Senior Class Meeting

Graduation Credit Requirements

- English - 4 credits

  Math – 4 credits (includes Alg.2 or equivalent)
- Science – 3 credits (Life and Physical, other)
- Social Studies – 3 credits (U.S., World, Government)
- Health – ½ credit
- P.E. – ½ credit (two semesters or use of two waivers)
- Financial Literacy - ½ credit
- Fine Art –1 credit (band, choir, art, trends, etc.)
- Electives – 3 1/2 credits

- Total required – 20 credits

CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT!

Graduation Testing Requirements



Before you know it, you'll be receiving your high school diploma. Ohio is giving you new ways to show the world what you can do with it.

As a student entering ninth grade on or after **July 1, 2019**, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give you more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on your strengths and passions – one that ensures you are ready for your next steps and excited about the future.

First, cover the basics

You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

Other Requirements
You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

Second, show competency

Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

Is testing not your strength? After you have taken your tests, there are three additional ways to show competency!

Option 1.

Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities*:

Foundational
Proficient scores on WebXams
A 12-point industry credential
A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

Supporting
Work-based learning
Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

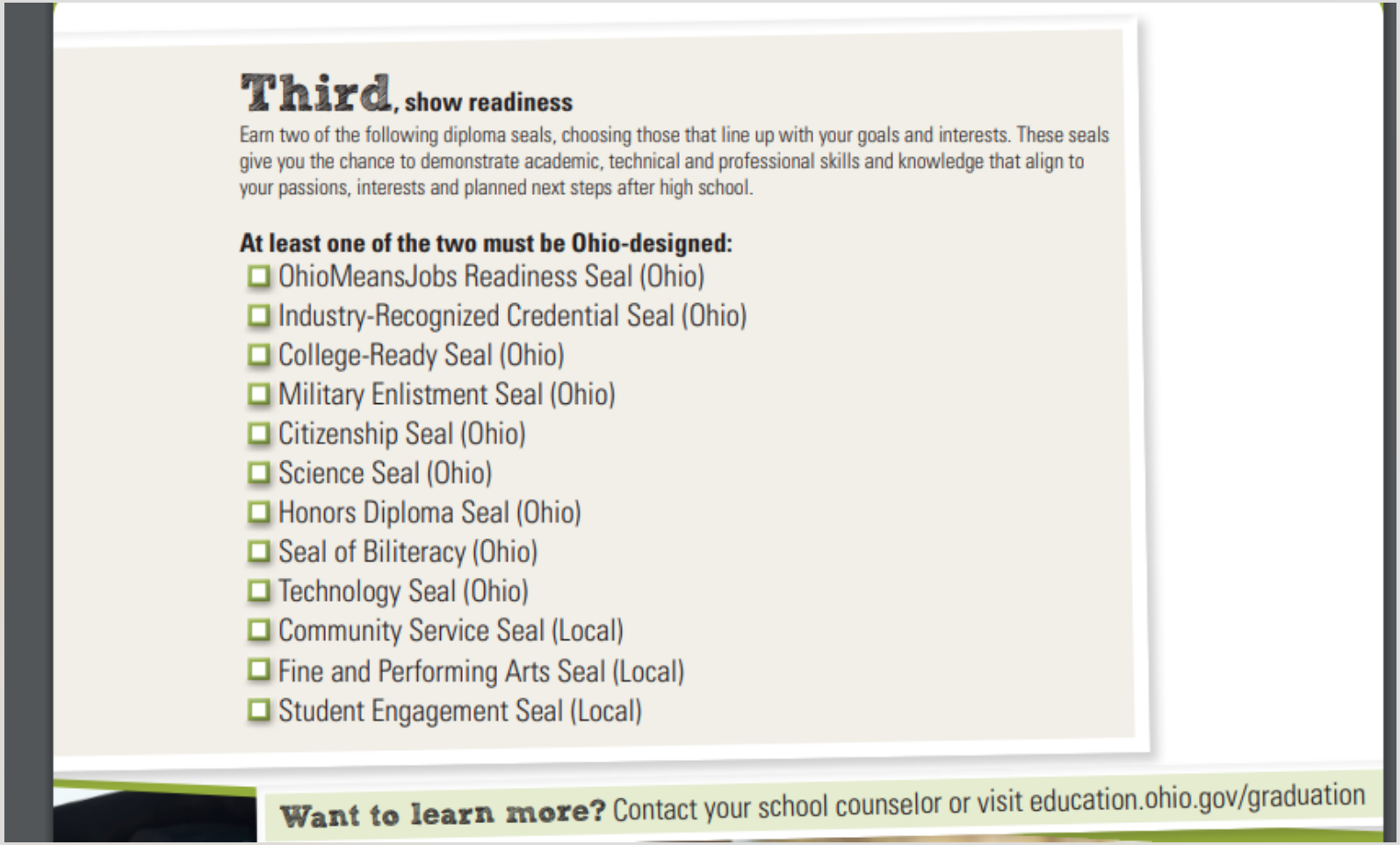
Option 2.

Enlist in the Military
Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option 3.

Complete College Coursework
Earn credit for one college-level math and/or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

Graduation Testing Requirements continued…..



Third, show readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:

- ☐ OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Science Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- ☐ Technology Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Community Service Seal (Local)
- ☐ Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- ☐ Student Engagement Seal (Local)

Want to learn more? Contact your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/graduation

Ohio End of Course Exams

- 6 Tested Courses:
  - English 10
  - Algebra 1

  → Competency Score of 684 needed on both
  - US History
  - Government

  → Score of 3 or higher needed on both to get Citizenship seal (or final grade of B or better in class)
  - Biology

  → Score of 3 or higher needed to get Science seal (or final grade of B or higher in advanced science class)
  - Geometry

NEW GRADUATION WITH HONORS REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria.

Requirements	State Minimum
1 Math	Fourth math must be > Algebra 2
2 Science	One additional unit Advanced Science
3 Social Studies	One additional unit Social Studies
***4** World Languages **	*Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied*
***5** GPA **	*3.5 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)*
***6** ACT/SAT **	*ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher*
7 Seal Requirement	Earn two additional diploma seals, not including Honors Diploma Seal
8 Experiential Learning	Field Experience & Portfolio, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal*, or Work-Based Learning

*Students may replace one requirement of either 4, 5 or 6 with a “Student Strength Demonstration.”

NEW GRADUATION WITH HONORS REQUIREMENTS (continued)

Student Strength Demonstration Replacement

Students can use the Student Strength Demonstration to replace one of either 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 the Academic 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 Academic Honors diploma.

Options:

- College Credit Plus: 12 total College Credit Plus credit hours
- 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

Graduating with Honors (link to full explanation and requirements)

Fees

- Pay School fees in main office or online at PayschoolsCentral.com
- Fees began accumulating in Kindergarten so check with the office or counselor
- Fees must be paid in order to get your diploma

NCAA and NAIA Eligibility

- If you are considering playing sports in college and have NOT applied to the NCAA and NAIA Clearinghouse, do this right away.
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- www.playnaia.org
- Fill out application online.
- Complete transcript request form on the Guidance webpage https://forms.gle/zabbTd3dy1aoN3Pz6
- Check to make sure you are taking needed core courses.
- Talk to high school coach; talk to college coach and Mr. Sanford.


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Mount Vernon City Schools
CONTINUING
OPEN
ENROLLMENT
Kindergarten
Registration Begins...
Continuing Op
Enrollment
Upcoming events
March 2026
WED
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MVMS Choir Concert
Arts Upcoming Events
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
THU
12
MVMS Academic Showcase
MVMS Upcoming Events
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Home
News
Events
Download the NEW
Mount Vernon City Schools
Mobile App!
Get School Alerts & Announcements
View Events & Calendars
Check Lunch Menus
Access School Information
Download on the
App Store
Get it on
Google Play

2026 Knox County College Night

- Great opportunity to see representatives and ask college specific questions
- Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:30-8 pm at Energy Fieldhouse
- Students must register before attending for easy sharing of information with colleges.
- Visit StriveFair.com to register in 2 min. or scan this QR Code

College Campus Visits

- It is important to visit several colleges to learn what you like and don't like
- Schedule visits on own time if possible
- Allowed 2 days out of school
- Get pre-plan from Main Office
- Notify teachers ahead of time
- Bring back note from college admissions

Financial Aid Night

- Monday, October 5 at 6:30 pm in the theater
- Financial Aid Officer will review financial aid and answer questions about the FAFSA
- It should open October 1

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Available online October 1
- Students and Parents both need to request a FSA ID before completing
- Financial Aid Night will be held for seniors and parents on October 5 at 6:30 pm in the theater.
- Know your schools deadlines

A.S.V.A.B. Testing

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

- Thursday, October 1, 2026
- In MVHS Library, Periods 1- 4 (self-paced so you may finish earlier)
- Measures skills and abilities in perceptual speed, mechanical skills, academic areas.
- Great FREE test to assist with career fields of study
- Sign up on Naviance
- Can be used for Honors Diploma Student Strength Demonstration with a score of 50 or higher

ACT Schedule 2026-2027

HS Code 363-565

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

ACT no writing $68

Writing add on $25

Science add on $4

(fee waivers are available for those who qualify. See

SAT Schedule 26-27

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 22, 2026	Aug. 7, 2026	Aug. 11, 2026
Sept. 12, 2026	Aug. 28, 2026 Register	Sept. 1, 2026
Oct. 3, 2026	Sept. 18, 2026 Register	Sept. 22, 2026
Nov. 7, 2026	Oct. 23, 2026 Register	Oct. 27, 2026
Dec. 5, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026 Register	Nov. 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	Feb. 19, 2027	Feb. 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	Apr. 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

*Students who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

SAT $55 (fee waivers are available for those who qualify. See your school counselor)

ACT and SAT Websites

- ACT is www.act.org
- SAT is sat.org/register

College Reps and Military Recruiter Visits

- Read announcements telling when reps and recruiters will be here
- Talk to recruiters at lunch or schedule a meeting
- Sign up on Naviance

Naviance
Find on **Class Link**

Email:

27firstintiallastname@stu.mvcsd.us

Use password reset link if it is needed

- Use **Colleges I'm applying to**
- Click the + to add a college
- Be sure to match it to the Common App if that is how you are applying

Completing College Applications

- Apply online under your individual colleges or use The Common Application
  - Fill out application completely and submit
  - Add the college to "Colleges you are applying to" in Naviance (click the + to request transcript and match your Common Application if using)
  - Also in Naviance request teacher recommendations if needed
  - Complete the online transcript request form

https://forms.gle/zabbTd3dy1aoN3Pz6

  - Indicate due date on form
- Apply early! Know your deadlines
- Allow Guidance 2 weeks to process (DEADLINE IS Dec. 4th for applications due in January)

Scholarships, College Money

- Do NOT pay for these services
- Scholarships that come to MVHS will be posted in Naviance and they will be on daily announcements
- Check scholarship bulletin board regularly
- Applications can be obtained from Naviance
- If an official transcript is required, request it in Guidance a week prior to the deadline and drop off the whole completed application to Guidance and we will submit it
- Pay attention to deadlines

Activity Sheets – please complete now

- These help counselors know what you are involved in and what plans you have for the future (and for scholarship selection)
- Do not be modest; include everything
- Update this sheet throughout the year as your plans and activities change (same link)
- Link: On guidance website https://goo.gl/forms/fAJcqmPsf4JOcvJm1

Senior Tasks

-Complete the Activity Sheet

-Update and complete your resume

-Inform your counselor and Mrs. Keaton if you are interested in the Ariel Manufacturing Program for 2nd semester.

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