

Graduation Information

Graduation for the class of 2023 will be on Friday, May 19th at 7:00p.m. The ceremony will be held outside

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION



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 on or after **July 1, 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.

First, 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.

Second, 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 ways 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

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.

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

Third, 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:

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

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



4-Year College "Core" Requirements

English	4.00 Credits
Math (Geometry, Algebra I & II)	3.00 Credits
Science	3.00 Credits
Social Studies (Am. History & Am Government)	3.00 Credits
Foreign Language (Minimum 2 years in Same Language)	2.00 Credits
Visual/Performing Art	1.00 Credits
Health	.50 Credits
Physical Education	.50 Credits
Electives	4.00 Credits
TOTAL	21.00 Credits

Post High School Plan

Plan	Explanation	H.S. Curriculum	Other
Work	Find/Continue a job after graduation	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow general curriculum.	None
Apprenticeship	On the job training-must apply for an apprenticeship position (i.e. carpentry, masonry, etc. (Earn & Learn)	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow general curriculum.	None
Military	Learn a skill while serving your country in any branch of the service.	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow general curriculum.	ASVAB
Technical School	Ranges in length (depending on school/program) usually less than two years.	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow general curriculum.	None
Two Year College	Usually takes 2 years to complete after which you earn an Associate's degree	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow general curriculum.	ACT or SAT required for some programs.
Four Year College	Usually takes 4-5 years to complete after which you earn a Bachelor's degree in a specific career area.	Completion of graduation requirements/H.S. diploma. Follow 4-year college prep "CORE" curriculum.	ACT or SAT

Early Graduation

Serious consideration by students and parents should be given to graduating in less than 4 years. The "WHY" should make sense for you.

- To start Post High School early? Consider College Credit Plus as described on the College Credit Plus page.
- To Work? The average person will spend at least 40-50 years in the work force and, without training, the job will most probably be low wage and tedious.

Upon completion of the question, should the answer be yes, follow these steps:

1. Obtain an early graduation application from the Guidance Office
2. Complete application with all required signatures
3. All parts of the Ohio Graduation Test must be passed.
4. You must have enough credits to fulfill graduation requirements and credits in the course of a normal school day and year.

Academic Recognition at Commencements

We believe it is important for universities to look carefully at the individual applicant to see beyond class designations, which can sometimes be skewed in a competitive high school like GHS. Seniors will be honored at commencements based upon the following standards of academic achievement.

Honors Diploma Criteria for College Prep Curriculum

Students must complete a college prep curriculum & meet 7 of the 8 criteria enumerated below.

4 Credits of English	College Prep, Honors, or AP
4 Credits of Math	Algebra I & II, Geometry, + 1 additional high level Math
4 Credits of Science	4 Credits including Chemistry & Physics
4 Credits of Social Studies	American History & Government
3 Credits of the same foreign Lang - OR	2 Credits of 2 Foreign Languages
1 Credit of Fine Arts	Art, Band, Chorus, Theater, Computer Generated Art
GPA >= 3.5 (7th Semester GPA)	This on a 4.0 non-weighted grading scale
ACT >= 27 or SAT >= 1210	Score excludes scores from writing sections

Honors Diploma for Vocational or Technical Educational Curriculum
Students must complete a college prep curriculum & meet 7 of the 8
criteria enumerated below.

4 Credits of English	
4 Credits of Math	Algebra I & II, Geometry or equivalent and another higher level course OR a 4-year sequence of courses of equivalent content.
4 Credits of Science	Including Physics & Chemistry
4 Credits of Social Studies	Including American History & Government
4 Credits of Career Technical	Program must lead to an industry recognized credential, apprenticeship, or be part of an articulated career pathway which can lead to post secondary credit
GPA >= 3.5 (7th semester GPA)	This is on a 4.0 non-weighted grading scale
ACT >= 27 or SAT >= 1210	Score excluded scores from writing sections
Additional Assessment	Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent.