Graduation Requirements

for the Class of 2023 and beyond

New Graduation Requirements

Ohio law introduced new, permanent graduation requirements for students in the class of 2023 and beyond.

We know that there are many questions regarding these new requirements.

- This presentation can serve as a guide, but more detailed information can be found on the Ohio Department of Education Graduation website.

New Graduation Requirements

The new legislation created 3 separate requirement areas:

*Students must meet the requirements for **each** of the 3 areas to earn a high school diploma.*

CREDITS – *Unchanged*

OVERALL CREDITS: 21 credits

- English (4 credits)
- Math (4 credits, including Algebra II)
- Science (3 credits)
- Social Studies (3 credits)
    - World History (.5 credits)
    - US History (1 credit)
    - Government (.5 credits)
    - 1 credit of additional coursework
- Fine Art (1 credit)
- Health (.5 credits)
- Physical Education (2 units)
    - 2 semesters of PE classes and/or Dance Fitness
    - 2 units of PE waiver for 2 qualifying extracurricular/co-curricular seasons
- Additional credits to reach 21 credits

COMPETENCY

In addition to the required 21 credits, students must earn a "competency" score on 2 specific end-of-course exams which are also referred to as a Ohio State Tests or OSTS.

The score required for Algebra I and English II is a **684**.
- Tests are also scored 1-5, and a 684 falls in the high 2 range.

Students will automatically be given these tests the spring of the year they are enrolled in each class.

COMPETENCY – *Alternatives*

In general, most CHS students will be able to reach the required scores on the Algebra I and English II at the completion of each course. However, Ohio law established three alternatives to demonstrating competency on state tests after students have re-tested in Algebra I and/or English II and still not met point requirements.

1. **College Credit Plus** – Earn college credit in a non-remedial math or English course (for the subject area not passed) to demonstrate competency.

2. **Career Experience and Technical Skill** – Complete two demonstrations to show competency, at least one of which must be a foundational option.

3. **Military Readiness** – Meeting the requirements to enlist in the military, demonstrated by a enlistment contract.

   See the Military Enlistment Seal slide for more information about enlistment.

More specific details of Competency Alternatives can be found here. (Pg. 11)

READINESS

In addition to CREDIT and COMPETENCY requirements, students must also demonstrate READINESS by earning 2 of the 12 possible seals.

State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military, or self-sustaining professions.

- *Seals earned will appear on both the student transcript and the diploma.*

READINESS

Of the 12 seals, 9 are State-Defined Seals and 3 are Locally-Defined Seals.

9 State-Defined Seals*
• Science
• Citizenship
• Biliteracy
• Honors Diploma
• Technology
• College-Ready
• OhioMeansJobs
• Industry-Recognized Credential
• Military Enlistment

3 Locally-Defined Seals
• Community Service
• School Engagement
• Fine and Performing Arts

*At least one of the 2 required READINESS seals, must be a State-Defined Seal!
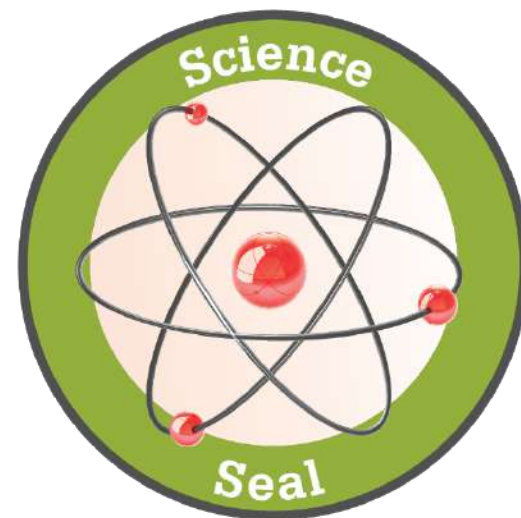
READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Science Seal

- Earn a score of proficient (3) or higher on the biology end-of-course exam (OST)

    OR

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient (2) on appropriate Advanced Placement exam:
  - AP Biology
  - AP Chemistry
  - AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
  - AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
  - AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
  - AP Physics C: Mechanics

    OR

- Earn a letter grade of "B" or higher in any three-credit hour College Credit Plus science course.

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Citizenship Seal

- Earn a score of proficient (3) or higher on BOTH the American History and the American Government end-of-course exams (OSTs)

    OR

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient (2) on appropriate Advanced Placement exam:
    - AP US History
    - AP US Government and Politics

    OR

- Earn a letter grade of "B" or higher in any three-credit hour College Credit Plus courses in BOTH American History and American Government course.

Note: Students can use differing score sources for the two required areas of History and Government.
(ex. a OST score and an AP score, a CCP grade and OST score, a CCP grade and an AP score)

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Biliteracy Seal

- Demonstrate proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.

Students must meet requirement in both areas:

ENGLISH

- A proficient score (3) on the ELA II OST

WORLD LANGUAGE

- A score of 4 or higher on an AP foreign language examination

  OR

- A proficient/qualifying score on the STAMP 4S test

More detailed information can be found here.

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Honors Diploma Seal

- Earn one of the available Honors Diplomas.

  - The ODE has more information on additional options [here](#).

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA	
Math	4 units
Science	4 units, including 2 units of advanced science
Social Studies	4 units
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied
Fine Arts	1 unit
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher/SAT: 1280 or higher

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Technology Seal

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient (2) on an appropriate Advanced Placement exam
  - AP Computer Science A
  - AP Computer Science Principles

    OR

- 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

- Earn credit in any combination of two of the semester courses, earn credit in one of the full year courses, or complete a block program. These options are listed on the next slide.

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Technology Seal Courses offered at CHS:

Semester Courses
(must complete 2 courses from one of the following areas)

- Intro to Engineering Design A (IED A)
- Intro to Engineering Design B (IED B)

- Civil Engineering and Architecture I (CEA I)
- Civil Engineering and Architecture II (CEA II)

- Keyboarding and Computer Concepts
- Computer Applications
- Web Design
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Digital Art and Design
- Advanced Digital Art and Design
- Videography
- Advanced Videography
- Digital Photography

Career Education Programs

- Information Technology (IT)
- Engineering
- Mass Communication
- Centerville Business Academy (CBA)
- Advanced Manufacturing (CPT)

Full Year Courses

- AP Computer Science Principles
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM)
- Principles of Engineering (POE)

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

College Ready Seal

- Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT, as outlined below:

ACT	**English : 18 Reading: 22**	**Math: 22**
SAT	**EBRW: 480**	**Math: 530**

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

OhioMeansJobs Seal

- Demonstrate proficiency in each of 15 identified professional skills

  AND

- Use the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal Form to record demonstration of each professional skill

  AND

- Work with a mentor to validate each skill across a minimum of two of the three environments (school, work, community)

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Industry-Recognized Credential Seal

- Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential

    OR

- Earn a group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field.

More detailed information can be found here.

READINESS – State-Defined Seals

Military Enlistment Seal

- Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

- The information below includes links the specific enlistment requirements for each branch of the armed forces and relevant information for early enlistment for high school students.

  - Air Force Enlistment Requirements
  - Army Enlistment Requirements
  - Coast Guard Enlistment Requirements
  - Marine Corps Enlistment Requirements
  - Navy Enlistment Requirements

READINESS – Locally-Defined Seals

Community Service Seal

- Complete one meaningful community service project pre-approved by CHS school administration

  OR

- Complete a minimum of 60 hours of verified community service through a service organization or club

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READINESS – Locally-Defined Seals

School Engagement Seal

- Meaningfully participate in 3 units of any combination of school-related activities approved by the high school administration
  - Examples: Athletics Teams and Clubs, CHS Clubs (Astronomy Club, Book Club, Chess Club, etc.) , Academic Honors Societies , Student Government, etc.

The 3 units cannot all come from the same school year.

  - Units are defined as a season, a production, a year of service in a role (like student government), or unit of time determined by the administration to be appropriate.

  - Participation in these activities must be verified by the advisor of the activity or the administration.

Fine and Performing Arts Seal

- Earn one additional fine arts credit beyond the graduation requirement (2 credits total)

    OR

- Participate in a minimum of 2 units of extra/co-curricular fine arts activities

    - Units are defined as a season, a production, a year of service in a role (like student government), or unit of time determined by the administration to be appropriate.

    - Participation in these activities must be verified by the advisor of the activity or the administration.

READINESS – Locally-Defined Seals

Fine and Performing Arts Seal: Eligible Activities

Remember: A minimum of 2 units of extra/co-curricular fine arts activities

Art Honor Society
Clubs: Art, Drama, Performance,
   and Photography
Centerville Alternative Strings
CHS Band
CHS Coeds
CHS Theatre Productions:
   Children's Play, Fall Musical, Fall
   Play, Spring Musical, Winter Play
   Musicians Performing in Theater
CHS Winter Drumline/Guard
CHS Winter Guard
Film Society
Jazz Ensemble
String Quartet
The Gilded Society
Winter Ensemble

Review of Requirements

To review, in order to meet graduate in the State of Ohio, students must meet the requirements of all three areas:

Review of Requirements

- CHS counselors track graduation requirements for each student.
  - The majority of CHS students will achieve competency and readiness by the end of sophomore year.
  - Counselors will contact students who are struggling to meet these graduation requirements.

- For specific questions, please visit:
  - Ohio Department of Education
  - CHS Guidance Department