JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ENGLISH – 4 CREDITS
- MATH – 4 CREDITS (INCLUDING ALG.2)
- SCIENCE – 3 CREDITS (BIOLOGY, PHYSICAL, OTHER)
- SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 CREDITS (US HISTORY, WORLD HISTORY, AMERICAN GOVT)

REQUIREMENTS - CONTINUED

- HEALTH – ½ CREDIT
- P.E. – ½ CREDIT (2 SEMESTERS)OR 2 WAIVERS
- FINANCIAL LITERACY - ½ CREDIT
- FINE ART – 1 CREDIT
- ELECTIVES – 3 1/2 CREDITS

- TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION - 20

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."

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)

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

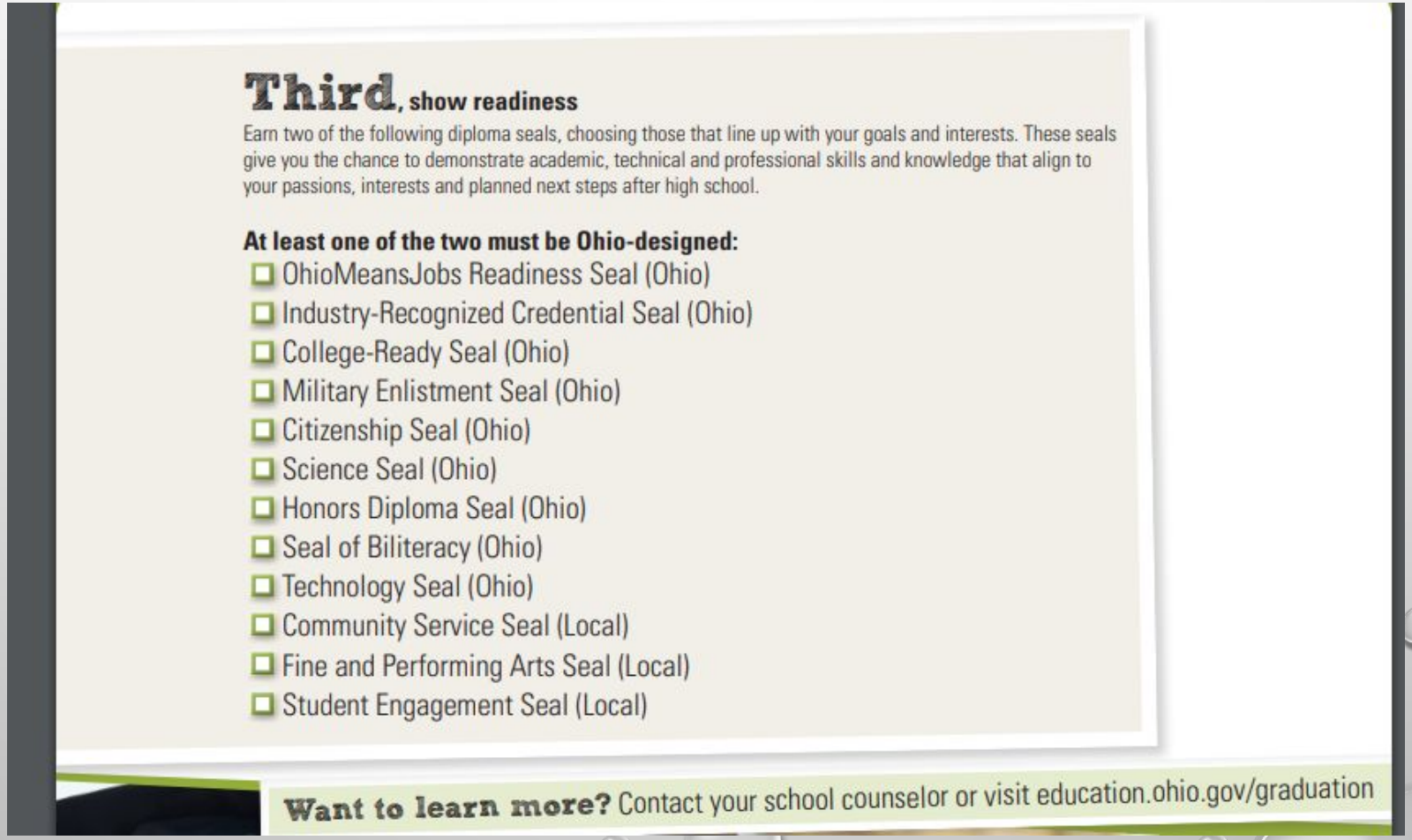
Option 2.

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

SEAL FORMS

- Student Engagement Seal Student Engagement Seal
- Community Service Seal Community Service Seal
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal Fine and Performing Arts Seal
- Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal OMJ Readiness Seal

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

ACT

The ACT will be given to all interested juniors free of charge on

February 23, 2027

There will be a google form that parents can fill out if students want to opt out of taking the ACT

https://forms.gle/34rrtEYaeYoaYFwn7

WHAT IS YOUR "E"?

- ENROLLMENT - do you want to go to college?
- EMPLOYMENT - what do employers look for in an employee
- ENLISTMENT - we can help connect to recruiters
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP - want to start your own business right after high school?

COLLEGE PLANNING

- USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR PLANNING COUNSELORS ARE A GOOD PLACE TO START
- TAKE ACT OR SAT
- MVHS SCHOOL CEEB CODE – 363-565
- CHECK TRANSCRIPT

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

- ARIEL PRE-APPRENTICESHIP
- TEACHER ACADEMY
- MENTORSHIP
- ELECTRICAL PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

KNOX TECHNICAL CENTER PROGRAMS

- PUBLIC SAFETY (EMT, FIRE 1 AND FIRE 2)
- PHLEBOTOMY
- NATCEP (formerly STNA)
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT

JUNIOR YEAR IS A GOOD YEAR TO START LOOKING AT COLLEGES

- YOU ARE THE MAIN PERSON WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR PLANS AND INVESTIGATION OF COLLEGES AND CAREERS.

- HOW DO I GET STARTED?
  - TAKE ASVAB-find out what you are good at and what interests you and how they align
  - USE SUPERMATCH-way to search for colleges by some of your parameters
  - SEE COUNSELOR WITH QUESTIONS
  - GO ON COLLEGE VISITS-do pre-plan form and you are allowed 2 days

KNOX COUNTY COLLEGE NIGHT

- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 6:30-8 PM @ ENERGY FIELDHOUSE
- GREAT WAY TO SEE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES
- REGISTER AT WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

- SCHEDULE ON OWN TIME IF POSSIBLE. SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME FOR VISITS. BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR YOU SHOULD HAVE NARROWED DOWN TO ABOUT THREE COLLEGES YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.
- ALLOWED 2 DAYS OUT OF SCHOOL
- GET PRE-PLAN FROM ATTENDANCE OFFICE AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.
- NOTIFY YOUR TEACHERS AHEAD OF TIME
- BRING BACK NOTE FROM COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

WHAT COLLEGES LOOK FOR

- GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- SAT OR ACT SCORES FOR SOME COLLEGES
- INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- LEADERSHIP ROLES
- ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU VOLUNTEER

NCAA AND NAIA ELIGIBILITY

- IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE, YOU NEED TO APPLY TO THE NCAA AND THE NAIA CLEARINGHOUSE BY THE END OF 11TH GRADE.
- WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG
- WWW.PLAYNAIA.ORG
- FILL OUT APPLICATION ONLINE.
- COMPLETE A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM.
- CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE TAKING NEEDED CORE COURSES.
- TALK TO HIGH SCHOOL COACH; TALK TO COLLEGE COACHES AND MR. SANFORD DURING YOUR JUNIOR YEAR

SCHOLARSHIPS AND WEBSITES

DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION OR SERVICES.

- RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN GUIDANCE AND LIBRARY

- WWW.FASTWEB.COM
- WWW.SCHOLARSHIPS.COM
- WWW.FINAID.ORG
- WWW.SCHOLARSTUFF.COM
- WWW.SCHOLARSHIPQUESTHELPER.COM

NAVIANCE

FIND ON CLASS LINK

USERNAME:

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USE "GOOGLE SIGN IN"

COLLEGE REPS AND MILITARY RECRUITER VISITS

- READ ANNOUNCEMENTS TELLING WHEN REPS AND RECRUITERS WILL BE HERE
- SIGN UP ON NAVIANCE
- RIGHT NOW, MOST VISITS ARE IN PERSON

A.S.V.A.B TESTING

- ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY
- THURSDAY, OCT. 1ST 2026
- IN MVHS LIBRARY, PERIODS 1- 4
- MEASURES SKILLS AND ABILITIES IN PERCEPTUAL SPEED, MECHANICAL SKILLS, ACADEMIC AREAS.
- SIGN UP ON NAVIANCE
- CAN BE USED FOR HONORS DIPLOMA STUDENT STRENGTH DEMONSTRATION WITH A SCORE OF 50 OR HIGHER

PSAT

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 GIVEN AT THE HIGH SCHOOL: PERIODS 1-4
- $18.00 MADE PAYABLE TO MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL
- REGISTER IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 4

ACT TESTING SCHEDULE 26-27
School 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 your school counselor)

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	Sept. 1, 2026 Register
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

ACT AND SAT WEB-SITES

- ACT – MY.ACT.ORG
- SAT – SAT.ORG/REGISTER

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

- KEEP FOCUSED IN CLASS
- STAY ACTIVE – CHOOSE ACTIVITIES YOU ENJOY AND ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES YOU CHOOSE
- MAINTAIN A GOOD BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE
- MAKE WISE CHOICES

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