



SECONDARY eLEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
APPLICATION to OPT OUT

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT: Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Ministry of education requires students to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year (current grade 10s require 1 e-learning credit only). 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.

Meeting the online learning graduation requirement should not pose a barrier to graduation for students. Students taking online courses will have access to the supports they need through their school, (e.g., guidance, nutrition programs, extra-curricular activities and Special Education services). If a student has an Individual Education Plan, the plan should be shared, when appropriate, with an educator instructing an online course delivered by another publicly funded school board, with the necessary consent.

If you wish to proceed with the intent for the student to opt out of mandatory online courses required for graduation, please sign this statement to acknowledge you are aware of and understand the implications per following:

- I have reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning with the school.
That the benefits of online learning as noted above, including how the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills are intended to help prepare students for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.
That by signing this form to opt out of online courses, the student will not be required to earn the minimum of two online learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
That the student will not receive academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
That the student will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
That this application will be recorded on the student's transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable".
That the exemption is not complete until the signed application has been reviewed and approved.

You will receive an acknowledgement letter from the school within 10 days. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact the Guidance Department at the school.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian/Adult Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship Parent/Guardian/Adult Student \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only (updated Feb 2022) Student No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_
P/VP Acknowledgment/Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_
Acknowledgement Letter Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Course Exemptions: \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in SIS: \_\_\_\_\_

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