OHIO'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND

Ohio's long-term graduation requirements take effect for the class of 2023. For students entering ninth grade on or after July 1, 2019, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements provide more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on a student's strengths and passions – one that ensures students are ready for their next steps after high school. Students in the classes of 2018 through 2022 may also use these requirements as a pathway to graduation.

As a part of this pathway to graduation, students must show that they have completed all three parts of these requirements.

1. Credit Requirements:

Students must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Schools can locally require more than 20 credits. Schools are still required to administer all the high school end-of-course assessments. These are: English Language Arts II, Algebra I (or Integrated Math I), Geometry (or Integrated Math II), Biology, American History, and American Government.

2. Competency:

Students can demonstrate competency by earning a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) and English language arts II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once. If students have not met the competency score on these tests, there are four additional ways to show competency.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Algebra I and ELA II	Career Readiness	College Credit Plus	Military Enlistment	ACT or SAT

Refer to the back of this page for a brief description of each option.

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Option 1. To demonstrate competency using Ohio's state tests, students must earn a score of 684 or above on both the Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) and English language arts II end-of-course exams.

Option 2. To demonstrate competency by Career Readiness, students must demonstrate two career-focused activities, at least one must be a foundational option.

- Foundational options: 1. Cumulative score of proficient on 3 or more WebXams. 2. Earn 12-points of industry credential. 3. Complete a registered pre-apprenticeship, an apprenticeship, or show evidence of acceptance into an approved apprenticeship. 4. State-issued license for a practice in a vocation.

- Supporting options: 1. Work-Based Learning. 2. Earn the workforce readiness score on the Workkeys. 3. Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 3. To demonstrate competency through the College Credit Plus Program, students must earn credit in a non-remedial math or English course for the subject area not passed.

Option 4. To demonstrate competency through Military Enlistment, students must provide evidence of enlistment in a branch of the armed forces to demonstrate competency.

Option 5. To demonstrate competency using the ACT or SAT, students must obtain a remediation-free score in the math and/ or English subject area on the ACT or SAT. To demonstrate competency in English, a student must be remediation-free in the subjects of English and reading on the ACT or SAT.

3. Readiness:

Students can meet the readiness requirement by earning two diploma seals. In alignment with their graduation plan, students should be choosing seals that align with their goals and interests. These seals give students the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to their passions, interests and their post-high school pathway.

Of the two seals students are required to earn, at least one of the two must be State-Defined. Ohio's 12 diploma seals are:

- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (State-Defined)
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (State-Defined)
- College-Ready Seal (State-Defined)
- Military Enlistment Seal (State-Defined)
- Citizenship Seal (State-Defined)
- Science Seal (State-Defined)

- Honors Diploma Seal (State-Defined)
- Seal of Biliteracy (State-Defined)
- Technology Seal (State-Defined)
- Community Service Seal (Locally-Defined)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Locally-Defined)
- Student Engagement Seal (Locally-Defined)

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