

The background image shows the front of Oakwood High School, a large brick building with a prominent clock tower on the left. The building features three large arched doorways at the entrance. In the foreground, several students are sitting on the concrete steps and the grass, some looking at books or papers. The scene is set on a bright, sunny day with clear blue skies and lush green trees surrounding the building.

**Welcome to the
Oakwood High School
Scheduling Meeting
for Parents of Eighth Graders
for the 2024-2025 School Year**

OHS Guidance Department

The background of the slide is a photograph of a large, multi-story brick school building. On the left side, there is a prominent clock tower with a white clock face and a pointed roof. The main building has a gabled roof and several arched doorways on the ground floor. A wide set of stone steps leads up to the entrance. In the foreground, several students are sitting on the grass and the steps, some reading or talking. The sky is clear and blue, and there are green trees around the building.

Who we are:

- Mrs. Kelly Owens –students R-Z, department chair
- Mr. Adam Woessner – students H-Q
- Mrs. Paige Lumpkins – students A-G
- Mrs. Lori Desch – administrative assistant

How We Help

A large, multi-story brick building with a prominent clock tower on the left side. The building has a gabled roof and several arched doorways at the ground level. In the foreground, a group of students is sitting on the grass and a paved walkway, some looking at books or papers. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear blue sky.

- Personal life
- Academic life
- Career explorations
- College search and application process
- We meet in classrooms, small groups, and individually through the high school years
- Additionally, students can email a counselor, sign up on the counselor's clipboard, or simply stop into the Guidance Office

Ninth-Grade School Counseling Activities

- Access College and Career Readiness Program (choosing new vendor)
- YouScience
Aptitude-based career exploration
- Begin high school resume
- Small-group meetings
- Individualized guidance



Graduation Requirements

- Part 1: Cover the Basics
 - Earn required course credits
 - Consider striving for Honors Diploma
- Part 2: Show Competency in English II/Algebra
- Part 3: Show Readiness - earn two Diploma Seals

First: Cover the Basics

Complete Course Credits

(Part 1)

- Earn 22 required credits to graduate
- Receive instruction in economics and financial literacy
 - Civics: American Government and Economics or AP United States Government
 - Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II...)
 - 0.5 credit class for class of 2026 & beyond

Minimum Course Credit Requirements for Graduation

a.	English I, II, III & IV	4 credits
b.	Social Studies incl. WH, AH, AG	4 credits
c.	Mathematics incl. Algebra II	4 credits
d.	Science incl. life, physical, advanced	3 credits
e.	Physical Education 2 semesters or <u>PE Waiver</u>	.5 credit
f.	Health Education	.5 credit
g.	Fine Art sometime in grades 7-12	1 credit
h.	Additional Electives	5-6 credits
Total		<hr/> 22 credits

Honors Diploma Options

- **Academic Honors Diploma**
(most common at OHS)
- **STEM Honors Diploma**
- **Arts Honors Diploma**
- **Social Sciences/Civic Engagement Honors Diploma**
- **Career Tech Honors Diploma**
 - ***Students are only able to earn one Honors Diploma.***
 - ***For full details of requirements for the STEM, Arts, Social Sciences/Civic Engagement, and Career Tech Honors Diplomas, click on this [website](#)***

Academic Honors Diploma Criteria

Successfully meet all but 1 of the criteria:

1. Earn 4 units of Mathematics including Algebra II (or equivalent) and 1 higher level course
2. Earn 4 units of Science including 2 units of advanced science
3. Earn 4 units of Social Studies
4. Earn 3 units of one world language or 2 units of two world languages (includes ASL)
5. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4-pt scale up to the last grading period of senior year
6. Obtain a composite score of 27 on the ACT or 1280 on the SAT
7. Earn two additional diploma seals not including Honors Diploma Seal
8. Experiential learning: Field Experience, Ohio Means Jobs seal*, Portfolio, or Work Based Experience

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

Additional Academic Honors Diploma Notes

Students may replace one requirement of either 4, 5 or 6 (previous slide) with a “Student Strength Demonstration”:

1. College Credit Plus: 12 total College Credit Plus credit hours
2. Advanced Placement: 3 AP courses with at least a 3 or higher on the AP exams
3. Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): 12 total credits
4. Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship: Completion or evidence of acceptance if required to be over 18 years old
5. WorkKeys: Score of 6 or higher on all tests (void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma)
6. Armed Services Vocational Battery: Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB
7. Work-Based Learning: 250 hours of work-based learning

source: [ODE&W](#)

Second: Show Competency

(Part 2)

- Earn passing score of 684+ on Algebra I and English II end-of-course exams
 - If a student earns <684, must retake the test
- There are four (4) options if a student has not achieved passing scores after retaking exams:
 - Earn remediation-free score on English and Reading or Math section, as appropriate, on ACT or SAT
 - Complete College Credit Plus (CCP) coursework in English and math
 - Show Career Experience and Technical Skill
 - Example: Earning both 12-point industry credential and OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
 - Enlist in the Military

Third: Show readiness

Earn Diploma Seals

(Part 3)

- Students must earn at least two (2) diploma seals
 - One diploma seal must be a state-defined seal
 - The second seal may be a state-defined or locally-defined seal

State-Defined Diploma Seals

- Science Seal proficient biology score*
- Citizenship Seal proficient US History & US Govt score*
- College-Ready Seal remediation-free SAT/ACT
- Honors Diploma Seal one of five Honors Diplomas
- 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 or AP Exam, or CCP grade of B or better

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

College-Readiness Seal

Earn a college-ready or remediation-free score on the following sections of the either the SAT or the ACT:

SAT:

480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
and 530 Mathematics

ACT:

18 English, 22 Reading, and 22 Mathematics

Locally-Defined Diploma Seals

- Community Service Seal
 - Complete 60+ hours of community service
- 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

See specific guidelines as adopted by the Oakwood Board of Education establishing the detailed requirements for the Locally-Defined Seals.

Athletic Eligibility

- Quarter grades determine athletic eligibility (i.e., 4th quarter determines fall eligibility) and honor roll status
- Students must pass five classes* in the quarter before athletic participation.
- Students must be in five classes* in the quarter of athletic participation.

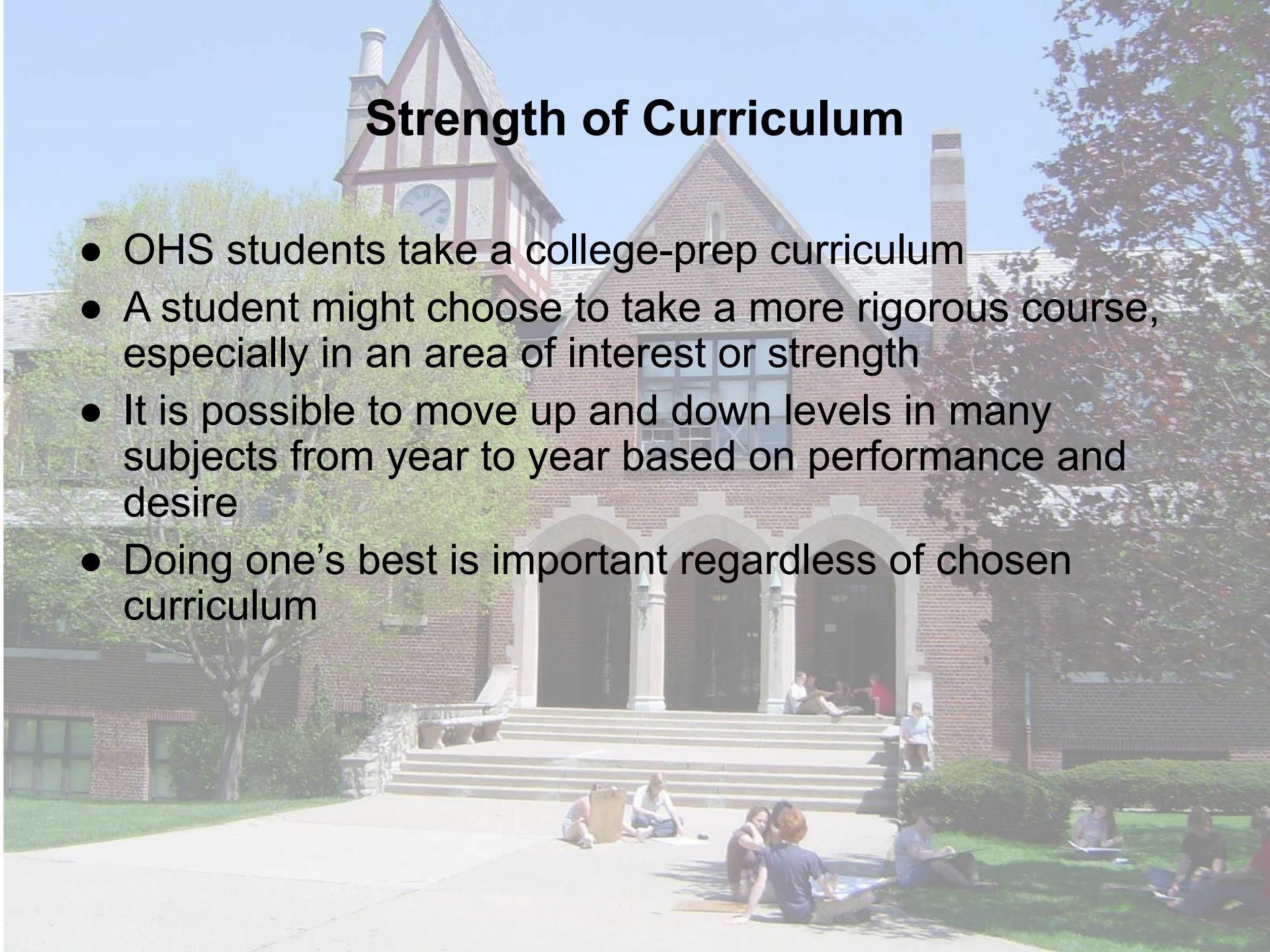
*Most classes count toward eligibility. Courses like PE, enrichment, and ensembles that meet outside the school day do not count toward eligibility.

Academic Reminders

- The Big 3:
 - GPA
 - Strength of schedule
 - Test scores
- GPA is determined by semester grades—some students have already started their high school transcripts (honors math and/or foreign language)
- Semester grades are based on quarter grades and the semester exam
 - Q: 40% Q 40% E: 20%
- Exams are worth more in high school than in junior high (1/5 versus 1/7 of semester grade)

Strength of Curriculum

- OHS students take a college-prep curriculum
- A student might choose to take a more rigorous course, especially in an area of interest or strength
- It is possible to move up and down levels in many subjects from year to year based on performance and desire
- Doing one's best is important regardless of chosen curriculum



GPA Add-Ons

- A GPA add-on of .05 can be earned by taking an AP course and earning a C or better AND taking the AP exam, or by successfully completing a CCP course in a content area for which there is an AP exam.
- A GPA add-on of .025 for full year courses (0.125 for half credit courses and .00625 for quarter credit courses) can be earned by taking an Honors or High Honors course and earning a C or better.

College Credit Plus

- A student earns high school and college credit for the same course
- The grade for the class is on both the high school and college transcript
- Oakwood's College Credit Plus Information Night will be held on January 31 at 6:45 in the OHS Auditorium and Counseling Session video will be available Feb. 1st on our website.

Scheduling Process

- Scheduling Presentations – January 23, 25, & 30
 - Course request worksheets and the Program of Study are available for students
- Students will enter course requests in a Google Form the first week of February in their English classes
 - Serious consideration should be given to recommendations made by current teachers
 - Most freshmen should take Health and at least one of the required PE courses, unless pursuing PE Waiver
 - Students choose from other electives (see scheduling worksheet)
- Students receive course request verification sheets as they are available – Spring
- Students will view schedules for 2024-2025 before the end of this school year and will have the opportunity to adjust their schedule, if needed

Final Thoughts

Freshman year is a year of new beginnings and new opportunities.

We encourage students to:

- **Do their best**
- **Get involved and make the most of experiences**
 - **Clubs, sports, service, leadership**
 - **Follow passions or try something new**
- **Keep life in balance**
- **See us when they need us**

We look forward to working with your students and you!

Websites for Reference

Ohio Department of Education Grad Requirements

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Ohio%E2%80%99s-Graduation-Requirements>

ODE Honors Diploma Requirements

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Contacts-and-Resources/Honors-Diplomas>

OHS Graduation Requirements in Program of Study

<https://ohs.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/ohs-program-of-study>

OHS Course Request Information

<https://ohs.oakwoodschoools.org/oakwood-high-school/ohs-guidance/ohs-scheduling-information>