

High School Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Northwestern High School, a student must meet the standards adopted by the State of Ohio, and Northwestern Local Schools Board of Education.

Credit Requirements:

Subject	Minimum Credit Requirement-21
English	4- English 9, 10, 11, 12
History	3- World History, American History, Government
Science	3- 1 credit Biology; 1 credit Physical Science
Math	4- Must include Algebra 2
Physical Education	½- Students must take PE 1. Students may waive PE 2 with completion of athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading.
Health	½
Financial Management	½
Senior Seminar	½
Electives	5- Must include one credit in fine arts, unless 2 semesters of fine arts coursework were successfully completed in middle school.
TOTAL CREDITS	21**

Graduation Requirements Class of 2021-22

Requirement: Complete a minimum of 21 course credits.

Requirement: Show you are ready for college or career by completing one of these three choices:

1. Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course exams;

Ohio's State Tests	Northwestern Course
Algebra 1	Algebra 1
Geometry	Geometry
English 1	English 9/English 9 Advanced
English 2	English 10/English 10 Advanced
Biology	Biology
American History	U.S. History
American Government	U.S. Government

2. Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving an industry recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys;
3. Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT.

*****Students who are unable to meet the above, may pursue an alternative option. Students must take all state tests and score passing scores in Algebra/English. Student who do not pass Algebra/English 2 will be required to retake the tests at least once.**

Option 1: Demonstrate two Career-Focused Activities: **At least one of the two must be foundational.

Foundational:

- Proficient scores on WebXams.
- 12-point industry credential.
- A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program.

Supportive:

- Work-based learning.
- Earn required score on WorkKeys.
- Complete/Submit Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal.

Option 2: Enlist in Military.

Option 3: Complete a College Credit Plus (CCP) course in Math or English.

Requirement: Earn two Diploma Seals. **At least one must be State defined.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal (State) • Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (State) • College-Ready Seal (State) • Military Enlistment Seal (State) • Citizenship Seal (State) • Science Seal (State) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Diploma Seal (State) • Seal of Biliteracy (State) • Technology Seal (State) • Community Service Seal (Local) • Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local) • Student Engagement Seal (Local) |
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Ohio's High School Graduation Requirements

Classes of 2021 and 2022



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 between **July 1, 2017** and **June 30, 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.

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.

You have the option to show you are ready by meeting the **original three graduation pathways** below that were available when you entered high school.

Show you are ready

Use at least one pathway to show that you are ready for college or a job.

1. Ohio's State Tests

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are:

- Algebra I or Integrated Math I
- Geometry or Integrated Math II
- American Government
- American History
- English I
- English II
- Biology

Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students' scores and participation on state tests.



2. Industry credential and workforce readiness

Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test.



3. College and career readiness tests

Earn remediation-free scores in mathematics and English language arts on either the ACT or SAT.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio's universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT tests. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. The most up-to-date information regarding remediation-free scores can be found on the Department's graduation requirements webpage.

OR

(see reverse side)

You can meet **new requirements** by demonstrating competency and readiness for a job, college, military or a self-sustaining profession.

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.

Is testing not your strength? After you have taken your tests, there are three additional options 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

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

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.

AND

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College-Ready Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Seal (Ohio) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Seal (Local) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Seal (Ohio) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Engagement Seal (Local) |



Want to learn more? Contact your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/graduati



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

Locally Defined Graduation Seals

COMMUNITY SERVICE SEAL- 40 hours of community service. It is recommended that students meet this by completing 10 hours each year of high school.

- A student pursuing this seal must have a plan pre-approved by his/her school counselor. The plan will describe:
 - What the student will do for community service and where
 - A signature from someone at the organization agreeing to the community service hours
 - Students pursuing this seal will track their own hours and obtain their own signatures
 - Completed service hours' form is due by May 1 of the student's senior year

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS SEAL- 4 high school credits in the fine and/or performing arts.

- See the courses under the ART and MUSIC section in the course selection book for a list of credits that count for this seal.
- Fine Arts credits earned through College Credit Plus and independent study (with transcript credit) or transferred in from other high schools also qualify.
- Some NHS fine arts courses are 0.5 credits each. Student pursuing this seal must keep this in mind.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SEAL- Active participation in at least one Northwestern High School extracurricular each year of high school (List available in handbook and counseling office).

- Extracurricular include clubs, sports, leadership groups for which the student does NOT earn academic credit.
- Active participation is described as a minimum of 80% attendance, and successful completion of the activity's duration (an entire school year for many).
- Student pursuing this seal must obtain signatures from the activity's advisor, coach, etc.. as verification of active participation.

Tracking/Signature forms can be obtained in the school counseling office.

**This number will be prorated as follows: 10 hr for class of 2021, 20 hr for class of 2022, 30 hr for class of 2023*



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Ohio State Diploma Seals:

Ohio law created 12 seals for students to demonstrate academics, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Each seal allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for future success. **Students will demonstrate readiness by earning at least two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined.** Seals help students develop an array of critical skills that are valuable to them as they transition to the next steps after high school.

- **OhioMeans Jobs Readiness Seal (State)**- Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.
- **Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (State)**- Earn an approved industry-recognized credential that is aligned to a job considered in demand in Ohio and its regions.
- **College-Ready Seal (State)**- Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT.
- **Military Enlistment Seal (State)**- Provide evidence of enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or participate in an approved JROTC program.
- **Citizenship Seal (State)**- A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American History and American Government end-of-course exams; 2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.
- **Science Seal (State)**- A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the Biology end-of-course exam; 2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.
- **Honors Diploma Seal (State)**- Earn one of six honors Diplomas outlined below: 1. Academic Honors 2. International Baccalaureate Honors 3. Career-Tech Honors 4. STEM Honors 5. Arts Honors 6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors.
- **Seal of Biliteracy (State)**- Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.
- **Technology Seal (State)**- A student can 1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program 2. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by department.
- **Community Service Seal (Local)**- Complete a community service project aligned with guidelines adopted by the student's local board of education.
- **Fine and performing Arts Seal (Local)**- Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by student's local board of education.
- **Student Engagement Seal (Local)**- Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by student's local board of education.

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Northwestern High School Community Service Seal

40 hours of community service.

(It is recommended that students meet this by completing 10 hours each year of high school).

- A student pursuing this seal must have a plan pre-approved by his/her school counselor. The plan will describe:
 - What the student will do for community service and where
 - A signature from someone at the organization agreeing to the community service hours
 - Students pursuing this seal will track their own hours and obtain their own signatures
 - Completed service hours form is due by May 1 of the student's senior year

Examples of community service which **WILL COUNT** toward the requirements are:

- Participation in any service project conducted by a service organization such as Scouts, 4-H, Key club, Church, etc.
- Participation in a community service event such as Walk- a- Thon, Jump Rope for Heart, or other fund-raising events held for the good of the community.
- Personal projects which benefit a member of the community or the community at large such as helping an invalid or elderly person (not a relative) with household chores, visitation to nursing home or other facility to perform services for a resident, volunteer work in a community institution (library, hospital, etc.), tutoring younger students on a regular basis, or similar projects to benefit others.

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Community Service Hours Log

Per Ohio Revised Code, as a component of a student's graduation plan, s/he may elect to complete and submit documentation of 40 community service hours. Community Service is work that is **unpaid** that is done to benefit people in the community. Community service can be organized through a church, school, or other non-profit agency and may benefit senior citizens, students, or anyone else who needs help to improve something in their lives. To count towards this requirement, community service hours must be documented on this form and submitted to your guidance counselor no later than April 30th of your senior year. Make sure you keep a log of hours and have a witness or supervisor sign off on your hours. You can make copies of this form to track additional hours.

DATE	Activity/Description	Hours	Name/Signature	Ph Number

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Northwestern High School Student Engagement Seal

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- Extracurricular include clubs, sports, leadership groups for which the student does NOT earn academic credit.
- Active participation is described as a minimum of 80% attendance, and successful completion of the activity's duration (an entire school year for many).
- Student pursuing this seal must complete the section below and obtain signatures from the activity's advisor, coach, etc. as verification of active participation.

SENIOR YEAR:

Northwestern High School Extracurricular Activity:

Advisor/Coach Signature:

JUNIOR YEAR:

Northwestern High School Extracurricular Activity:

Advisor/Coach Signature:

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

Northwestern High School Extracurricular Activity:

Advisor/Coach Signature:

FRESHMAN YEAR:

Northwestern High School Extracurricular Activity:

Advisor/Coach Signature:
