

High School Graduation Requirements - Updated 2025

Mount Salem Christian Secondary School is a non-inspected independent private high school. This means we are not required to follow the provincial curriculum standards or other Ministry of Education requirements. Because we operate outside of government inspection, we do not have the authority to grant official credits toward the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

To ensure our students still receive a recognized diploma, we partner with an external accredited organization (Nimbus) that reviews and authenticates our courses and instruction. Through this partnership, students within the high school can earn an official OSSD while benefiting from the unique, Christ-centered education and community that defines our school. This partnership requires that our students take courses with Nimbus (one in grade 10, two in grade 11 and four in grade 12)

What do you need to graduate at MSCS?

High school at MSCS is structured to align with the graduation requirements of Ontario's public education system. This alignment ensures that students can easily transfer into or out of MSCS without disruption to their studies.

To graduate from MSCS, students must complete 30 credits, 40 hours of community service, and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) - the same key requirements as the public system. Graduation / Course Requirements for the four years of high school are detailed below.

- 17 Compulsory Credits
 - 4 English Credits (1 credit per grade)
 - 3 Mathematics Credits (Grade 9, 10, and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
 - 2 Science Credits
 - 1 Technological Education Credit (1 credit in Grade 9 or 10)
 - 1 Canadian History Credit (Grade 10)
 - 1 Canadian Geography Credit (Grade 9)
 - 1 Arts Credit
 - 1 Health and Physical Education Credit
 - 1 French as a Second Language Credit
 - 0.5 Civics and Citizenship Credit
 - 0.5 Careers Studies Credit
 - 1 STEM-related Credit (Business Studies, Mathematics, Computer Studies, Science, Cooperative Education, Technological Education")
- 13 Optional Credits
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement

Break Down Per Grade

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Bible*	Bible*	Bible*	Bible*
English	English	English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Nimbus Course**
Science	Science	Nimbus Course**	Nimbus Course**
Tech & Trades	History	Nimbus Course**	Nimbus Course**
Geography	Civics / Careers	Course***	Nimbus Course**
Art	Art	Course***	Course***
Music	Music	Course***	Course***
Physical Ed	Physical Ed	Course***	Course***

*Bible is a non credit course

**Nimbus Courses are chosen by the students based on the classes that Nimbus offers. All Nimbus courses must be grade 12 level courses.

***Elective courses are still in development as we grow and expand as a school. Students may also take Co-Op in both their grade 11 and 12 years.