

## A Letter to Your Cousin Assignment

Unit : *ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS*

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Your cousin, who does not live in Ontario, is moving to the Pelham area this year and will be entering Grade 9. Write a letter to him/her describing the educational system in Ontario. Be sure to address each of the following:

1. What are the 3 components of the high school diploma?
2. Explain what compulsory credits are. Identify the 18 compulsory credits.
3. Give examples of some of the electives that he/she may choose.
4. Explain what is required to fulfill the 40 hours of community involvement.
5. Explain what the Grade 10 Literacy Test is about.
6. Explain what a student is allowed to do if they are not successful on the first attempt.
7. Explain the difference between academic, applied and open courses. What do each of these levels prepare you for?
8. Explain to your cousin what a transcript is and what is on it.
9. Explain what full disclosure on the transcripts means to them.
10. Describe anything else that you think is relevant and worth mentioning about our school system in general and ELC specifically.

CONSULT THE RUBRIC ON THE BACK OF THIS ASSIGNMENT FOR A COMPLETE MARK BREAKDOWN.

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# ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

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The following requirements must be successfully completed in order to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD):

- 30 credits (110 hours each), including 18 compulsory credits and 12 electives;
- 40 hours community involvement;
- successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

## COMPULSORY CREDITS

- 4 English ( 1 per grade )
- 3 Mathematics (1 at senior level)
- 2 Science
- 1 French
- 1 Canadian Geography (Grade 9)
- 1 Canadian History (Grade 10)
- 1 Arts (any of Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance)
- 1 Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 Civics
- 0.5 Career Studies
- GROUP 1: one additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a Classical or an International language, or Social Sciences and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies, or Guidance and Career Education, or Cooperative Education.
- GROUP 2: one additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or the Arts or Business, or Cooperative Education.
- GROUP 3: one additional credit in Science (Grades 11 or 12) or Technology (Grades 9-12), or Cooperative Education.

A MAXIMUM OF 2 CREDITS IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION CAN COUNT AS COMPULSORY CREDITS.