

Demonstrating Readiness

[Ohio Revised Code sections 3313.618 and 3313.6114](#)

In addition to fulfilling curriculum requirements and meeting the competency requirements listed above, students also must show they are prepared for their next steps after high school.

State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, 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 in their chosen post-high school paths.

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.

Schools should consider encouraging students to pursue seals that meet their individual interests and skills. [Graduation planning](#) will be an important step in supporting students in earning their seals.

State-Defined Diploma Seal	Requirements
Military Enlistment Seal	Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or Participate in an approved JROTC program.
Technology Seal	A student can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam; 2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or 3. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department. (A district or school is not required to offer a course that meets those guidelines.)
Industry-Recognized Credential Seal	Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field.
Citizenship Seal	A student can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams; 2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or 3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

State-Defined Diploma Seal	Requirements
OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal	Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.
State Seal of Biliteracy	Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.
College-Ready Seal	Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Visit the Department's website to see current remediation-free scores .
Science Seal	A student can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam; 2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or 3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program.
Honors Diploma Seal	Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Honors Diploma; 2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma; 3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma; 4. STEM Honors Diploma; 5. Arts Honors Diploma; 6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma.
Locally Defined Diploma Seals**	Requirements
Community Service Seal (locally defined)	Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.
Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)	Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.
Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)	Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

****State law requires districts and schools to develop guidelines for at least one of the locally defined diploma seals.**

Each district or school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have met the requirements prescribed under division (C) of [Ohio Revised Code section 3313.6114](#) for earning the state seals established under that division.

Districts and schools must attach or affix the diploma seals earned to the student's diploma and transcript. Ohio law prohibits districts and schools from charging fees for the assignment of state diploma seals.

The following pages provide more details related to the criteria for each state-defined diploma seal, including frequently asked questions and answers. To assist districts and schools in their adoption of guidelines, the Department also has provided suggested guidelines and options for the locally defined diploma seals.