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The Ministry of Education, through [PPM 167](#), has made it a requirement that students must earn two (2) eLearning credits to graduate from secondary school. This requirement applies to every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-2021 school year.

eLearning courses are credit courses that are delivered entirely online. They do not require students to be physically present with other students or with their teacher, except where physical presence may be needed to participate in examinations, other final evaluations, or access other school-based supports. It is important to note that unlike online learning during the pandemic, e-learning courses are asynchronous, and the students and teachers do not join a Google Classroom with their cameras on.

Parents/guardians may choose to “opt out” their child from the mandatory eLearning courses required for graduation. Students will receive an opt-out form from their secondary school, every year, starting when they are in Grade 9 next year.

***Please note that for the 2022-2023 school year, there will be no Grade 9 eLearning courses offered at DPCDSB and students who wish to take eLearning courses toward their two-credit graduation credit will be given the opportunity to do so beginning in Grade 10.*

The opt-out form will be included as part of the annual course selection process for all Catholic secondary school students.

A print copy of all opt-out forms must be returned to the student’s secondary school and will be included in the student’s OSR (Ontario Student Record). The form does not need to be returned to the school if your child will be choosing to fulfill the two-credit eLearning course graduation requirement.

More detailed information regarding course selection and opt-out processes will be provided to you and your child(ren) in Grade 9.

To help you and your child make the best decision about the eLearning option in secondary school, more information can be found on the [DPCDSB website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the secondary school your child will be attending next year.