

## Opt-out form for both student under 18 and over 18 or out of parental responsibility

### *Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board*

#### **Opt-Out Form for Online Learning Graduation Requirement**

*(Students Under 18 Requiring Parent Approval and students aged 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control)*

#### **About the online learning graduation requirement**

Students are required to earn two online learning credits to graduate from secondary school, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. Adult learners entering the Ontario secondary school system in 2023-24 or later will be required to meet this graduation requirement.

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 courses will have access to the supports they need through their school, (e.g., guidance and services for English-language learners). If a student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), the plan should be shared, when appropriate, with an educator instructing an online course delivered by another publicly funded school board, with the necessary consent.

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 Students aged 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control can also opt out of the graduation requirement.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

#### **I agree with the following statements:**

- Having reviewed the online learning graduation requirement and the availability of supports for online learning through my student's school, I **would like to opt my student/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 student's school/my school, my student/I will not be required to earn two e-Learning credits to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- My student/I will face no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement.
- My student/I will continue to complete all other applicable graduation requirements.
- My student/I has/have the opportunity to opt back into the e-Learning graduation requirement.
- This will be recorded on my student's/my transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable."

**Student/Parent/Guardian Confirmation of Opting Out of e-Learning Graduation Requirement**

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Student's Last Name, First Name

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Parent/Guardian Last Name, First Name (if applicable)

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Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

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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:**

Upon receipt, this form will be included in your child's Ontario Student Record.

For additional information about the opt-out process, please contact your student's secondary school.

