



Graduation Requirements and more!

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It's Your **Future.** Get **Ready.**

Before you know it, you'll be receiving your high school diploma. Ohio is giving you new ways to show the world what you can do with it.

As a student entering ninth grade on or after **July 1, 2019**, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give you more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on your strengths and passions – one that ensures you are ready for your next steps and excited about the future.

First, cover the basics

You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.



Graduation Requirements: Class Credits

- ★ 4 credits of English
- ★ 4 credits of Math
- ★ 3 credits of Social Studies
- ★ 3 credits of Science
- ★ Physical Education (.25 x 2)
- ★ Health (.5)
- ★ 1 fine art credit

= 16+ 4 hrs elective credit

Total of 20 credit hours to graduate

Honors Diploma has additional requirements

Honors Diploma Requirements

Student must first fulfill “Graduation Requirements” (including Health and PE credits, etc.) before completing the checklist for an “Honors Diploma.

Earn 7 of the 8 Following:

1. 4 English Credits

English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
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2. 4 Math Credits

Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	An advanced math
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3. 4 Science Credits (including 2 advanced sciences)

Physical Science	Biology		
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4. 4 Social Studies Credits

US Hist I/World	US. Hist II	Govt.	
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5. 3 of One Foreign Language Credits

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Or 2 of 2 Foreign Language Credits

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6. 1 Fine Arts Credit

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7. _____ 3.5 GPA

8. _____ 27 ACT Composite

Second, show competency

Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

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Is testing not your strength? After you have taken your tests, there are three additional ways to show competency!

Option

1.

Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities*:

Foundational

Proficient scores on WebXams

A 12-point industry credential

A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

Supporting

Work-based learning

Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option

2.

Enlist in the Military

Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option

3.

Complete College Coursework

Earn credit for one college-level math and/or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

*At least one of the two must be a Foundational skill

Third, show readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:

- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- Science Seal (Ohio)
- Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- Technology Seal (Ohio)
- Community Service Seal (Local)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- Student Engagement Seal (Local)



LOCAL INVOLVEMENT SEALS

Community Service Seal:

- Complete a minimum of 60 community service hours during high school. Hours may be counted starting the summer before freshman year.

Fine and Performing Arts Seal:

- Complete a minimum of 4 credits of fine arts during high school (band, choir, art, industrial/agricultural art) OR
- Must participate in two fine arts activities outside of school. This may include plays, musicals, jazz band, community theatre, art club, or any other activity approved by the Fine Art department.

Student Engagement Seal:

- Complete 8 extracurricular experiences during high school career such as: athletics, clubs or student government.
- Extracurricular activities and/or clubs must be school-sponsored and/or community activities and clubs must be approved by administration.
- The coach, club advisor, or activity supervisor may determine if the student has participated to a meaningful extent.

Graduation Documents

- Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023 and Beyond
- Explanation of Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Seal Explanation





Graduation Honors: CUM LAUDE

- 3.25 minimum grade point average
- ACT score of 20+
- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math (including Alg I, Geometry, Alg II)
- 4 units of Science
- 3 units of the same foreign language
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 1 credit in the fine arts • $\frac{1}{2}$ Physical Education and $\frac{1}{2}$ Health
- 2 additional credits from Math, Science, Social Studies, or elective offerings.
- 50 service hours (collected over the course of 4 years)



Graduation Honors: MAGNA CUM LAUDE

- 3.50 minimum grade point average
- ACT score of 22+
- Completion of 1 College Credit Plus course
- 4 units of English (1 of which must be considered “Advanced”/CP or CCP)
- 4 units of Math (Alg I, Geometry, CP Algebra II or another advanced math equivalent)
- 4 units of Science (2 of which must be Chemistry, Physics or another advanced Science)
- 3 units of the same foreign language
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 1 credit in the fine arts • $\frac{1}{2}$ Physical Education and $\frac{1}{2}$ Health
- 2 additional credits from Math, Science, Social Studies, or elective offerings.
- 100 service hours (collected over the course of 4 years)



Graduation Honors: SUMMA CUM LAUDE

- 3.75 minimum grade point average
- ACT score 24+
- Completion of 2 College Credit Plus courses
- 4 units of English (2 of which must be considered “Advanced”/CP or CCP)
- 4 units of Math (Alg I, Geometry, CP Alg II or equivalent, and 1 advanced beyond Alg II)
- 4 units of Science (2 of which must be Chemistry, Physics or another advanced Science)
- 3 units of the same foreign language
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 1 credit in the fine arts • $\frac{1}{2}$ Physical Education and $\frac{1}{2}$ Health
- 2 additional credits from Math, Science, Social Studies, or elective offerings.
- 120 service hours (collected over the course of 4 years)



Prorated hours for honors system

Summa Cum Laude: Class of 2023 (30hrs), Class of 2024 (60hrs), Class of 2025 (90hrs)

Magna Cum Laude: Class of 2023 (25hrs), Class of 2024 (50hrs), Class of 2025 (40hrs)

Cum Laude: Class of 2023 (15hrs), Class of 2024 (25hrs), Class of 2025 (35hrs)



Millstream Visits

- 9th graders: Trip to Millstream on Tuesday October 25th
 - Leave at 12:30pm, return by 2:20pm
 - Explore future options
- 10th graders: Millstream visits McComb on Thursday 10/27 11:15-12pm
 - Thurs. 11/17 trip to Millstream
 - Leave at 9:20am, return by 11:20am



Get Involved and Explore your options!

- Clubs, organizations, sports
- Volunteer opportunities
- Employment
- Job Shadowing
- College visits
- Career exploration trips