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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS APPENDIX A

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Diploma Requirements for Mature Students

Mature students in Ontario secondary schools will continue to work towards their diploma in accordance with the requirements in effect when they first enrolled in the Ontario secondary school system. Students may work towards the following diplomas:

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) under Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016 (OS), for students who entered the Ontario secondary school system and were placed in Grade 9 in 1999-2000 or later, Grade 10 in 2000-2001 or later, Grade 11 in 2001-2002 or later, or Grade 12 in 2002-2003 or later;

- OSSD under Ontario Schools, Intermediate and Senior Divisions (Grades 7-12/OACs): Program and Diploma Requirements, 1989 (OSIS), for students who entered the Ontario secondary school system and were placed in Grade 9 before September 1, 1999, Grade 10 before September 1, 2000, Grade 11 before September 1, 2001, or Grade 12 before September 1, 2002;

- Secondary School Graduation Diploma (SSGD) under Circular H.S.1, 1979-81 for students who entered an Ontario secondary school program before September 1, 1984.

If, however, upon returning to the Ontario secondary school system, mature students who are eligible to complete their diploma under the equivalency but need to have their prior learning assessed and credits granted through the PLAR process under OS, will be required to meet OS diploma requirements.

OSSD Under OS Diploma Requirements

Recognition of Canadian Post-Secondary Credentials

In recognition of Canadian Post-Secondary Credentials a minimum of four Grade 11 and 12 credits must be earned by taking the necessary courses, with the following exceptions at the discretion of the principal, mature students who present evidence of a completed post-secondary diploma and/or degree from an accredited Canadian post secondary institution may qualify for the OSSD under OS by completing a minimum of one Grade 11 or Grade 12 credit in the corresponding language of instruction (i.e. English or French).

If a mature student who is working towards the OSSD under OS diploma requirements has not already successfully completed each of the four Grade 11 and 12 compulsory credit requirements, he or she is required to complete each of these diploma requirements, as follows:

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English, Grade 11 and 12

To obtain a Grade 11 credit in English that meets the compulsory credit requirement, a mature student must successfully complete English, Grade 11, College Preparation (ENG3C) or English, Grade 11, Workplace Preparation (ENG3E) or English, Grade 11, University Preparation (ENG3U); or challenge for credit for one of the above Grade 11 English courses successfully; or English: Contemporary Aboriginal Voices, Gr. 11 Workplace (NBE 3E); Gr. 11 College (NBE 3C); Gr. 11 University (NBE 3U); or Ontario Literacy Course (OLC 30/4O); only the following substitution is permitted:

Students may count a maximum of three credits in ESL or ELD towards the four compulsory credits in English. The fourth credit must be for a Grade 12 compulsory English credit course.

To obtain a Grade 12 credit in English that meets the compulsory credit requirement, a mature student must successfully complete English, Grade 12, College Preparation (ENG4C) or English, Grade 12, Workplace Preparation (ENG4E) or English, Grade 12, University Preparation (ENG4U). *The student must take the course.* No substitution is permitted.

Mathematics, Grade 11 or 12

To obtain a Grade 11 or 12 credit in mathematics that meets the compulsory credit requirement, a mature student must successfully complete the course, challenge successfully for credit for the course, or provide a formal transcript so that the principal can determine whether an equivalent credit can be granted for the course.

Science, Computer Science, Technological Education, or Math Grade 11 or 12

To obtain a Grade 11 or 12 credit in Science, or Computer Science or a credit in Technological Education or Math that meets the compulsory credit requirement, a mature student must:

1. successfully complete the course, or
2. challenge successfully for credit for the course.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Requirement

Mature students working towards the OSSD under OS diploma requirements must also satisfy the diploma requirement as per Ontario Schools. All students are required to meet the secondary school literacy graduation requirements in order to earn an OSSD. Mature students should be encouraged to meet the also have the option to enrol directly in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) without attempting the OSSLT.

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Community Involvement Activities Requirement

Principals will determine at their discretion, the number of hours of community involvement activities that a mature student who is working towards the OSSD undern OS. Ontario Schools may have to complete (between 0-40).

OSSD Under OSIS Diploma Requirements

Principals will continue to determine which compulsory credit requirements (if any) must still be completed by a mature student to earn the OSSD under OSIS diploma requirements. The principal will refer to OSIS, sections 4.10 and 6.14, and use Appendix D of OSIS at his or her discretion, provided that the requirements outlined in Appendix D have been met.

Secondary School Graduation Diploma (SSGD)

A mature student who entered an Ontario secondary school program before September 1, 1984, will continue to work towards the SSGD. The process for assessing equivalent credit allowances and granting credits that is described in OSIS will apply to mature students working towards the SSGD.

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Chart 1 – Diploma Requirements for Mature Students

This chart shows which diploma requirements apply to mature students – that is, requirements given in OS, OSIS, and Circular H.S.1, 1979-81.

OS	OSIS	Circular H.S.1
OS diploma requirements apply to mature students who were enrolled for the first time in an Ontario secondary school program and placed in: • Grade 9 in 1999-2000 or later • Grade 10 in 2000-2001 or later • Grade 11 in 2001-2002 or later • Grade 12 in 2002-2003 or later	OSIS diploma requirements apply to mature students who were enrolled in an Ontario secondary school program and placed in: • Grade 9 before 1999-2000 • Grade 10 before 2000-2001 • Grade 11 before 2001-2002 • Grade 12 before 2002-2003	Diploma requirements in Circular H.S.1 for the SSGD apply to mature students who were enrolled in an Ontario secondary school program before September 1, 1984.

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Chart 2 – Assessment Process for Mature Students

This chart shows which assessment process – PLAR under OS or "equivalent standing" under OSIS – must be used for each of the groups of mature students.

PLAR Process Under OS	Process Under OSIS
Group 1 students OS section 6.6: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition policy and OSS diploma requirements apply to mature students who enrolled for the first time in the Ontario secondary school system and who were placed in Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 on or after February 1, 2004.	**Group 3 students** OSIS section 6.14: Equivalent Standing for Mature Students policy and OSIS diploma requirements apply to mature students who were enrolled previously in the Ontario secondary school system and who were placed in: • Grade 9 before 1999-2000 • Grade 10 before 2000-2001 • Grade 11 before 2001-2002 • Grade 12 before 2002-2003 OSIS section 6.14: Equivalent Standing for Mature Students policy and SSGD requirements under Circular H.S.1, 1979-81 apply to mature students who were enrolled in the Ontario secondary school system before September 1, 1984.
Group 2 students OS section 6.6: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition policy and OS diploma requirements apply to mature students who were enrolled as regular day school students in the Ontario secondary school system and who were placed in: • Grade 9 in 1999-2000 or later • Grade 10 in 2000-2001 or later • Grade 11 in 2001-2002 or later • Grade 12 in 2002-2003 or later OS PLAR policy applies to those in this group who return to the Ontario secondary school system as mature students on or after February 1, 2004.	**Group 4 students** OSIS section 6.14: Equivalent Standing for Mature Students policy and OSS diploma requirements apply to mature students who were new to the Ontario secondary school system and who were enrolled as mature students in the Ontario secondary school system before February 1, 2004, and who were placed in: • Grade 9 in 1999-2000 or later • Grade 10 in 2000-2001 or later • Grade 11 in 2001-2002 or later • Grade 12 in 2002-2003 or later Note: Mature students to whom the OSIS process applies may choose to have their prior learning assessed and credits granted according to OS PLAR requirements. Such students will be required to meet OS diploma requirements.