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Graduation Requirements

Regular Diploma:

To acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency, the Board of Education awards a diploma to eligible students at a graduation ceremony.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board or who properly completes the goals and objectives specified in his/her individualized education program (I.E.P.) including either the exemption from or the requirement to complete the tests required by the State Board of Education in order to graduate.

The requirements for graduation from high school include earning twenty-one (21) units of credit in grades nine through twelve. However, no student shall be required to remain in school for any specific number of semesters or other terms if the student completes the required curriculum early. All Students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during Grades 9-12.

Credit may be earned by:

- a) Completing coursework;
- b) Testing out of or demonstrating mastery of course content; or
- c) Pursuing one or more educational options in accordance with the District's Credit Flexibility Program.

Credit may be earned at an accredited postsecondary institution.

Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work for credit. This work shall count toward graduation requirements if it was both:

- a) Taught by a person who possesses a license/certificate issued under State Law that is valid for teaching high school;
- b) Designated by the Board of Education as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Graduation Requirements for Classes of 2014-2017: (Information taken directly from ODE website)

What It Takes to Earn an Ohio Diploma Graduating Classes of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Students must meet both testing requirements and curriculum requirements in order to earn a diploma. These new graduation requirements apply to students who entered ninth grade before July 1, 2014. See the information below for more information about these two diploma requirements. The third section provides information about an alternative way to meet the testing requirements.

Curriculum Requirements

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS	STATE MINIMUM	ADDITIONAL LOCAL CREDITS	CREDITS EARNED	CREDITS REMAINING	HONORS DIPLOMA
English language arts	4 units	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health	½ unit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mathematics	4 units ¹	_____	_____	_____	_____
Physical education	½ unit ²	_____	_____	_____	_____
Science	3 units ³	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social studies	3 units ⁴	_____	_____	_____	_____
Electives	5 units ⁵	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Requirements

Economics and financial literacy⁶ Requirement met in _____ class/grade level.
 Fine Arts⁶ Requirement met in _____ class/grade level.

¹ Mathematics units must include 1 unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II.

² School districts may adopt a policy that would exempt students who, during high school, participate in interscholastic athletics, band or cheerleading for two full seasons or an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program for two years from the physical education requirement. Students must take another course of at least 60 contact hours in its place.

³ Science units must include 1 unit of physical sciences, 1 unit of life sciences and 1 unit advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics, or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science.

⁴ Social studies units must include ½ unit of American history and ½ unit of American government.

⁵ Electives units must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.

⁶ All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during grades 9-12 and must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken any time in grades 7-12. Students following a career-technical pathway are exempted from the fine arts requirement.

Graduation Test Requirements:

For Students Who Need to Pass the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT):

- A. Notify student and parents about:
 - Importance of earning a diploma;
 - Need to meet both testing and curriculum requirements to earn a diploma;
 - Any additional local graduation requirements;
 - District’s policy about participation in commencement ceremony.
- B. How to access information (e.g., test blueprints, previous tests) on the Web about OGT:
 - education.ohio.gov and search keyword: OGT.
- C. OGT test administrations before graduation:
 - Spring of 10th grade
 - Summer between 10th and 11th grade (optional)
 - Fall and spring of 11th grade
 - Summer between 11th and 12th grade (optional)
 - Fall and spring of 12th grade
- D. To access previous graduation tests, go to education.ohio.gov and search keywords: previous OGT tests

Alternative Way to Meet the Testing Requirements

A student may meet the testing requirements for passing all five Ohio Graduation Tests if he or she meets ALL of the following criteria:

- Passes four of the five tests and has missed passing the fifth test by no more than 10 points;
- Has a 97 percent attendance rate, excluding any excused absences, through all four years of high school;
- Has not been expelled from school in any of the last four school years;
- Has at least a grade point average of 2.5 out of 4.0 in the courses of the subject area not yet passed;
- Has completed the high school curriculum requirement;
- Has participated in any intervention programs offered by the school and must have had a 97 percent attendance rate in any programs offered outside the normal school day; and
- Has letters recommending graduation from the high school principal and from each high school teacher in the subject area not yet passed.

NOTE: As specified in the Ohio Revised Code (Section 3313.615), this alternative way to meet the testing requirement applies only to students graduating after Sept. 15, 2006.

Graduation Requirements for Classes of 2018 & Beyond: (Information taken directly from ODE website)

The graduation Requirements for the classes of 2018 and beyond include curriculum and three options to show readiness for next steps in college and careers.

Credit Requirements

Ohio requires students to take an complete a minimum of 20 required credits	State Minimum
English Language Arts	4 Units
Health	½ Unit
Mathematics	4 Units ¹
Physical Education	½ Unit ²
Science	3 Units ³
Social Studies	3 Units ⁴
Electives	5 Units ⁵
Additional Credits, if any, in District requirements	
Other Requirements	
Economics and Financial Literacy ⁶	
Fine Arts ⁶	

AND

MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE:

1. OHIO STATE TESTS:

- a. Students earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points, using seven end-of-course state tests. To ensure students are well rounded, they must earn a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies
- b. **End-of-Course Exams:**
 - i. Algebra I⁷ and Geometry or Integrated Math I and Integrated Math II
 - ii. English I and English II
 - iii. Biology
 - iv. American History and American Government

*Students studying Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate courses in Biology, American History or American Government may take and substitute test scores for end-of-course state exams to avoid double testing. Students may substitute grades from CCP courses in these science and social studies subjects for end-of-course exams.

2. INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL AND WORKFORCE READINESS:

- a. Students earn 12 points through a State Board of Education approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and achieve a workforce readiness on the WorkKeys assessment. The state of Ohio will pay, one time, for those who take the WorkKeys assessment.

3. COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST:

- a. Students earn “remediation-free” scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics on a nationally recognized college admission exam. The state of Ohio will pay, one time, for all 11th grade students in the classes of 2018 and beyond to take the exam free of charge.

More information

1 **Mathematics** units must include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II. Exceptions: a) Algebra II is not a requirement for students following a [career-technical pathway](#). However, students still must have four units in mathematics, and b) A family may decide that their child is not prepared to meet the graduation requirement for a higher level math course. Or, their child may be planning a career that does not require higher level math. Algebra II may not be a requirement for this student.

2 **Physical education** - School districts may adopt a policy that would exempt students who participate in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons or an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program for two years from the physical education requirement. Students must take another course, which cannot be a physical education course, of at least 60 contact hours.

3 **Science** units must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit of advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science. Exception: A family may decide that their student is not prepared to meet the graduation requirement for a higher level science course. Or, their student may be planning a career that does not require higher level science. Higher level science may not be a requirement for this student.

4 **Social studies** units must include ½ unit of American history and ½ unit of American government in three units required for the classes of 2018 and 2019. The class of 2021 will need ½ unit in world history and civilizations in their required three units as well as American history and American government.

5 **Elective credits** must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.

6 **Other state requirements** - All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during grades 9-12 and must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken any time in grades 7-12. Fine arts is not a requirement for students following a career-technical pathway.

7 **The State Board of Education** may decide to include an algebra II end-of-course examination in place of the algebra I end-of-course exam beginning for students entering ninth grade on or after July 1, 2016.