Sophomore Class Meeting

Grades and career choice are the focus this year.

What's Important your Sophomore Year?

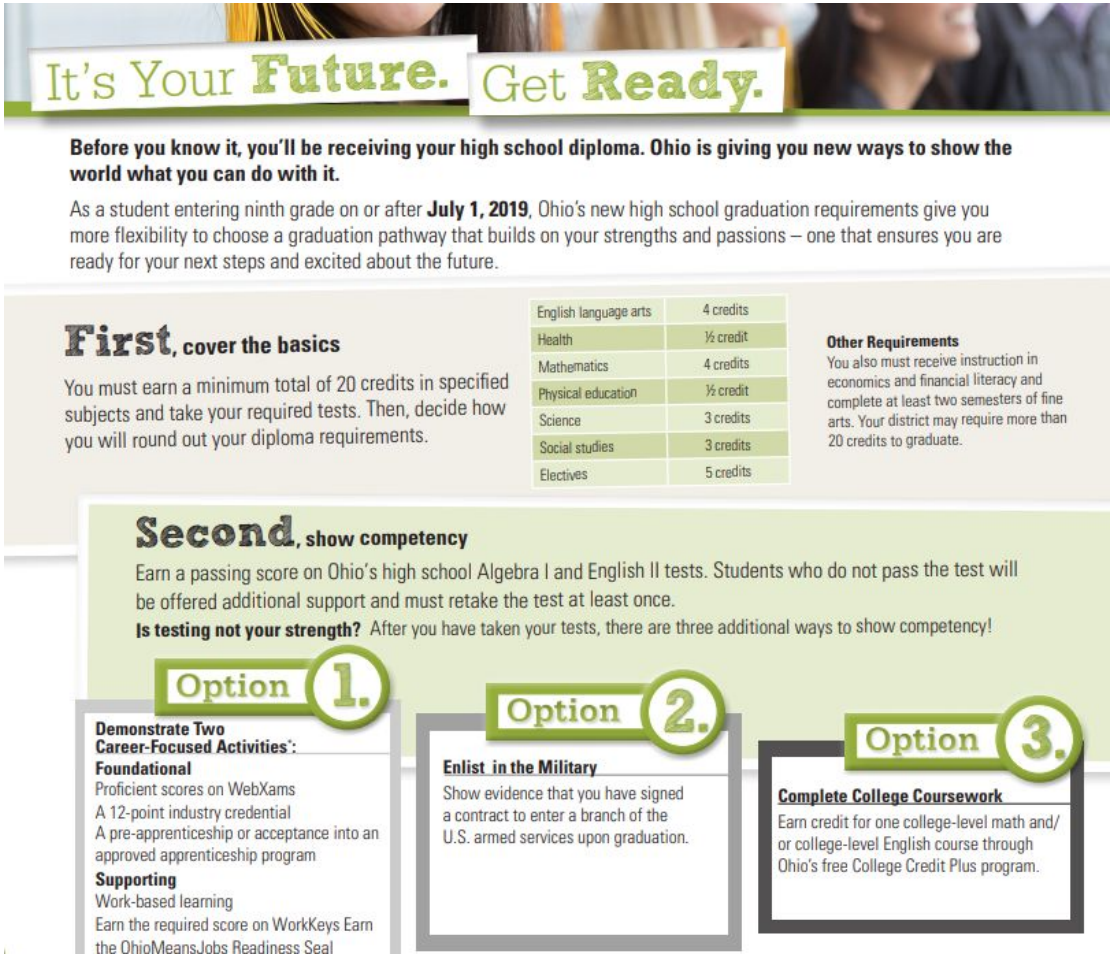
- It is your "shopping" year. Trying to decide what is next – KCCC, CCP, 4-year college prep, new career pathways?
- Attendance, Grades, Credits are all very important.

Graduation Credit Requirements

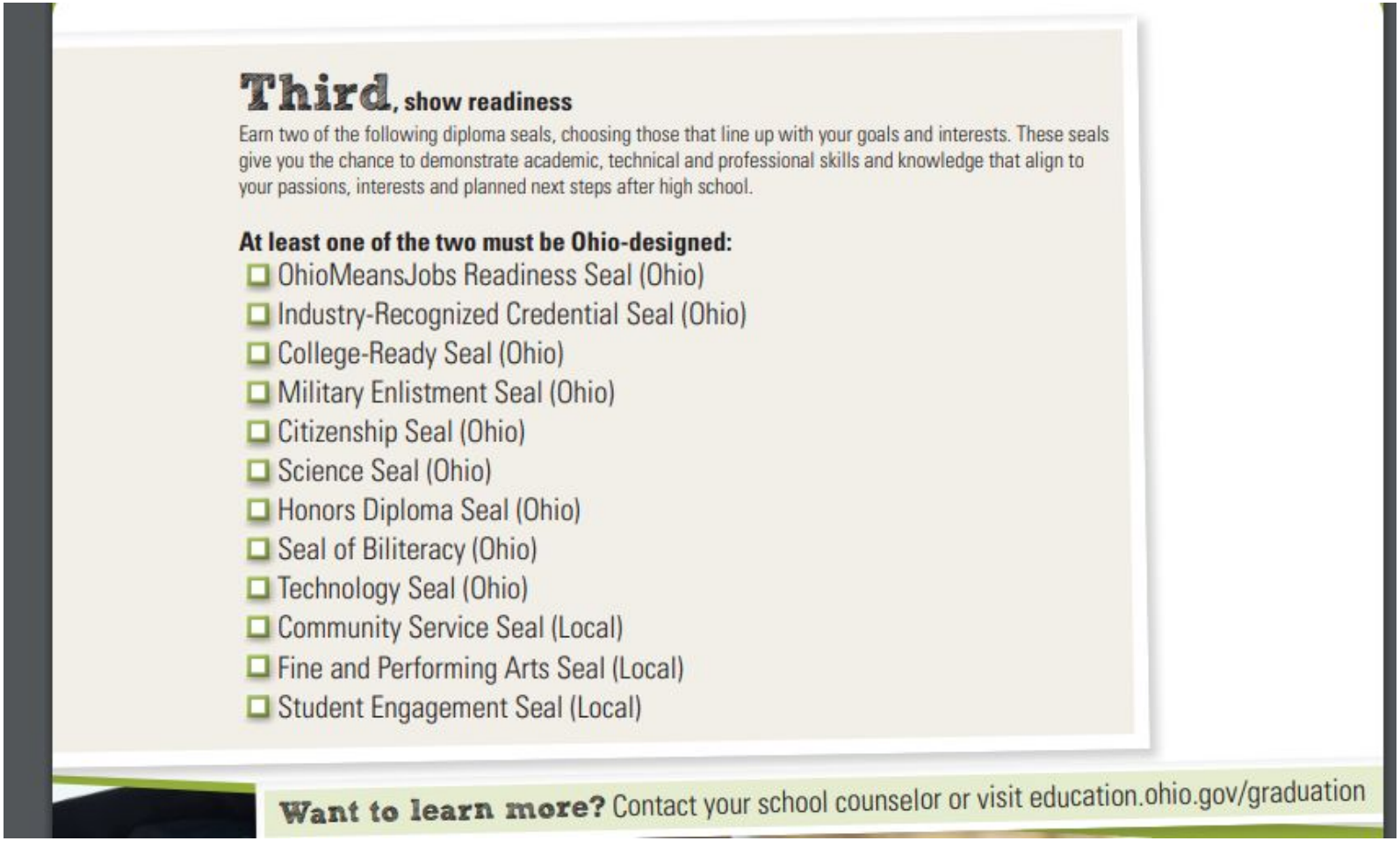
- English - 4 credits
- Math – 4 credits (includes Alg.2)
- Science – 3 credits (Biology, Physical, other)
- Social Studies – 3 credits (U.S., World, Government)
- Health – ½ credit
- P.E. – ½ credit (two semesters or two waivers)
- Fine Art –1 credit (band, choir, art, trends, etc.)
- Financial Literacy - ½ credit
- Electives – 3.5 credits
  - Total required – 20 credits

CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT!

Graduation Requirements



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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

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)

Choices for your education

- What are your plans for after high school?
- MVHS prepares you for college and new career paths(Phlebotomy, NATSEP, Public Safety, Medical Assisting, Teacher Academy)
- The Knox County Career Center prepares you to get a good paying job right after high school **and also prepares you for college.** About one-third of the KCCC graduates go on to college.

Knox County Career Center

- Presentation in our theater October 6 and 7
  The presentation will occur during your HIVE one of the days

- November 16, 2026
  Sophomore Visit Day

- November 19th First Chance Application Night
  4:30pm - 6:30 you can apply in person or
  4:30-midnight you can apply online

- Application reopens on TBD

Information about the KCCC

- How do you apply?
  - online due by November 19 at midnight for first round picks.
- What is dual school?
  - Student takes lab at KCCC and academic courses at MVHS **IF** we can get it to work out.
- Can you still participate in activities?
  - Band/ Orchestra may conflict with academic schedules. See your counselor for more details.
  - Sometimes this works out for your Junior year but conflicts with COOP your senior year.
- All credits earned at KCCC count toward graduation. You are still a MVHS student.

Recommendations for the KCCC

- English – 2 credits
- Math – 2 credits
- Science – 2 credits
- Social Studies – 2 credits
- Health – ½ credit
- PE – ½ credit (or 2 seasons w/ waiver submitted)
- Elective – 1 credit

Total = 10 credits

Attendance is very important to KCCC

Part time College Credit Plus Opportunities

- College Credit Plus Program
  - Have to fill out an Intent to Participate Form by March 31
  - Meet Pre-req's for the college class (ACT or SAT / GPA of 2.75)
  - Attend an informational meeting in January
  - Students can choose to take 1 or more classes at a college campus and still take courses at the high school (maximum 30 semester hours / year)

Full Time College Credit Plus Opportunities for Juniors

- The Knox Initiative
  - Full time at COTC 11th and 12th grade and graduate with an Associates of Arts Degree at the same time you graduate high school

- College U – Business
  - Full time at KCCC during 11th grade and Full time at COTC during 12th grade and graduate with an Associates Degree in Business

  - Students in these programs can not take any additional courses at the high school without a fee as they are full time and fall under CCP guidelines

  - ***MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY!***

YELLOW JACKET U

- Earn college credit while in high school (35+ credits)
- Complete general education requirements
- Get the academic support you need by teachers at the high school
- Reduce school day to ½ day to pursue interests, work, shadowing or other electives
- Saves time and money on higher education

What Do Colleges Look For?

- Quality of courses taken
- Grade point average (should be 3.0 or above)
- ACT and SAT test scores
- School and Community activities
- Volunteerism
- Letters of Recommendation

Ohio Board of Regents College Prep Recommendations

- English – 4 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Foreign Language – 3 credits or 2+2
- Science – 3 credits
- Math – 4 credits (including Alg. 2)
- Fine/Performing Art – 1 credit

PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

- **Test Date**: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
  Time: 1st – 4th periods
- **Where**: Mount Vernon High School
- **Cost**: $18.00 (checks payable to Mount Vernon High School) Pay in the Guidance office.
- **Deadline**: September 18, 2026

National Honor Society

- Need a 3.5 or above GPA
- Involvement in activities
- Leadership
- Character

I need help? What do I do?

- Set up a time to meet with your teacher.
- Utilize HIVE period for additional help
- Make an appointment with your counselor!

Enjoy your year!

- Get involved by joining a club, organization or sport.
- Keep working on your grades.
- Make wise choices.

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