



Earning an Ohio High School Diploma

Graduation Requirements - Class of 2021



There is no one-size-fits-all way to graduate. Ohio gives you several pathways to qualify for a high school diploma. Choose the way that works best for you!

To earn a high school diploma in Ohio, you must complete the courses shown below and then choose a pathway on the right to show that you are ready for college or a job. Here's what you need to do to graduate. Your school counselor will give you more details.

Complete Courses

Take and earn a minimum of 22 credits in specific subjects.

COURSE	THS		CVCC
English Language Arts	4		4
Mathematics	4		4
Science	3		3
Social Studies	4		3
Academic Electives – choose from: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or World Languages	1		0
Success	0.5		0.5
Health	0.5		0.5
Physical Education	0.5		0.5
Electives	3.5		5.5
Fine Arts	1		1
Community Service	40 hrs.		40 hrs.
TOTAL CREDITS	22		22
You must also receive instruction in Financial Literacy/Economics			



Ohio's State Tests

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are:

Algebra I	English I
Geometry	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.

Industry-Recognized Credentials

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.

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. 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 remediation-free scores can be found on the Department's graduation requirements webpage.