

## Fieldstone Form for Opting Out of online learning Graduation Requirement

## The New Online Learning Graduation Requirement

Students are required to earn two Online Learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with students who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year.

The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with working and learning in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that will help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

Meeting the Online Learning graduation requirement should not pose a barrier to graduation for students. As with all learning, students taking Online Learning courses will have access to the supports they need through their school including guidance and services for English Language Learners.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory Online Learning courses required for graduation. Students 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control may also opt out of the graduation requirement. Students and parents/guardians may choose to opt back into the Online Learning graduation requirement should their decision change.

Schools are currently in the process of determining what Online Learning courses they will offer in the 2022-2023 school year. That information will then be shared with students, parents/guardians/caregivers. You may wish to make a decision on opting out/withdrawing once the school provides the Online Learning plan for next year.

If you have decided now to opt your child or yourself (18 years of age or older or student who is 16 or 17 years of age and has withdrawn from parental control), please complete and submit this form at this time.





## Form for Withdrawing from Online Learning Graduation Requirement

I agree with the following statements:

- Having reviewed the Online Learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for Online Learning through this school, I would like to opt my child/myself out of this requirement.
- The benefits of Online Learning have been shared with me by the school, including how the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills are intended to help prepare students for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

I understand the following statements:

- Upon receipt of this form by my child's school/my school, my child/I will not be required to earn two Online Learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- My child/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- My child/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- My child/I has/have the opportunity to opt back into the Online Learning graduation requirement.
- This will be recorded on my child's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement -Non-Applicable."

## **Confirmation of Opting Out of Online Learning Graduation Requirement**

Student's Last Name, First Name		
Parent/Guardian Last Name, First Name (if applicable)	Date (YYYY/MM/DD)	
Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student Age 18 or older, or Student who is 16 or 17 and has withdrawn from parental control		

Please note: When you return this form, it will be included in your child's/your Ontario Student Record.

