



What are Locally Developed Compulsory Courses (LDCC)? Is this the right choice for my student?

Locally Developed Compulsory Courses provide students who need additional support and flexibility a pathway to meet the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC).

PATHWAY OPTIONS

This pathway does limit the opportunities for many post-secondary programs, for example, college and skilled trades. If you have any further questions about locally developed compulsory courses, please contact the school guidance counsellor.

FOCUS OF LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMPULSORY COURSES

Courses focus on cross-curricular, community-focused, experiential, and project-based learning to meet the varied learning styles of students who:

- are often several grade levels behind in literacy and numeracy skills;
- benefit from structure and organization;
- complete tasks and homework with assistance and prompting;
- enjoy concrete, visual learning; and
- benefit from authentic, hands-on learning experiences.

STUDENTS IN THE LOCALLY DEVELOPED/WORKPLACE PATHWAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD);
- develop literacy and numeracy skills through subject-based learning;
- focus on hands-on, authentic learning;
- engage in project-based learning;
- work on curriculum expectations that meet their educational needs; and
- improve their confidence and engagement in school.

CREDITS EARNED AND POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

Students will work toward locally developed credits in English, mathematics, science, geography, and history in their Grade 9 and 10 years in addition to open-level compulsory and elective courses. Students will then transition to workplace level and other courses that fit their pathway plan in their Grade 11 and 12 years. Upon completion of their OSSD, students in this pathway transition directly into the workplace and, in some cases, college or skilled trades. **However, note that postsecondary pathway options are limited when students complete locally developed compulsory courses.**