



HONORS DIPLOMA APPLICATION

NAME _____

DATE _____

You are asked to complete this application and **submit it to the Counseling Office by MAY 1, 2025.**
Please check (✓) all criteria you believe you have met.

DIPLOMA WITH HONORS

The State Department of Education has set the following criteria for awarding a **DIPLOMA WITH HONORS**. Students will be required to meet ***all but one*** of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement for the class of 2018 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements to qualify for honors diplomas.

A. Students who complete the college preparatory curriculum:

- _____ 1. Earn four (4) units of Mathematics – students must take algebra I, geometry, algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher-level course OR a four-course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content.
- _____ 2. Earn at least four (4) units of science, including 2 units of advanced science – advanced science refers to courses that are inquiry based with laboratory experiences. They must align with the grades 11/12 standards (or above) or with an Advanced Placement science course or entry-level college course (clearly preparing students for a college freshmen-level science class, such as anatomy, botany or astronomy).
- _____ 3. Earn four (4) units of Social Studies.
- _____ 4. Either three (3) units of one (1) world language or no less than two (2) units of each two (2) world languages.
- _____ 5. Earn one (1) unit of Fine Arts.
- _____ 6. Maintain an unweighted overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year.
- _____ 7. Obtain a composite score of 27 on the American College Testing (ACT) tests or a 1280 verbal/math combined score on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).

B. Students who complete at least two (2) years of an intensive vocational or technical education curriculum in the high school:

- _____ 1. Earn four (4) units of Mathematics – students must take algebra I, geometry, algebra II (or equivalent), and one other higher-level course OR a four-course sequence that contains equivalent or higher content.
- _____ 2. Four (4) units of Science that include physics and chemistry.
- _____ 3. Earn four (4) units of Social Studies.
- _____ 4. Four (4) units in the student's career-technical education curriculum. Program must lead to an industry recognized credential apprenticeship or be part of an articulated career pathway which can lead to post-secondary credit.
- _____ 5. Maintain an overall high school grade-point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year.
- _____ 6. Achieve the proficiency benchmark established for the appropriate Ohio career technical competency assessment or the equivalent.
- _____ 7. Obtain a composite score of 27 on the ACT tests or an equivalent score of 1280 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).