



Earning an Ohio High School Diploma

Classes of 2018 and beyond

There is no one-size-fits-all way to graduate. Ohio gives you several options 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 courses and then choose an option 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 state minimum of 20 credits in specific subjects.

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.

Show That You Are Ready

Use at least one option to show that you are ready for college or a job.

Ohio's State Tests

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

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| Algebra I or Integrated Math I | English I |
| Geometry or Integrated Math II | 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.

OR

Industry credential and workforce readiness

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 a 13 on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test.

OR

College and career readiness tests

Earn the "remediation-free" scores* on either:

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| ACT | SAT |
| English - 18 or higher | Writing - 430 or higher |
| Mathematics - 22 or higher | Mathematics - 520 or higher |
| Reading - 22 or higher | Reading - 450 or higher |

Your district will choose either the ACT or SAT for all students in your district to take for free during a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11.

*Ohio's university presidents set these scores, which are subject to change.

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You have choices. Check them out at education.ohio.gov, search *graduation requirements Classes of 2018 and beyond*. Then talk to your school counselor.

18 Points on State Tests

For each of the seven end-of-course state tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation option, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from the seven tests.

This graduation option gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies tests.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	GRADUATION POINTS
Advanced	5
Accelerated	4
Proficient	3
Basic	2
Limited	1