



Junior Parent Meeting

August 30, 2023
6:30 PM

Minimum Credit Requirements for Graduation

a.	English I, II, III & IV	4 credits
b.	Social Studies	4 credits
c.	Mathematics	4 credits
d.	Science	3 credits
e.	Physical Education	.5 credit
f.	Health Education	.5 credit
g.	Fine Arts (grade 7-12)	1 credit
h.	Additional Electives	5-6 credits
	Total Credits in HS	22 credits

Students are required to take Ohio's State Tests, meeting specific performance criteria to receive a diploma.

To Earn an Academic Honors Diploma,
successfully meet **at least all but one of the
following:**

- a. Earn 4 units of English
- b. Earn 4 units of Mathematics (including Algebra II)*
- c. Earn 4 units of Science*
- d. Earn 4 units of Social Studies
- e. Earn 3 units of one world language or 2 units of two world languages
- f. Earn 1 unit of fine arts **during high school**
- g. Maintain an overall high school GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4-pt scale up to the last grading period of the senior year
- h. Earn a composite score of 27 on the ACT or 1280 on the SAT

*Criteria (b) and (c) have specific requirements as well – be sure to check with your school counselor

****There are additional pathways to an Honors Diploma: STEM, Arts, and Social Sciences/Civic Engagement. Copies of the new requirements can be picked up in the Guidance Office or can be found by searching “Ohio Department of Education Honors Diplomas”***

Graduation Tests - Ohio's State Tests

- End-of-course exams are administered in the following subjects:
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - English II
 - Biology
 - American History
 - American Government

Graduation Tests

New Permanent Requirements

- Students earn passing score (684) on both the Algebra I and the English II Ohio's State Tests end-of-course exams
- Students must earn 2 diploma seals
 - 1 seal must be a state-defined seal
 - The second seal may be a state-defined or locally-defined seal

Diploma Seals

New Permanent Requirements (1/2)

State-Defined Diploma Seals

- **College-Ready Seal** remediation-free SAT/ACT
- **Honors Diploma Seal** one of five Honors Diplomas
- **Science Seal** proficient biology score*
- **Citizenship Seal** proficient Am History & Am Govt score*
- **State Seal of Biliteracy** proficiency in world language**
- **Technology Seal** proficient AP score or CCP of B or higher
- **OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal** see ODE for details
- **Industry-Recognized Credential** see ODE for details
- **Military Enlistment Seal** enlistment in U.S. Armed Forces

* End-of-Course Exam, AP Exam, or CCP grade of B or better

** Example: 4 or higher on AP exam & proficient ELA I/II

Diploma Seals

New Permanent Requirements (2/2)

Approved Locally-Defined Diploma Seals

Community Service Seal

Complete a community service project

Fine and Performing Arts Seal

Demonstrate skill in fine or performing arts

Student Engagement Seal

Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, or student government to a meaningful extent

- ***Specific details for each seal are approved by the Oakwood City Schools Board of Education.***

Grades and GPA

Quarter grades - athletics and honor roll

Semester grades - GPA and transcript

- **GPA's are calculated at the end of each semester**
 - **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses earn an “add-on” factor of .05 (.025 per semester) to the cumulative GPA if the course is completed with a C or better and the AP exam is taken
 - **College Credit Plus** courses, with an equivalent AP course, will qualify for the .05 (for 3+ semester hour courses, 2 semester hour = .033) “add-on” factor to the cumulative GPA
 - **Honors** courses earn an “add-on” factor of .025 (.0125 per semester) to the cumulative GPA if the course is completed with a C or better (first year, 2021-22, not retroactive)



College Planning Guide

For Students and Parents

Introduction to the College Selection Process

- Choosing a college provides your child with an exciting opportunity for self-assessment and goal setting
- It is a time to explore possibilities, make compromises, and set priorities
- A time to consider skills, things that are enjoyable, a best-fit atmosphere to thrive
- A wonderful time for students and parents to work together
- No one college is the only one for your student
- Working early in the process avoids later panic

Most Important Factors Regarding College Acceptance:

- Grades: most colleges place the highest premium on strength of the high school **academic curriculum**
- SAT/ACT test scores
 - dependent on testing policies of colleges/universities
- Type of high school classes including rigor, breadth, and depth of curriculum
 - i.e. – arts, music, etc.
- Activities and interests
- Community Service
- Leadership

College Selection Considerations (1/2)

- Size of School
- Location of the school
- Cost
- Size of the classes
- Academic structure and core requirements

College Selection Considerations (2/2)

- How the student feels when on campus
- Availability of intended major
- Availability of internships and co-ops
- Type of sports programs, extracurricular activities available
- Success of graduates

College Preparation Tips for Students (1/2)

- Be sure high school courses are appropriate
- Keep their best work
- Help them establish good study habits
- Use websites, videos, and print materials to research

College Preparation Tips for Students (2/2)

- Encourage your student to attend college representative visits (in person and virtual this year)
 - *students sign up through Naviance for visits*
- Visit colleges (check Admissions websites for more information)
- It's all about FIT
- Follow the COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

College Searches (1/2)

- OHS School Counseling Office has numerous resources
- Bookstores – general information
- Scheduled visits, college reps – posted in Naviance
- College Searches (see next slide)

College Searches (2/2)

Help students narrow down their list of colleges according to personal criteria.

Naviance <https://student.naviance.com/ohs>
Super Match and Advanced College Search

- College Board Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
- Cappex www.cappex.com
- Colleges That Change Lives
- *Fiske Guide to Colleges*
- *Insider's Guide to Colleges* (Yale Daily News)
- *Rugg's Recommendations*
- *Best 388 Colleges* (Princeton Review)
- *The College Handbook & Index of Majors* (College Board)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Ohio Means Jobs
- Niche

College Visits (1/2)

Before the Visit:

- Sign up online well in advance
 - for tours
 - for individual or small group visits with admissions representatives
- Make appointments with departments of interest
- Ask to see coaches

College Visits (2/2)

- Get a feeling for the academic and social atmosphere
- See the facilities
- Talk with students
- Appraise the community
- Remember, FIT

Test Scores

Some schools are temporarily test optional, some are permanently test optional, and some are continuing to require test scores.

Many colleges and universities now require that SAT and ACT test scores be sent to them directly from the testing agency.

OHS does not send student's test scores. Students will have to have them sent directly from the testing agency.

Four free reports are included at registration; additional reports may be requested for \$14-\$18 per report per test date.

Transcripts and Supporting Documents

- Will be sent electronically via the secure electronic delivery provider, Parchment
Transcript packets include:
 - Transcript with senior schedule
 - Secondary School Report counselor form
 - Letter(s) of recommendation (if requested)
 - School Profile
- An email confirmation will be sent to the student at their school email account informing them that the transcript (with supporting documents) has been sent
- To remain cost effective, mid-year and final transcripts will continue to be mailed via the United States Postal Service

Terms Used in Admissions

- Rolling Admissions
 - Early Action
 - Early Decision
 - Regular Decision
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- Accepted/Admitted
 - Deferred Admission
 - Deny
 - Wait Listed

College Planning Timeline for Students (1/5)

September/October:

- Attend College Fairs sign up at nacacattend.org/fairs



- Financial Aid Night, November 15, 6:30p OHS Auditorium (big changes coming to the FAFSA)
- PSAT, October 18 - \$25 on school fees
- Plan visits to college campuses
- Attend Admission Rep presentations at OHS (sign up through Naviance)

College Planning Timeline for Students (2/5)

November

Assess first quarter grades

December

PSAT Results are shared

January - April

- Individual junior conferences
- Update resume/activities in Naviance
- Complete Junior Student Questionnaire in Naviance
- Parents complete Junior Parent Questionnaire in Naviance (get login information from your child)

College Planning Timeline for Students (3/5)

February

- Schedule College Planning Conference for juniors and parents with counselor
- Register for college admission tests (ACT and/or SAT)
- Start developing a list of colleges of interest
- Make college visits over Winter Break, if possible
- Update resume

College Planning Timeline for Students (4/5)

February (cont'd)

- Parents complete Junior Parent Questionnaire in Naviance
- All juniors will take the ACT at school on February 27. There is no registration or fee necessary for **this administration only.**

March/April

- Plan visits to college campuses over Spring Break
- SAT March 9
- ACT April 13

College Planning Timeline for students (5/5)

May

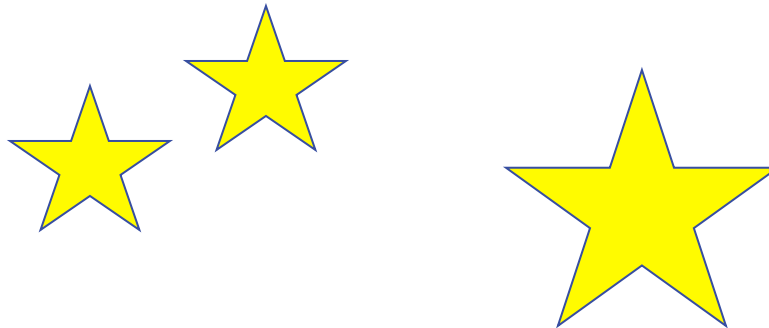
- Build a list of 2-5 colleges that meet your criteria
- Plan for possible summer college visits
- SAT May 4

June/July/August

- SAT -- June 1 (at OHS)
- ACT -- June 8 (at OHS), July 13
- Attend college summer academic programs
- Volunteer!

Special Talents & Abilities

- Evaluation of non-academic credentials is important in the admissions decision at many colleges
- An audition tape, literary piece, portfolio, photographs of artwork, etc.



If your child is involved with sports at the varsity level and would like to continue in college:

- Talk with your coaches at Oakwood about your potential
- Tell admissions personnel
- E-mail coaches
- Keep record of stats, tournament participation and camps
- Develop a “stats” resume
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Send transcripts and test scores to the Center

Financing Your Education

- Need-Based Aid
 - FAFSA4caster
 - www.FAFSA.gov
 - <https://student.aid.gov>
 - College Navigator
 - Net Price Calculator at each school
 - **Financial Aid Night**
 - November 15, 6:30 PM, Auditorium
- Merit Aid

Visit the Naviance/Family Connection
website OFTEN

Access it through the Oakwood Schools
website:

www.oakwoodschoools.org

Schools

Oakwood High School

Guidance

Naviance

Ask your student to share user name and
password to log into site.

Parents' Mission

- Encourage your student to:
 - Attend college rep visits
 - Investigate colleges
 - Engage in a challenging curriculum
 - Participate in community service and extracurricular activities

Most importantly:

Relax, and enjoy your junior

Parents:

You *might* want to check out the book,
Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be by
Frank Bruni.

"Your worth is not determined by the university you went to. Or, in other words, "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be." Alleluia. That's the exact mantra every student and parent must heed as they navigate the stressful college admissions process. I'm doing it for the fourth time and this excellent writer's new book could not have come at a better time for me. As Frank Bruni brilliantly demonstrates, your worth is your worth and it's yours to make wherever you go."

-Maria Shriver

"For families caught up in college-application madness, this book provides a much-needed tonic. For the rest of us, it's an inspiring call for a wiser, saner approach to American higher education."

-Paul Tough, bestselling author of How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character

Other resources for parents:

Grown and Flown:

<https://grownandflown.com/>

Mary Dell Harrington and Lisa (Endrich) Heffernan are writers, moms, wives, and friends. You can find their writing on *The New York Times Motherlode*, *The Washington Post on Parenting*, *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Vox.com*, and *Scary Mommy*.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents#>

Resilience

Building resilience—the ability to adapt well to adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or even significant sources of stress—can help manage stress and feelings of anxiety and uncertainty.

<https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/resilience.aspx>

<https://grownandflown.com/resilience-one-important-quality-missing-college-students/>

Both the University of Nebraska and Florida State University have designed programs to help develop resilience in their students. Links to those programs can be found on the Grown and Flown website.