



GRIZZLY COURSE REGISTRATION

2024-2025

Use this information to make good decisions for completion of your diploma requirements and preparation for your future.

Please access the Curriculum Guide and Scheduling presentations on the Guidance Webpage.

The Ohio Department of Education website provides the most current graduation requirements for each grade:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements>

WHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit Requirements - Course Completion

English/Language Arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical Education	½ credit OR PE exemption - if exempt must replace ½ credit with another course
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Electives	5.5 credits
Technology/Business/Financial Literacy	½ credit 2025 requires ½ credit of business or technology 2026 and later require ½ credit of financial literacy
Totals:	21 Credits Minimum to graduate

Specific Credit requirements for Wadsworth High School:

Mathematics- 4 credits: including Algebra 2 or an equivalent course (Quantitative Reasoning or Data Science).

Science- 3 credits: must include 1 credit of life science (Biology) and 1 of physical science.

Social Studies - The State of Ohio requires 3 credits including ½ credit of World History, American History and Government. Wadsworth offers 1 credit courses in World & American History- totaling 2 credits. The additional ½ credit of social studies must come from ½ credit of Government & ½ credit of Econ for classes 2023-2025. For the Class of 2026, the remaining ½ credit outside of World History, American History and Government may come from any additional social studies course.

Electives - 5.5 Elective credits must include one or any combination of world language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education, or additional English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.

Note: While not a state requirement for graduation, many four-year colleges and universities suggest a minimum of two years of sequential world language study as a college admissions recommendation.

Business/Technology - 2025 needs ½ credit of technology OR business.

Financial Literacy - The Class of 2026 and later classes need ½ credit of Financial Literacy (satisfied by WHS Personal Finance)

Fine Arts - Students need 1 credit of fine art to graduate or they may replace this credit with career pathway courses (Practical Living, Business Entrepreneurship, Accounting or CT Programs). Many colleges require 1 credit of Fine Art. This credit is included in the 5.5 electives required.

Physical Education - ½ credit required. Students may meet this requirement through the PE Exemption demonstrating 2 seasons completed of an OHSAA school sport, cheer, marching band, color guard, or show choir. Seasons do not both need to be in the same activity but students may not complete one semester of PE and one season to blend and meet the exemption. Students do not earn credit with the exemption and must replace the ½ credit with a class.





Demonstrating Competency/Testing Requirements







Students must earn a "competency" score of **684 on the English II and algebra I** Ohio end -of- course tests.



Students unable to meet these requirements will work with their counselors to complete the competency alternatives. More detail provided through ODE @ [Long-term graduation requirements](#)

Demonstrating Readiness/Diploma Seals

State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Students must demonstrate readiness by earning at least **two diploma seals**, one of which must be state defined (Ohio).

Seals & Requirements	
	<p><u>Ohio MeansJobs Readiness Seal</u> (Ohio) - OMJ Form completed by student</p> <p>Meet requirements for readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competency. Must complete the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal Form requiring three mentors validating readiness skills.</p>
	<p>Industry Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio) – Four Cities Compact Reported</p> <p>Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field. Students need to complete the additional seal validation for and have their Career Technical Program instructor verify.</p>
	<p>College – Ready Seal (Ohio)</p> <p>Earn remediation free scores on the ACT or SAT. Current ACT remediation free scores include 22 Math, 22 Reading and 18 English. SAT requires Reading/Writing 480 and Math 530</p>
	<p>Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio) - <u>Additional Seal Validation Required</u></p> <p>Provide evidence that the student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.</p>

	<p>Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)</p> <p>Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in World Language and English.</p>
	<p><u>Honors Diploma Seal</u> (Ohio)- Based upon 7th semester unweighted GPA</p> <p>Earn one of five Honors diplomas (WHS does not offer IB): Academic, Career-Technical, STEM, Arts, Social & Civic Engagement</p> <p>Details available on the ODE website.</p>
	<p>Citizenship Seal (Ohio)</p> <p>A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient (3) or higher on both the American history and American government end-of course exams; 2. Earn a proficient score on the AP US exam; or 3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate CCP class. <u>NEW</u> 4. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an American History course or an American Government course offered by the student’s high school. Students can mix and match options from the American History and American Government categories to earn this seal. For example: A student who earns a score of proficient on the Ohio State Test in American Government and a “B” in an American History course will qualify for the Citizenship Seal.</p>
	<p>Science Seal (Ohio)</p> <p>A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient (3) or higher on the biology end-of-course exam; 2. Earn a score that is proficient on the Bio AP exam; 3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate CCP class. <u>New</u> 4. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an advanced science course.</p>
	<p>Technology Seal (Ohio)- <u>Additional Seal Validation Required</u></p> <p>CCP tech course, Proficient AP score on approved course or complete a course offered through the district - list of courses linked here.</p>
	<p>Community Service Seal (Local)</p> <p>a) Complete 10 hours of community service during Junior/Senior Year b) Service Hours need to be in Wadsworth or benefit the Wadsworth Community c) Service Hours are done in a Non-Profit Organization or Pre-Approved by the High School Administration</p>

	<p>Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local) - Additional Seal Validation Required</p> <p>a) Student will successfully complete 3 art classes at WHS grade of C or above. OR b) Student will successfully complete 2 years of Choir or Band with a grade of C or above. OR c) Student will participate in 3 drama performances.</p>
	<p>Student Engagement Seal (Local) - Additional Seal Validation Required</p> <p>Student will successfully complete 3 seasons of an extracurricular activity. In order to successfully complete the season they must meet all requirements of the activity and have the advisor sign off on the activity.</p>

Seals labeled with “Additional Seal Validation Required” are earned by students submitting the linked Validation Form by April 1st of Senior Year. The form is also available on the Guidance website. Students will have earned the two Seals necessary to graduate but are seeking to include additional seals on the final transcript.

For a more detailed explanation visit the [ODE website](#)

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HONORS DIPLOMAS

Students must meet **all but one** of the criteria in order to earn an Honors Diploma. Each of these criteria go beyond the [standard requirements for a diploma for the classes of 2023 and beyond](#). Students must meet general graduation requirements **AND** complete the requirements outlined below to qualify for Honors Diplomas. Students may replace the **ACT/SAT, GPA *or* World Language** requirement with a “Student Strength Demonstration.” The [previous requirements](#) to earn an honors diploma are also available for students in the classes of 2023-2025.

Student Strength Demonstration Replacement

Students can use the Student Strength Demonstration to replace the **ACT/SAT, GPA *or* World Language** requirement for any Honors Diploma. The Student Strength Demonstration options are listed below. The same options exist for each of the six honors diplomas* but, where relevant, should reflect coursework or experiences relevant to the theme of the Diploma. For example, a student earning an Honors Diploma and using the College Credit Plus option to replace another requirement for the diploma should have College Credit Plus courses relevant to the Honors Diploma.

Options:

[College Credit Plus](#): 12 total College Credit Plus credits

[Advanced Placement](#): three courses with score of 3 or higher on AP tests

[Career-Technical Assurance Guide \(CTAG\)](#): 12 total credits

[Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship](#): Completion or Evidence of Acceptance if required to be older than 18

[WorkKeys](#): Score of 6 or higher on all tests (*void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma)

[Armed Services Vocational Battery](#): Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB

[Work-Based Learning](#): 250 total hours of work-based learning

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”		<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria		
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2		Met	NOT met	
Science	One additional unit Advanced Science		Met	NOT met	
Social Studies	One additional unit of Social Studies		Met	NOT met	
Seal Requirement	Earn two additional diploma seals, not including the Honors Diploma Seal		Met	NOT met	
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal*, Portfolio, or Work Based Learning		Met	NOT met	
World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: : _____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met

*Students can use OMJ Readiness Seal in 2 additional seals requirement if it is not used in Experiential Learning.

CAREER TECH HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”			<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria	
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2			Met	NOT met
Career Tech Coursework	Four units of Career-Tech Courses			Met	NOT met
Career Tech Proficiency	Earned a cumulative score of proficient on the technical assessments aligned to their program			Met	NOT met
Industry- Recognized Seal or Technology Seal	Meet the requirements to earn the Industry Recognized Credential Seal or Technology Seal			Met	NOT met
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal, Portfolio, or Work Based Learning			Met	NOT met
World Languages	Two units of one world language	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: :_____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: :_____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher; WorkKeys: Earn a score of a 6 or higher on all 3 sections	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: :_____	Met	NOT met

STEM HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”			<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria	
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2			Met	NOT met
Science	One additional unit Advanced Science			Met	NOT met
Electives	Two units of additional STEM Courses as Electives			Met	NOT met
Industry-Recognized Credential Seal or Fine Arts Seal	Meet requirements to earn the Industry-Recognized Credential Seal or Technology Seal**			Met	NOT met
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal, Portfolio, or Work Based Learning			Met	NOT met
World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: :_____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: :_____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: :_____	Met	NOT met

*** The option of earning the Fine Arts Seal is currently in review to be replaced by the Technology Seal. More information to come after the review process is complete.*

ARTS HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”		<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria		
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2		Met	NOT met	
Fine Arts	Four units		Met	NOT met	
Electives	Two units of Fine Arts (may overlap with the general four units)		Met	NOT met	
Fine Arts Seal	Meet local district requirements to earn the Fine Arts Seal		Met	NOT met	
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal, Portfolio, or Work Based Learning		Met	NOT met	
World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: : _____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”		<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria		
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2		Met	NOT met	
Social Studies	Two additional units of Social Studies		Met	NOT met	
Community Service Seal	Meet local district requirements to earn the Community Service Seal		Met	NOT met	
Citizenship Seal	Meet the requirements to earn the Citizenship Seal		Met	NOT met	
Experiential Learning	Field Experience, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal, Portfolio, or Work Based Learning		Met	NOT met	
World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: : _____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met

Class of 2023-2025 ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u>	<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria	
Math	4 units	Met	NOT met
Science	4 units	Met	NOT met
Social Studies	4 units	Met	NOT met
World Languages	3 units of one world language, or no less than 2 units of each of two world languages studied	Met	NOT met
Fine Arts	1 unit	Met	NOT met
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: 27 or higher; SAT: 1280 or higher	Met	NOT met

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Scheduling Details for grades 9-11

December 11th- students receive their transcripts in homeroom

January 7th - Career Tech Application deadline for 10th grade

Week of January 16-19 - students review scheduling presentation in Academic Lab (not a video)

January 22nd- Students receive [course planning sheet](#) in homeroom- INCLUDES all teacher recommendations. This must be turned in to counselors in February **with parent's signature**

January 22-24th - Counselors meet with 9th-11th in the Media Center to introduce SchoolLinks and discuss the scheduling process. Teacher recs should be locked in and visible in SchoolLinks.

January 24-February 2nd - Students select courses by adding to the Course Plan in SchoolLinks. All schedule requests must be complete in SchoolLinks by **2/2**.

January 31 - parent meeting @ 6:30- highlight SchoolLinks (parents may view the Course Plan)

February 5-23 - Counselors meet with all students individually during science classes. Course Plan sheets need to be completed and turned in. Final course plans will be approved in SchoolLinks. Student **MUST** bring their chromebooks to view SchoolLinks course plan.

Changes to Course Plans must be through your counselor and only available through 3/28

Final Course Plan verification will be through SchoolLinks in mid- May.

Scheduling Policies:

Required Student Load:

Students in grades 9-11 must carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester. Seniors who are in good standing and on track for graduation at Wadsworth High School may be permitted to take 5 class periods. Refer to the Curriculum Guide for recommended courses for more details and course sequence guidance (posted on web site).

Eligibility for extra curricular programs:

Students *must pass* the equivalent of 5 units of credit during one grading period to be eligible to participate in school programs the next grading period.

Guidelines:

- Teacher recommendations are included directly in SchooLinks and on the Course Planning Guide.
- Plan your schedule and work with your parents regarding any change to the recommended courses.
- Parent signature is required to Override.
- Courses must be selected in SchooLinks by **February 2nd**. Students will be unable to change requests after that date unless they work with their Counselor.
- **You must request 1.5 credit of alternates at a minimum.** These will replace courses that do not schedule.
- After the school year begins, if you have a full schedule, you may drop a course to have a study hall, but you *may not* add a first semester course. Seniors may have early release or late arrival instead of a study hall. Release requests are NOT guaranteed. Students are not allowed to make schedule changes in the fall to accommodate release periods and/or Flex time.
- Counselors will meet with students to approve a final course plan in SchooLinks and collect the Course Plan worksheet with parent signature on the following dates:*

8th Grade – February 7th (*will meet with counselors on February 12th & 13th*)

Freshman—February 5th-7th

Sophomores—February 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th

Juniors—February 20th-23rd

***Students who do not meet the deadline may not be scheduled into the classes they select.**

Guidelines for Scheduling Career-Tech Programs
Please schedule the number of periods indicated for each program.

JUNIOR YEAR

Barberton Programs

Adv. to Nursing 1 (4 Periods)
Per 1-4; including science, 5B travel, C lunch
Business Marketing Aca 1 (2 Periods)
Per 3-4, 5B travel, C lunch
Cosmetology 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4; includes Science, return for C lunch
Criminal Sci. Tech 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH
Fire Safety/EMT 1 (4 periods)
includes Sci & Eng, return during 4th SH
Adv. Manufacturing I (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH
Network Sys & Cyber Security 1 (3 periods)
Per 1-3, return during 3rd SH

Copley Programs

Animal Care & Science 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH
Culinary Arts 1 (4 periods)
Periods 1-4, 5AB travel, C lunch
Pharm Science 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH; includes Science;

Norton Programs

Athletic Health Science 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH; includes Science
Masonry & Bldg Trades 1 (4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH
Teacher Academy 1(4 periods)
Per 1-4, return during 4th SH

Wadsworth Programs

Auto 1 Per 1-3
Carpentry 1 Per 1-3
Div. Medical Tech. 1 Per 1-3
Eng. Des. & Tech 1 Per 1-2
Media Production 1 Per 1-2
Prog, Design & Robotics 1 Per 1-2

SENIOR YEAR

Barberton Programs

Adv. to Nursing 2 (3 periods)
leave at end of 5A-8
Business Marketing Aca. 2 (2 or 3 periods)
Per 1-2 driving, Per 1-3 if bus
Cosmetology 2 (3 periods)
leave during 5A (short lunch, periods 6- 8
Criminal Sci. Tech 2 (3 periods)
leave at end of 5A, 6-8
Fire Safety/EMT 2 (4 periods)
leave start of 4th, 6-8
Adv. Manufacturing 2 (3 periods)
leave after 5A lunch, 6-8
Network Sys & Cyber Security 2 (2 periods)
Per 3-4, 5AB travel, 5C lunch
Nursing Assistant Care (3 periods)
Periods 1-3; return for 3 period SH

Copley Programs

Animal Care & Science 2 (4 periods)
Periods 4-8, includes science
Culinary Arts 2 (4 periods)
Periods 4-8, includes English
Pharm Science 2 (3 periods)
leave after short A lunch. 5A-8

Norton Programs

Athletic Health Science 2 (3 periods)
leave after short 5A lunch, 5A-8
Masonry & Bldg Trades 2 (3 periods)
leave after short 5A lunch, 5A-8
Teacher Academy 2 (3 periods)
leave after short 5A lunch, 5A-8

Wadsworth Programs

Auto 2 starting 5B, Per 6-8
Carpentry 2 starting 5B, Per 6-8
Div. Medical Tech 2 starting 5C, Per 6-8
Eng. Design & Tech 2 2 periods, Per 7-8
Media Production 2 3 periods, Per 6-8
Prog, Design & Robotics 2 2 periods, Per 7-8