

Dear Students and Parents,

The Ministry of education graduation requirement requires secondary students to complete e-learning courses. The intention is 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.

The requirements are as follows:

1. 2 credits for student who entered Grade 9 in the 2021-2022 school year and any year thereafter.
2. 1 credit for students who entered grade 9 in the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Students who entered grade 9 prior to the 2020-2021 school year are exempt.

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, technology, 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 the form Secondary Online Learning Graduation Requirement – Application to Opt-Out. You will receive an acknowledgement of a form request from the school. If you do not receive an acknowledgement after 10 days, please contact the Guidance Department at the school.

Sincerely,

Student Admissions
St. Clair Catholic District School Board



SECONDARY ONLINE LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT APPLICATION to OPT-OUT

SCHOOL: _____

Student Name: _____ , _____
First Name Last Name

Student No.: _____ DOB: _____
mmm/dd/yyyy

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 received and approved.

The personal information collected by the St. Clair Catholic District School Board on this form is under the authority of the Education Act and Regulations (R.S.O. 1990 C.e.2) in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) (RSO 1990 c.M56), as amended. The information will be used to register the student in school, as well as for any consistent purpose, and to share information with employees to carry out their job duties.

Name of Signature
X

Signature of Parent/ Guardian or Adult Student

Relationship Parent/Guardian/Adult Student

Date



Principal Discretion [] _____
Initials

Principal/VP Acknowledgment and Approval: _____ Approval Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Acknowledgement Sent: _____ Course exemptions _____ Entered in SIS: _____