

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students are required to acquire a minimum of 30 credits of 110 hours each of which **18 are Compulsory courses and 12 are Elective courses**. The Ministry of Education also mandates that each student successfully completes the Grade 10 Literacy Test and 40 hours of Community Involvement, prior to graduation.

### **18 Compulsory Credits:**

- 4 English (1 credit per grade)
- 1 French as a second language
- 3 Math (at least one credit in grade 11 or 12)
- 2 Science
- 1 Civics and 1 Career Studies (each worth 0.5 credit)
- 1 Canadian History
- 1 Canadian Geography
- 1 Arts
- 1 Physical Education

**Group 1** one of: additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language\*, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education\*

**Group 2** one of: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or cooperative education\*

**Group 3** one of: additional credit in science, or technological education, or cooperative education\*, or computer science

\* credits are not offered at Crestwood Preparatory College

### **GRADE 9 Compulsory courses:**

English, French, Mathematics, Physical and Health Education  
Canadian Geography, Civics and Career Studies, Science  
Arts Elective (Visual Arts or Instrumental Music)

### **GRADE 10 Compulsory courses:**

English, Canadian History, Mathematics, Science

**Plus 4** additional courses

### **GRADE 11 Compulsory courses:**

English, Mathematics **Plus 5 or 6** additional courses

### **GRADE 12 Compulsory course:**

English **Plus** at least 5 more courses to ensure total of 30 credits.

## MINIMUM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICIES

Crestwood's Mission Statement clearly states that "we educate adolescents to develop positive personal relationships" and that we are "committed to academic excellence, while fostering integrity". Since the Crestwood program does not end in the classroom with the acquisition of academic credits, the following policies are meant to nurture these aspects of our Mission Statement.

### **I. Minimum Program Policy at Crestwood Preparatory**

1. The minimum number of courses for students in Grade 9 and in Grade 10 is 8 courses.
2. The minimum number of courses for students in a Grade 11 class is 7 courses.
3. The minimum number of courses for students in Grade 12 is 6 courses, provided that neither graduation nor post secondary admission requirements are jeopardized. This is conditional upon the student having earned 1- 2 Grade 12 credits in the previous year.
4. A minimum of **1 English credit** must be studied while at Crestwood **in each year**, regardless as to whether the Diploma requirements for English have been met.

**All exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Administration.**

### **II. Continuing Education Policy**

Students must inform from Crestwood of their intentions to take a course outside of Crestwood Preparatory College **before** registering for the course. Approval for this course must also be obtained. Forms for this notification and approval are available in the guidance office.

- A. Remedial Summer School course is attended by a student who has failed a subject in the previous school year with a Final Mark >34%.
  - a. Student entering Grade 10, 11 or 12, who has failed a course in the previous school year with final marks of 35-49%, is allowed to attend a Remedial Summer School class. Guidance or the Administration must sign the application form. The student/parent is responsible for meeting the application deadline.
- B. Full Credit School course is attended by a student who has earned the prerequisite course and wishes to receive an additional credit.
  - a. Grade 9 or 10 students will **not** be given permission to attend full credit course during the school year.
  - b. A student entering Grade 11 or 12 is permitted to attend Night School provided that the course is not offered at Crestwood **or** the course cannot be accommodated on the student's timetable. The student must still carry the required minimum course load as outlined in Section I above.