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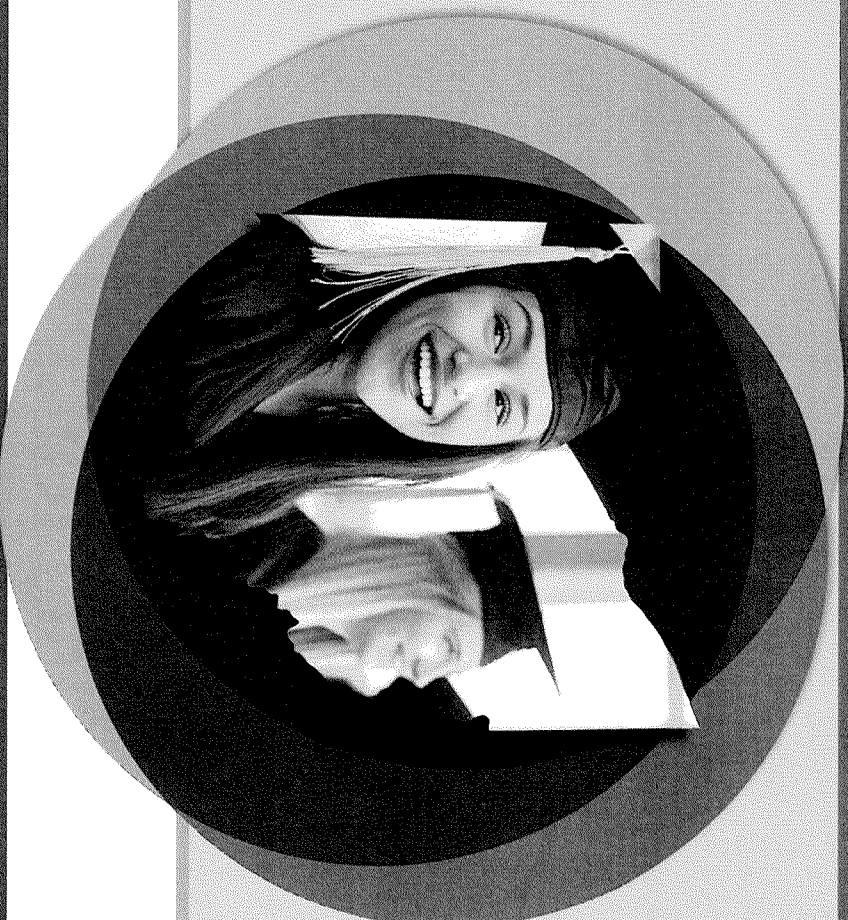
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Presentation Overview

- Graduation Plans

- Long-term High School Graduation Requirements

- Honors Diploma Updates

- Contact Information & Resources

- Questions

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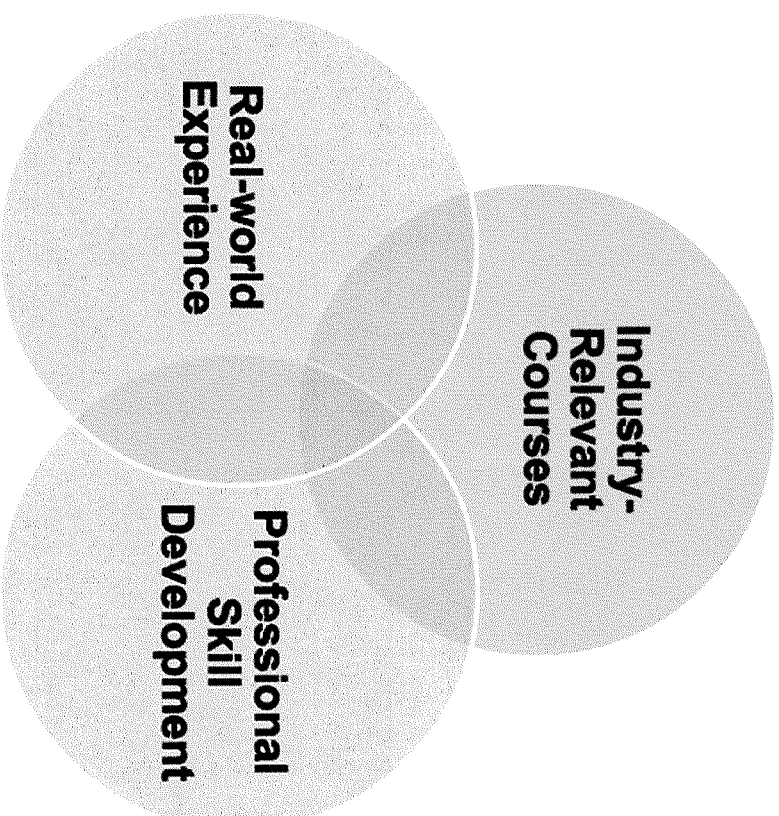# Why Graduation Plans?

Organization for new graduation requirements

Identification of students on and off track

Pathways through graduation

Data support

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High-Quality Career-Focused Programming

- Real-world Experience
- Industry-Relevant Courses
- Professional Skill Development

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More examples of career-focused programming...

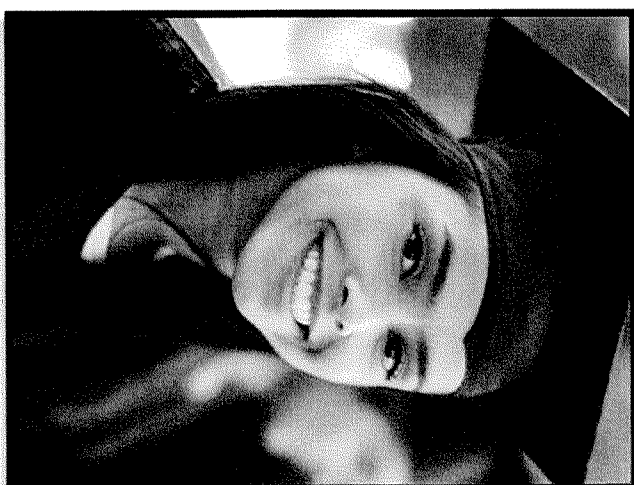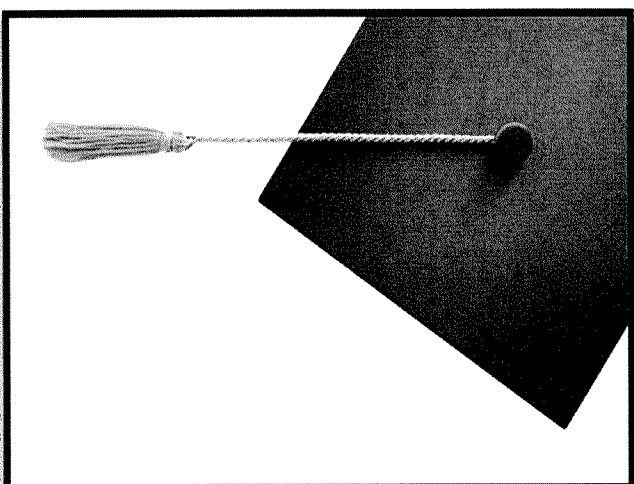|		
Meaningful Elective Courses	College Credit Plus Courses	Industry-Recognized Credentials
Work-Based Learning	Career Exploration Activities	OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Ohio's Long-Term Graduation Requirements

Students must meet requirements in all three areas

1. Course Requirements

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2. Demonstration of competency

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3. Demonstration of Readiness

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1. Course Requirements

General Course Requirements	State Minimum
English language arts	4 units
Health	½ unit
Mathematics	4 units
Physical education	½ unit
Science	3 units
Social studies	3 units
Electives	5 units

Districts may require more than the minimum 20 credits as a local decision.

Students must receive instruction in **economics** and **financial literacy** (in high school) and complete at least **two semesters of fine arts*** (during grades 7-12).

*Fine arts may not be required for students in a career-tech program unless it is a component of local course requirements.

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Financial Literacy Requirement

- **Classes of 2023-2025:** Financial literacy instruction is required for students to graduate. School districts determine how and when students meet this requirement.

- **Class of 2026 and Beyond:** For students entering high school for the first time on or after July 1, 2022, one-half credit of financial literacy that students can substitute for a one-half credit elective, or a one-half credit of math required for graduation. The one-half credit of math cannot be Algebra 1 (or Math 1 if using an integrated approach), Geometry (or Math 2 if using an integrated approach), Advanced Computer Science or Algebra 2.

- Financial Literacy FAQ Document

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2. Demonstration of Competency

Competency on Ohio's State Tests:

Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) - 684
English Language Arts II - 684

Competency on Ohio's AASCD:

Mathematics – Basic (489)
English language arts – Basic (485)

Competency Alternatives

College Credit Plus

Military Enlistment
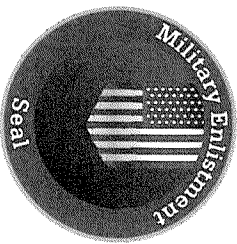
Career Readiness

ACT or SAT Remediation Free Score

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Competency Alternative: ACT or SAT Remediation Free Scores

- Demonstrate Competency for subject area not passed:

Subject	ACT		SAT
English Language Arts	English subscore of 18 (or higher)	Reading subscore of 22 (or higher)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 480 (or higher)
Mathematics	Mathematics subscore of 22 (or higher)		Mathematics score of 530 (or higher)

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Competency Alternative:
Military

Requirements:

- Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S Armed forces;

  - To show evidence of enlistment, a student will provide to the district or school a signed copy of the Department of Defense Form Enlistment/Reenlistment (DD Form 4) enlistment contract

  - All branches offer a Delayed Entry program

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Competency Alternative:
College Credit Plus

Option:

- Earn college credit in a non-remedial math or English course (for the subject area(s) not passed) to demonstrate competency.

Eligibility Standards:

- 3.0 high school GPA
- 2.75 – 3.0 high school GPA with "A" or "B" in "relevant coursework" as determined by IHE

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Competency Alternative: *Career Readiness*

Complete 2 demonstrations to show competency, at least 1 must be a foundational option

Foundational Demonstration

- Cumulative score of proficient or higher on 3 or more WebXams in single career pathway

- Earn a 12-pt. approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 pt. in one career field

- Earn a State issued license in a vocation that requires an examination

- Pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program
  - Registered with Ohio State Apprenticeship Council

Supporting Demonstration

- Complete 250-hours Work-based Learning

- Earn workforce readiness score on WorkKeys

- Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

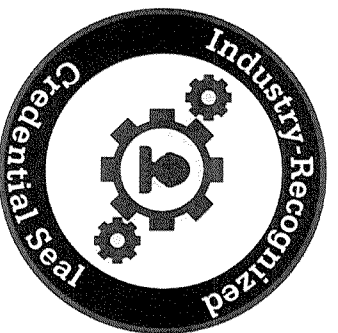Ohio | Department of Education
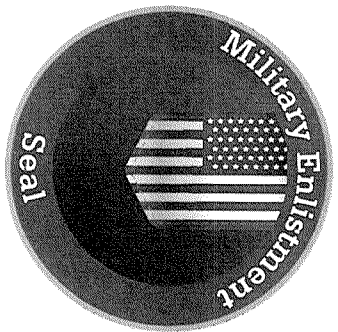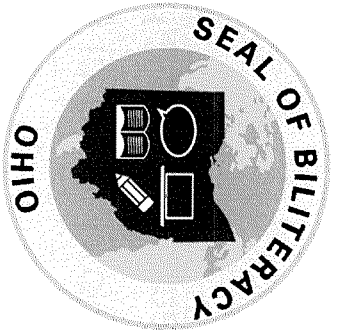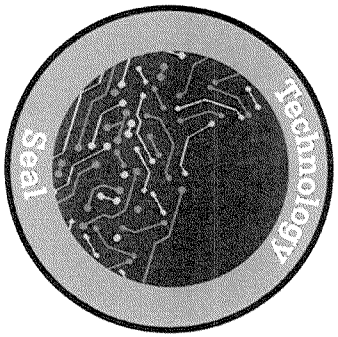
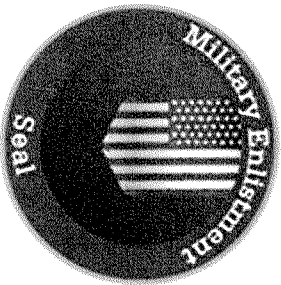# 3. Demonstration of Readiness

- 12 Diploma Seals

- 2 Seals: 1 State Defined

- 9 State Defined Seals & 3 Local Defined Seals

- All seals attached or affixed to diploma and noted on transcript

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Demonstration of Readiness:

State Defined Seals

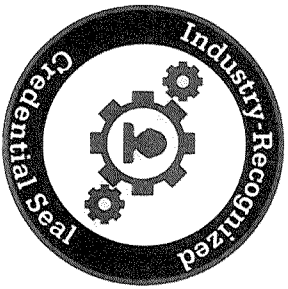Ohio | Department of Education
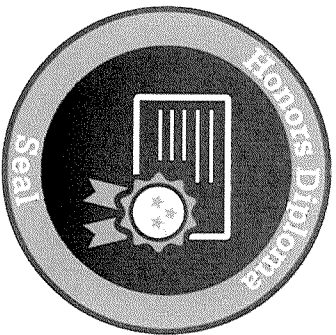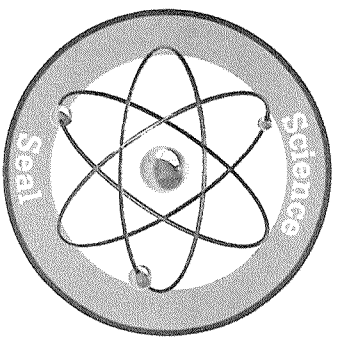
State Defined Seal: Military Enlistment

Options to earn seal:

○ Provide evidence of enlistment in an armed services branch of the military; **OR**

○ Participating in an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) program

○ Find additional information and locate a JROTC program near you here.

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# State Defined Seal: Industry- Recognized Credential

Options to earn seal:

○ Earn **12** points of industry-recognized credential that is aligned to a job that is determined to be "in-demand" in this state and its regions; **OR**

○ Earn a group of credentials totaling **12** points in a *single* career field

○ Obtaining a state-issued license for a practice in a vocation that requires an examination
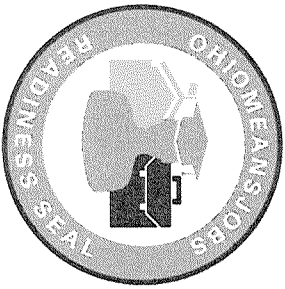
State Defined Seal:
OhioMeansJobs Readiness

• Requirements:

○ Demonstrate proficiency in each of **15** identified professional skills;

○ Use the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal Form to record demonstration of each professional skill;

○ Work with a mentor (3) to validate (confirm) each skill across a minimum of **two** of the three environments

✓ **Community:** Volunteer coordinators, faith-based leaders & others

✓ **Work:** Supervisors, hiring managers, experienced co-workers & others

✓ **School:** Teachers, administrators, advisors, coaches & others

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State Defined Seal: College Ready

* **Requirements:** Students must earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT, as outlined below.

Subject	ACT	SAT
English Language Arts	English subscore of 18 (or higher)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 480 (or higher)
	Reading subscore of 22 (or higher)	
Mathematics	Mathematics subscore of 22 (or higher)	Mathematics score of 530 (or higher)

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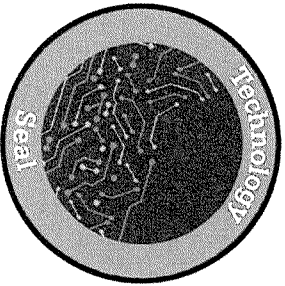
State Defined Seal: Technology

Options to earn seal:

○ Earn a score equivalent to proficient "**2**" on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test; **OR**

○ Earning a "**B**" or higher in an approved College Credit Plus course; **OR**

○ Completing a course that meets guidelines set by the Ohio Department of Education

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State Defined Seal: Citizenship

Options to earn seal.

American History

○ Earn a score of proficient on Ohio's State Test in American History

○ Earn a final course grade equivalent to a "**B**" or higher in American History

○ Earn a score equivalent to proficient "**2**" on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test in US History

○ Earn a "**B**" or higher in American History College Credit Plus course.
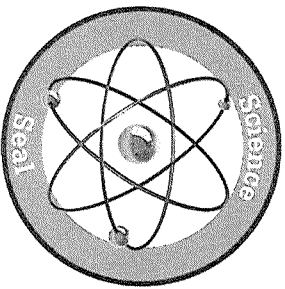
American Government

○ Earn a score of proficient on Ohio's State Test in American Government

○ Earn a final course grade equivalent to a "**B**" or higher in American Government

○ Earn a score equivalent to proficient "**2**" on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test in US Government

○ Earn a "**B**" or higher in American Government College Credit Plus course.

*OR: Earn a score of **Basic** (457) or higher on Social Studies Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities*

State Defined Seal: Science

Options to earn seal:

- Earn a score of proficient on Ohio's State Test in Biology; **OR**

  ○ Earn a final course grade equivalent to a "B" or higher in an **advanced science** course

  ○ Earn a score equivalent to proficient "**2**" on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate science test; **OR**

  ○ Earn a "**B**" or higher in a College Credit Plus science course.

  ○ Earn a score of **Basic** (430) or higher on Science Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities

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State Defined Seal: Biliteracy

Requirements

Students must demonstrate proficiency in English and high levels of proficiency in at least **one** other world language

- Students can demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other world language through a series of test-based options

State Defined Seal: Biliteracy (cont.)

English Proficiency Requirements

### Meet one of the following:

- Proficient level on English language arts: ELA I & ELA II – and just ELA II for graduates of the Class of 2023 and beyond);

- Remediation-free scores on the English and reading sections of one of the state-recognized college readiness examinations (currently the ACT or SAT English and reading sections);

- Earn a proficient level or higher on a Department-approved alternative assessment (currently the Iowa and TerraNova Tests); or

- Earn a score of proficient on the high school Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA).

Foreign Language Requirements

Meet one of the following:

- Pass an AP foreign language examination with a score of 4 or higher; or

- Pass an I.B. foreign language examination with a score of 5 or higher (Higher Level) or 6 or higher (Standard Level); or

- Attain a score of Intermediate High or higher (http://www.actfl.org/) in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing the language, using Department-approved assessments; or

- Qualify for proficiency-based credits through Ohio's credit flex program and attain a score of Intermediate High or higher (ACTFL) in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing using Department-approved assessments; or

- Earn a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher (ACTFL) in interpersonal signing, presentational signing and demonstrating understanding of American Sign Language (ASL) on an ASL assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education; or

- Attain a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher (ACTFL) in interpretive reading and presentational writing on a classical language assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

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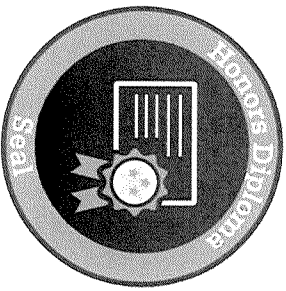
State Defined Seal: Honors Diploma

Requirements

To receive the Honors Seal, students must earn **one** of **six** honors diploma Seals outlined below:

- ○ Academic Honors Diploma;
- ○ Career-Tech Honors Diploma;
- ○ International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma;
- ○ STEM Honors Diploma;
- ○ Arts Honors Diploma;
- ○ Civics and Social Sciences Honors Diploma

  - ○ Honors Diploma Criteria

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Locally Defined Seals
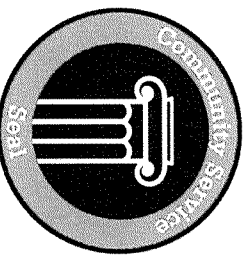
Community Service: Completion of a community service project that is aligned with the guidelines adopted by the student's district board or school governing authority.
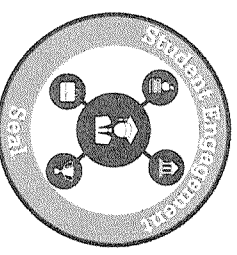
Student Engagement: Participation in extracurricular activities to a meaningful extent, as determined by local guidelines. Activities can include: Athletics, Clubs & Student government.
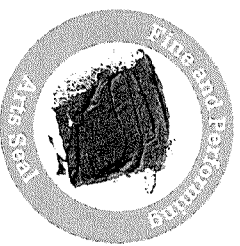
Fine and Performing Arts: Demonstration of skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation that is aligned with the guidelines adopted by the student's district board or school governing authority.

Changes to Honors Diplomas

- Equal number of options for each honors diploma

- Addition of state and local seals that align to specific honors diplomas

- Additional requirements listed for courses beyond standard graduation requirements

- Addition of "Student Strength Replacement" option for all Honors Diplomas

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Academic Honors Diploma

Proposed Requirements

1	Math	4th Math must be > Algebra 2
2	Science	1 additional unit Advanced Science
3	Social Studies	1 additional unit Social Studies
4	World Language	3 sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied
5	GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
6	ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher
7	Seal Requirement	Earn 2 additional diploma Seals, not including Honors Diploma Seal
8	Experiential Learning	Field Experience/ Portfolio, OMJ Readiness Seal, or WBL
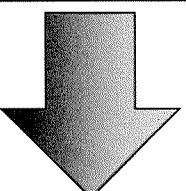
Students may replace any of the **Blue** options with a "Student Strength Demonstration"

Student Strength Options include:

- **College Credit Plus:** 12 Credits
- **AP:** 3 Courses with 3 or higher on AP tests
- **CTAG:** 12 College Credits
- **Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship:** Completion or Evidence of Acceptance if required to be older than 18
- **WorkKeys:** 6 or higher on all tests(void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma)
- **ASVAB:** Score of 50
- **Work-Based Learning:** 250 Hours

NOTE: Students can use OMJ Readiness Seal in 2 additional seals if it is not used in Experiential Learning Requirement

Graduation Requirements Contact & Support

- **Graduation Requirements Office Hours:** Biweekly from September - May on Friday's from 9:30-10:30am. Register here for Graduation Requirements Office Hours.

- **Graduation Requirements Inbox:** gradrequirements@education.ohio.gov

- **Graduation Requirements Webpage:** Ohio's Long-term Graduation Requirements

- **New graduation material for students and families:** Unlockyourfuture.org

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