

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet or exceed the minimum standards of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as well as State law and, further, that our high school compares favorably with other high schools in the state that are recognized for excellence.

The requirements for graduation from high school are as follows:

<u>District Minimum</u>	
English Language Arts	4 units
Social Studies, including one unit of American History, one unit of World History, and one unit of American Government	3 units
Science, with inquiry-based lab experience, including one unit each in Physical Science and Life Sciences and one unit in Chemistry, Physics, or other physical science, Advanced Biology or other life science, Astronomy, Physical Geology or other earth or space science	3 units
Math, including one unit of Algebra II or its equivalent**	4 units
Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit
Electives***	<u>6 units</u>
Total	21 units

The statutory graduation requirements also include:

1. \*students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017 must take, at least, one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations "as part of the required social studies units";
2. \*\*students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015 who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track may complete a career-based pathway math course approved by ODE as an alternative to Algebra II;
3. \*\*\*student electives of any one or combination of the following: foreign language, fine arts (must complete two semesters in any of grades 7-12 unless following a career-technical pathway), business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education, or additional English language arts, math, science or social studies courses not otherwise required under the statutory graduation requirements;
4. units earned in social studies shall be integrated with economics and financial literacy and
5. meeting the applicable competency/assessment and/or readiness criteria required by law based on date of entry into ninth grade.

Diploma Seals

In accordance with State law, the Board establishes the criteria for at least one of the local diploma seals outlined in State law. The seals include a method to give, to the extent feasible, a transfer student a proportional amount of credit for any progress made toward completing that seal at the district or school from which the student transfers. The District recognizes a locally defined diploma seal that a student transferring into the District earned at another district regardless of whether the Board has developed local guidelines for that seal.

### Summer School

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation if administrative approval has been given prior to registration for the course.

### Educational Options

High school credit is awarded to students who successfully complete Board-approved educational options that count toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements.

### College Credit Plus Options

Credit is awarded for courses successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under College Credit Plus counts toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the District. If a course comparable to the course successfully completed is offered by the District, then comparable credit for the completed equivalent course is awarded. If no comparable course is offered, the District grants to the student an appropriate number of credits in a similar subject area.

### Correspondence Courses

High school courses offered through correspondence courses are accepted for credit toward graduation only when they meet the following criteria:

1. Credits earned in correspondence schools directly affiliated with state universities are evaluated by the school administration for students who wish to qualify for graduation from high school.
2. Credits earned from correspondence schools not directly affiliated with an accredited college or university may not be applied toward graduation.
3. Credits earned from schools that have been established primarily for correspondence study, rather than an institution primarily for residence study, are not accepted toward graduation.

### Coursework Prior to Ninth Grade

Student work successfully completed prior to the ninth grade is applied towards graduation credit if the course is taught by a teacher holding a license valid for teaching high school and is designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

### Physical Education Exemption

A student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. However, the student is required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, a student who, during high school, has participated in show choir for at least two full seasons is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. However, the student is required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study.

### Community Service

The District offers community service education, which acquaints students with the history and importance of volunteer service and with a wide range of existing community needs. Community service opportunities may be considered an elective towards graduation.

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CROSS REFS.: IGBM, Credit Flexibility  
IGCA, Summer Schools  
IGCD, Educational Options (Also LEB)  
IGCH, College Credit Plus (Also LEC)  
IGCI, Community Service  
IKFC, Graduation Plans and Students at Risk of Not Qualifying for a High  
School Diploma  
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