

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In 2019, Ohio adopted new graduation requirements for Ohio students giving students more flexibility in choosing a graduation pathway that builds on individual strengths and passions. The requirements presented below pertain to the Class of 2023; however, students graduating before 2023 may also choose to qualify for graduation by following these same requirements.

First, students must earn the following credits:

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 literacy/Fine Arts⁶

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

2 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 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. Students on a Student Success Plan may be exempted from advanced study in science.

4 Social studies units must include ½ unit of American history and ½ unit of American government, and ½ unit in world history and civilizations (for students in the classes of 2021 and beyond) in the three required social studies units

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.

All students take the following end-of-course exams:

Algebra I and Geometry

Biology

American History and American Government

English II

*Students studying College Credit Plus courses in Biology, American History or American Government may take assessments aligned to those courses in lieu of end-of-course exams to avoid double testing.

Second, students must show competency:

Earn a competent score of 684 on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not earn this score will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

OR students have (3) additional ways to show competency:

Option (1): Demonstrate (Two)* Career-Focused Activities:

(1) Foundational – Proficient scores on WebXams, A 12-point industry credential, or A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program.

(2) Supporting – Work-based learning, Earn the required score on WorkKeys, or Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.

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

Option (2): Enlist in the Military – Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. Armed Service 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.

Third, students must 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 Readiness 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)

Additional Monroeville Local Schools Graduation Requirement

Successful completion of 40 Service Learning Hours