



Ohio's High School Graduation Requirements

Classes of 2026 and Beyond

FIRST
FULFILL COURSE REQUIREMENTS



SECOND
DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY



THIRD
SHOW READINESS

Earn 21 credits

Show competency through one of the following options

Earn 2 seals, including at least 1 state seal

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
4 credits

MATHEMATICS
4 credits
Must include Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II

SCIENCE
3 credits
Must include 1 credit each of Life Science & Physical Science

SOCIAL STUDIES
3 credits
Must include 1 credit each of American History; Politics, Economics & Government; & Global History

FINANCIAL LITERACY
0.5 credit
Starting with the Class of 2026, a Financial Literacy class will be required by the State of Ohio.

GLOBAL LANGUAGE, ED TECH, INDUSTRIAL TECH, OR BUSINESS
2 credits

ARTS: VISUAL ART, MUSIC OR THEATER
1 credit

HEALTH
0.5 credit
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
0.5 credit
Or PE Waiver

CAPSTONE OR IB DIPLOMA EXTENDED ESSAY
0.5 or 0 credit
Must include one of the above, completed by the end of senior year

ELECTIVES
2 credits
or 2.5 credits if using PE Waiver



Earn a minimum score of 684 on the Algebra I and English II end-of-course tests
Must attempt Algebra I & English II state tests twice before pursuing options below

Additional exams are required based on course enrollments.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS



Demonstrate two career-focused activities, including at least one foundational skill



Earn credit for one college-level math or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus Program



Enlist in the military



Obtain a remediation-free score in the math or English subject areas on the ACT or SAT
To demonstrate competency in English II, a student must be remediation-free in both English and reading on the ACT.

STATE SEALS



BILITERACY



CITIZENSHIP



COLLEGE READY



HONORS DIPLOMA



INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL



MILITARY ENLISTMENT



OHIO MEANS JOBS



SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY

LOCAL SEALS



COMMUNITY SERVICE



FINE & PERFORMING ARTS



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT