

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

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.

OR

### 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.

OR

### 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

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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/graduation](http://education.ohio.gov/graduation)