2	2	2	2
Totals	9	18	26-27	32-35

*Example is taken from Ulpanat Orot diploma requirements

Question: Can I complete my community service hours at any time?

Answer: Yes, but it is recommended that you complete at least 10 hours each year.

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18 COMPULSORY CREDITS

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in Mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 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

** Students take only one of Core French, Learning Strategies, or Communications Technology / Media Arts. Learning Strategies or Communications Technology / Media Arts may be substituted in place of French with special permission generally granted only for students with an IEP or students who do not have sufficient background in French.

12 OPTIONAL CREDITS

40 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

LITERACY TEST (GRADE 10)

PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL CREDIT FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Choose one:	Choose one:	Choose one:
• English	• French as a	• French as a
• French as a Second	a Second	Second Language
Language	Language	• Science (Grade
• Classical languages	• Arts	11 or 12)
• International	• Business	• Computer
languages	studies	Studies
• Canadian and	• Health	• Technological
World Studies	and Physical	Education
• Social Sciences and	Education	• Cooperative
Humanities	• Cooperative	Education
• Guidance and	Education	
Career Education		
• Cooperative		
Education		

DECODING A COURSE CODE

Courses use a 5 character code for identification, which are set out by the Ministry of Education. The example below explains how to decode a course code.

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These three letters identify the subject.

Subject Codes: the first letters in the course code denotes the course's department area, for example:

A = Arts
B = Business
C = Canadian & World Studies
E = English
F = French
G = Guidance & Career Education
H = Humanities
HAL = Halacha
ICS = Information and Computer Studies
IDC = Interdisciplinary
IVR = Hebrew
JHI = Jewish History
JS = Judaic Studies Elective
M = Mathematics
MACH = Machshava
NAV = Navi
PHI = Philosophy
PPL = Physical Education
TAL = Talmud
TOR = Torah
TSB = Toshba
S = Science

This number identifies the grade.

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

This letter identifies the course type.

Grades 9-10
D = Academic
P = Applied
L = Locally Developed
O = Open

Grades 11-12
U = University
C = College
O = Open
M = University / College

ADV = Advanced
INT = Intermediate

DECODING A TIMETABLE*

Period	Time Regular day	Monday
	7:40 - 8:55	Tefillah & Breakfast
1	8:55 - 9:35	MACH1D Rabbi Mazer Room 11
2	9:38 - 10:18	TAL1D Rabbi Sonenberg Room 9
	10:18 - 10:28	BREAK
3	10:31 - 11:11	TAL1D Rabbi Sonenberg Room 9
4	11:14 - 12:07	ENG1D Mrs. Kagan Room 11
	12:07 - 12:52	LUNCH
5	12:55 - 1:48	CGC1D Mr. Teversham Room 12
6	1:51 - 2:31	TOR9D Rabbi Perlmutter Room 11
7	2:34 - 3:14	IVR1D Mrs. Erlich Room 1
	3:14 - 3:38	MINCHA & BREAK
8	3:41 - 4:34	SNC1D Mrs. Chocron Room 4
9	4:37 - 5:30	MPM1D Mrs. Thompson

COURSE
CODE

TEACHER

ROOM
NUMBER

*Please note: Sample timetable shown for Yeshivat Or Chaim

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Students must complete 40 community service hours as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements (OSSD) requirements.

COMPULSORY COURSE

Refers to a specific course students must take towards fulfilling part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements (OSSD).

COURSE CODE

This 5 character code describes the subject, grade level and stream or destination of a high school course.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT (ISP)

A performance task or project that is completed independently and in a structured manner to extend or enrich the breadth of a course.

CREDIT

A credit value of 1.0 is granted upon successfully completing a 110-hour course with a minimum grade of 50%.

DESTINATION COURSES

Designations of courses that can be taken in Grades 11 and 12 referring to where courses could lead a student, including University, University / College, College, and Open designations.

EQAO LITERACY TEST

The literacy test is written in grade 10. A student must pass the literacy requirement to earn the OSSD.

EXAMS

Students may write an exam, which tests their knowledge on the course work at or near the end of the semester.

OPTIONAL COURSES

Students will select courses that are of specific interest to them and will count towards fulfilling the OSSD requirement.

OSSD

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma is granted after fulfilling all necessary credit, literacy and community service hour requirements.

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Refers to a specific course that must be successfully completed before taking another course at the next grade level.