



# Graduation Requirements

Class of 2018-2022

Ohio has modified the graduation requirements for the Class of 2018-2022. There are two components: required credits and college and career readiness pathways. These two components are described below:

## Required Credits

Credits	Required Courses
4.0	English
0.5	Health
4.0	Math *must include one unit of Algebra II or equivalent
0.5	Physical Education
3.0	Science *must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit of advanced studies
3.0	Social Studies *must include World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics
1.0	Fine Arts
6.0	Electives
22.0	Total Credits Required

\* Please see the High School Course Planning Guide for more details regarding required credits.

## Graduation Pathways – Students must satisfy one of the three options below

### 1. Ohio’s State Tests

Students earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points on the 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.

The seven end-of-course state tests include:

Algebra I (or Integrated Math I)	Geometry (or Integrated Math II)	English 9	English 10
U.S. History	U.S. Government	Biology	

A student earns points based on their performance on each test:

Points Earned	5	4	3	2	1
Performance Level	Advanced	Accelerated	Proficient	Basic	Limited

### 2. Industry Credentials and Workforce Readiness

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 score on the WorkKeys assessment. The state of Ohio will pay one time for those who take the WorkKeys assessment.

### 3. College Admission Test

Students earn “remediation-free” scores in each of the subscore areas on either the ACT or SAT. The state of Ohio will pay one time for all 11th grade students in the classes of 2018 and beyond to take an exam free of charge .

Readiness Area	ACT	SAT
Math	22 on Math	520 on Math
Reading	22 on Reading	450 on Critical Reading
Writing	18 on English	430 on Writing

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When can a student retake an end-of-course test to earn more points for graduation?**

Students can retake any of the end-of-course tests during any test administration window. They should contact their school counselor if they have any questions or want to sign up to retake a test.

### **Are there other ways that students can earn points toward graduation?**

Yes. Students can earn graduation points through an AP or IB exam, or by taking a College Credit Plus course in U.S. History, U.S. Government, or Biology.

Points Earned	5	4	3	2	1
AP Exam Score	4 or 5	3	2		1
IB Exam Score	6 or 7	4 or 5	2 or 3		1
College Credit Plus Grade	A or B	C	D		

### **If a student earned credit for a course prior to the test being available or was unable to test in the spring 2020 due to school closures, does the student have to take the end-of-course test now?**

No. A student who earned high school credit in any tested courses before July 1, 2015, and a test was not available, the student will receive graduation points based on his or her grade in the course. This also applies to students who were unable to take Ohio's State Tests in the spring 2020 as there was no testing due to school closures. The following conversion chart should be used to determine the number of graduation points a student will receive based on the transcribed grade the student receives for high school courses prior to an end-of-course test being available.

Points Earned	5	4	3	2	1
High School Grade	A	B	C	D	

### **What are the graduation requirements for students who transfer into the district after completing some or all of the courses with tests?**

Students who transfer into the district with no previous scores and only a few courses remaining with corresponding tests will have their graduation point requirement minimum prorated. The table below shows how the points change based on the number of tests remaining:

Number of Tests Remaining	7	6	5	4	3	0-2
Total Points Required	18	15	13	10	8	5

Regardless of the tests remaining, transfer students must earn a minimum of five points across the English 10 and Geometry end-of-course tests in order to graduate.

### **How can a student earn a diploma under the Industry Credentials and Workforce Readiness pathway?**

Students need to satisfy two requirements:

1. Earn a minimum score on WorkKeys
  - Class of 2018 and 2019: Total of 13 points with a minimum of three points on each section
  - Class of 2020 and 2021: Total of 14 points with a minimum of three points on each section
2. Earn 12 points through a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field. To see a list of credentials, visit [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) and search for "Industry Recognized Credentials".

For additional information regarding graduation requirements, please contact your school counselor or visit [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) and search for "Graduation Requirements".