Graduation Requirements

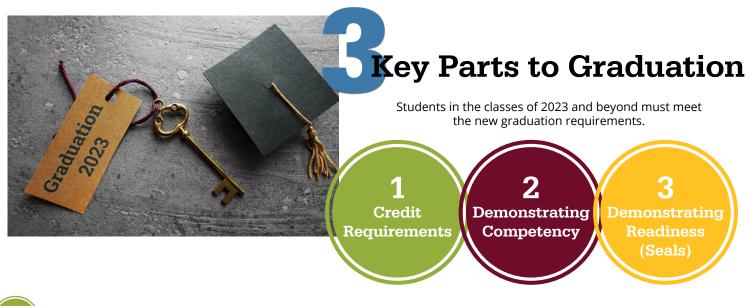Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond must meet the [new graduation requirements](#).

State Law Changes

» State law introduced new, long-term graduation requirements for Ohio students. Students in classes 2018-2022 have the option to meet the new requirements, but students in the classes of 2023 and beyond must meet the new requirements.

» The new graduation requirements provide more flexibility to choose a pathway to graduation that builds on a student's strengths and passions.

» Transfer students must meet these same requirements, but in some cases, flexibility may be provided. Transfer students include students who previously attended an out-of-state school, Ohio chartered nonpublic school, or Ohio non-chartered, nonpublic school, or attended homeschool. Refer to the [Transfer Students and Graduation Requirements](#) page for more detailed information.

3 Key Parts to Graduation

Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond must meet the new graduation requirements.

1 Credit Requirements

2 Demonstrating Competency

3 Demonstrating Readiness (Seals)

1 Credit Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 20 total credits in specified subjects and take the required end-of-course assessments. These include English language arts II (ELA I is no longer required beginning with the class of 2023), Algebra I (or Integrated Math I), Geometry (or Integrated Math II), Biology, American History, and American Government. Schools can require more than 20 credits.

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2 Demonstrating Competency

Students will first demonstrate competency by earning a competent score of 684 on both Ohio's Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) and English language arts II EOC tests. Students who do not reach the compentency score on the test must retake the tests, after remediation, at least once. If a competent score is not earned, students can demonstrate competency in 4 additional ways. The required score on the Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities is a score of Basic for both the mathematics and English language arts tests.

Option 1: Ohio's State Tests

Students must earn a competent score on the Algebra I (or Integrated Math 1) and English II end-of-course assessments. If a competent score is not earned, the student will receive additional remediation and retake the tests. Students must have taken Ohio's state tests twice before using Options 2-5. After two unsuccessful attempts, students can use options 2-5.

Option 2: Career Readiness

Students must demonstrate two career-focused activities. One must be from the Foundational options.

Foundational Options:

1. Cumulative score of proficient on Webxams
2. A 12-point industry credential

3. An apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship
4. State-issued license to practice in a vocation

Supporting Options:

1. Work-based learning
2. Earn the workforce readiness score on the Workkeys

3. Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 3: College Credit Plus

Students must earn credit in a non-remedial math or English course for the subject area not passed.

Option 4: Military Enlistment

Students must provide documents or evidence of enlistment in a branch of the armed forces.

Option 5: ACT or SAT

Students must obtain a remediation-free score in the math and/or English subject area on the ACT or SAT. To demonstrate competency in English, a student must be remediation-free in the subjects of English and reading on the ACT or SAT.

3 Demonstrating Readiness (Seals)

Students can meet the readiness requirement by earning two diploma seals. Students should choose seals that align with their goals and interests. These seals give students a chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align with their interests and post-high school pathway. One of the seals must be an Ohio-defined seal. The required score on the Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities to earn state seals is a score of Basic for science and/or social studies.

Ohio-Defined

» OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
» Industry-Recognized Credential Seal
» College-Ready Seal
» Military Enlistment Seal
» Citizenship Seal

» Science Seal
» Honors Diploma Seal
» Seal of Biliteracy
» Technology Seal

Locally Defined

» Community Service Seal
» Fine and Performing Arts Seal
» Student Engagement Seal