

# 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	6	7	6-7	4-7
Judaic Studies	2	2	2	2
Totals	8	18	26-27	32-35

**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.

## ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

### 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	• Arts	11 or 12)
Languages	• Business	• Computer
• International	Studies	Studies
Languages	• Health	• Technological
• Canadian and	and Physical	Education
World Studies	Education	• Cooperative
• Social Sciences and	• Cooperative	Education
Humanities	Education	
• Guidance and		
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.

### ENG 1 D

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 Sonenberg Room 11
2	9:38 - 10:18	TAL1D Rabbi Kleinberg Room 9
	10:18 - 10:28	BREAK
3	10:31 - 11:11	TAL1D Rabbi Kleinberg 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. Ripsman

COURSE  
CODE

TEACHER

ROOM  
NUMBER

# 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.