

NORTHWESTERN GRADUATION: WHO WALKS AND WHO DOESN'T

Who may walk and get their diploma at graduation:

All students must complete and earn a state minimum of 20 credits in specific courses. In addition, there must be instruction in economics and financial literacy, as well as completion of at least two semesters in fine arts. According to Ohio Law there are three pathways to demonstrate what has been learned to earn a diploma and walk at graduation.

Any student who earns 18 out of 35 points on seven end-of-course state tests. A minimum of four points in Math, four points in English language arts, and six points across Science and Social Studies

Any student who earns an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earns the required score on the WorkKeys test

Any student who earns remediation-free scores in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT

There are two other options for students who have not met one of the three existing pathways to earn a diploma. Those are described below.

Other options for students who do not otherwise meet one of the three existing pathways to graduate:

Option 1

Students must take and pass courses that constitute the curriculum requirements and take all seven End of Course exams. If the student receives a score of "1" or "2" on any math or English language arts test, the student must retake the test at least once.

Additionally, the student must meet AT LEAST TWO of the below requirements:

- Earn a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all course completed during the **11th and 12th grades** (must complete at least four full-year or equivalent courses in each year)
- Complete a capstone project during 12th grade that meets criteria defined by the Ohio Department of Education guidance and evaluation processes
- During 12th grade, complete a work or community service experience totaling 120 hours, as defined by the Ohio Department of Education and Governor's Office for Workforce Transformation
- Earn three or more College Credit Plus credits at any time during high school
- Earn credit for an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course and earn an AP exam score of 3 or higher or IB exam score of 4 or higher at any time during high school
- Earn a Workkeys exam score of 3 on each of three test sections
- Earn a State Board-approved industry-recognized credential or credentials that equal at least three points

- Meet OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal requirements

Option 2

Students must take and pass courses that constitute the curriculum requirements and take all seven End of Course exams. Students must finish a career-technical program that includes at least four courses in a single career pathway and complete **at least** one of the options below:

- Earn a total score of Proficient or better based on all career-technical exams or test modules
- Earn an industry-recognized credential or credentials that equal 12 points
- Complete a workplace experience totaling 250 hours with evidence of positive evaluations

All requirements have been met, but not all EOC points:

Any student who has earned all required credits, but has not earned the required number of points on the EOC tests, may walk at graduation but will not receive a diploma at Commencement.

Any test needed must be taken during summer testing, if offered by NHS. Any section not offered by NHS in the summer, must be taken in December of the next school year. If the student does not obtain points needed at either of those times, the test may be taken again in April and July of the next school year. If needed, EOC exams may continue to be taken until the required points have been earned.

Students in this situation will receive their empty diploma cover at Commencement. Once the actual diploma is received, the student will place it in the cover. A new cover will not be provided.

EOC test requirements have been met, but one required course needs completed:

Students who are **missing one required course** may walk at graduation but will not receive their diploma at graduation.

Any student who still needs to complete one **required** credit for graduation may do so in Summer School. As long as the student registers for summer school and pays summer school fees prior to graduation, he/she will be allowed to walk at graduation. If this course work is completed before the first day of school the next school year, the student will receive a diploma from their graduation year. If it takes longer than this, the diploma will be from the next school year and will need to be special-ordered. Students will be notified when the diploma can be picked up. If the unfinished course is one being taken through an online program and the student is currently working on it, the course must be finished. Only one course may be unfinished and must be completed before the first day of school the following year to receive a diploma from their graduation year. Again, if the course takes

longer, the diploma will be for the next school year and will need to be special-ordered. Students will be notified when it can be picked up.

Only ONE course credit may be missing for the student to walk at graduation in this situation. This does not mean one total credit from multiple classes.

All but one point of EOC testing has been earned, and all but one required class need to be completed:

These students may walk at graduation as long as they follow the requirements for both taking the one EOC exam and for completing the coursework. (This does not apply if a student needs more than one EOC point to complete along with a course.) The actual diploma will not be received at graduation.

For the EOC exam: (same as above)

Any points needed must be taken during summer testing, if offered by NHS. Any section not offered by NHS in the summer, must be taken in December of the next school year. If the student does not earn the EOC points needed either of those times, the tests may be taken again in April and July of the next school year. If needed, the EOC exams may continue to be taken until the required points have been earned.

For the course requirement (same as above)

Any student who still needs to complete **one required class** credit for graduation may do so in Summer School. As long as the student registers for summer school and pays the summer school fees before graduation, participation in graduation will be permitted. If this course work is completed before the first day of school the next school year, the student will receive a diploma from their graduation year. If it takes longer than this, the diploma will be from the next school year and will need to be special-ordered. The student will be notified when the diploma can be picked up.

Students in this situation will receive an empty diploma cover at Commencement. A new cover will not be provided, and the student must place the diploma in the cover.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID AND OBLIGATIONS COMPLETED IN ORDER TO GRADUATE.

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