



Ohio's High School Graduation Requirements

Classes of 2026 - 2028

FIRST FULFILL COURSE REQUIREMENTS



SECOND DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY



THIRD SHOW READINESS



Earn 21 credits



**ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS**
4 credits



MATHEMATICS
4 credits
Must include Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II



SCIENCE
3 credits
Must include 1 credit each of Life Science & Physical Science



SOCIAL STUDIES
3 credits
Must include 1 credit each of American History; Politics, Economics & Government; & Global History



FINANCIAL LITERACY
0.5 credit
Starting with the Class of 2026, a Financial Literacy class will be required by the State of Ohio.



**GLOBAL LANGUAGE,
ED TECH, INDUSTRIAL
TECH, OR BUSINESS**
2 credits



**ARTS: VISUAL ART,
MUSIC OR THEATER**
1 credit



HEALTH
0.5 credit
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
0.5 credit
Or PE Waiver



**CAPSTONE OR IB DIPLOMA
EXTENDED ESSAY**
0.5 or 0 credit
Must include one of the above, completed by the end of senior year



ELECTIVES
2 credits
or 2.5 credits if using PE Waiver



Show competency through one of the following options



Earn a minimum score of 684 on the Algebra I and English II end-of-course tests

Must attempt Algebra I & English II state tests twice before pursuing options below

Additional exams are required based on course enrollments.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS



Demonstrate two career-focused activities, including at least one foundational skill



Earn credit for one college-level math or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus Program



Enlist in the military



Obtain a remediation-free score in the math or English subject areas on the ACT or SAT
To demonstrate competency in English II, a student must be remediation-free in both English and reading on the ACT.



Earn 2 seals, including at least 1 state seal

STATE SEALS



BILITERACY



CITIZENSHIP



COLLEGE
READY



HONORS
DIPLOMA



INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED
CREDENTIAL



MILITARY
ENLISTMENT



OHIO MEANS
JOBS



SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY

LOCAL SEALS



COMMUNITY
SERVICE



FINE &
PERFORMING
ARTS



STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT