

## Extended Diploma

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, an extended diploma will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated the inability to meet the full set of academic content standards for a diploma while receiving modifications and accommodations. To be eligible for an extended diploma, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. While in grade nine through completion of high school, complete 12 credits, which may not include more than six credits in a self-contained special education classroom and will include:
  - a. Two credits of mathematics;
  - b. Two credits of English;
  - c. Two credits of science;
  - d. Three credits of history, geography, economics or civics;
  - e. One credit of health;
  - f. One credit of physical education;
  - g. One credit of the arts or a second language.
2. Have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers; or
3. Have a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievements; and
4. Participate in an alternate assessment beginning no later than grade six and lasting for two or more assessment cycles; or
5. Have a serious illness or injury that occurs after grade eight that changes the student's ability to participate in grade level activities and that results in the student participating in alternate assessments.