

Oakstone Academy High School

Ohio Graduation Requirements

REQUIREMENT 1: Take and earn a state minimum of 20 credits in specific subjects. You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. (Specifics for this Requirement are on PAGE 7)

REQUIREMENT 2A: Earn a passing score on Ohio’s high school Algebra I and English Language Arts II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

- Students are also required to take the following end-of-course tests, but competency is not required for graduation:
 - Geometry
 - Biology
 - American Government
 - American History
 - **IMPORTANT - English Language Arts I is not a required test to take.**

REQUIREMENT 2B: If unable to pass the Algebra I and/or English Language Arts II tests, there are three additional ways to show competency:

Option 1	<p><i>Demonstrate Two Career Focused Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proficient scores on WebXams ○ A 12-point industry credential ○ A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program • Supporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work-based learning ○ Earn the required score on WorkKeys ○ Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
Option 2	<p><i>Enlist in the Military</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show evidence that you signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.
Option 3	<p><i>Complete College Coursework</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn credit for one college level math and/or English course through Ohio’s free College Credit Plus program.

REQUIREMENT 3: 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:

Ohio Seals

- 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)



Local Seals

- Community Service Seal (Local)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- Student Engagement Seal (Local)



Ohio Defined Seals

OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)

Ohio high school students now can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. To earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, motivated high school students must demonstrate certain professional skills required for success in the workplace. Students work with at least three experienced and trusted mentors who validate the demonstration of these skills in school, work or the community.

Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)

Earning an [industry-recognized credential](#) and a [WorkKeys score](#) of 14 is [one of three pathways](#) to earn a high school diploma. When students earn industry-recognized credentials, schools and districts get credit on Ohio Report Cards for their success in preparing students for careers. The process of earning an industry-recognized credential (and career-technical education in general) allows students to experience education through work, about work and for work. Students learn more deeply by practicing and applying their knowledge through work and employment experiences – learning through work. They learn about workplace expectations in terms of professional or “soft” skills needed for employment, as well as learning about career pathways and what the labor market for particular occupations looks like – learning about work. And, they learn the job-specific skills they will need to perform day-to-day tasks – learning for work.

College-Ready Seal (Ohio)

Colleges and universities use the ACT and SAT to determine student readiness for the rigors of higher education. These institutions generally expect that students who earn “remediation-free” scores will be able to succeed in their college courses. The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. State law requires the Ohio Department of Education to use the ACT and SAT remediation-free scores to meet the graduation requirements of the college and career readiness test pathway.

Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)

Competency can be achieved by meeting the requirement to enlist in the military, as demonstrated by a contract.

Citizenship Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in both American History and American Government courses;
- Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American History and American Government end-of-course exams;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

Science Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an Advanced Science course;
- Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program

Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio’s graduation requirements through an honors diploma. Students challenge themselves by taking and succeeding at high-level coursework and in real-world experiences.

Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)

A Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. A school or district gives this award by following state-established guidelines.

Technology Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or
- Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department. (A district or school is not required to offer a course that meets those guidelines.)

Locally (Oakstone) Defined Seals

Community Service Seal (Local)

To earn this seal, students will have participated in one or more of the following based on the guidelines:

- **Student Leadership Team**
 - One full academic year
 - Facilitator Sign off
- **Key Club**
 - Two full academic years
 - Facilitator Sign off
- **Community Service Hours**
 - Volunteer Based (Can be a combination of multiple activities)
 - 120 hours minimum
 - Supervisor Sign-off / Log of Hours – *Must Be Submitted to Guidance Office at the end of academic year.*

Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)

- **Oakapella**
 - One full academic year
 - 120 hours total
 - Instructor Sign-Off
- **Choir**
 - One full academic year
 - 120 hours total
 - Instructor Sign-Off
- **Band**
 - One full academic year
 - 120 hours total
 - Instructor Sign-Off
- **Fine Arts Portfolio/Internship**
 - Minimum of 4 full credits/courses in fine arts completed
 - Instructor/Mentor Sign-Off
- **Theater Production (Cast or Crew)**
 - Cast: Two full theater Productions
 - Crew: Two full theater Productions
 - Director Sign-Off

Student Engagement Seal (Local)

- **Athletics** (Cross-Country, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Swimming, Track & Field, Baseball, Softball)
 - Two full athletic seasons
 - Principal Sign-Off
- **Academic Teams** (In-The-Know, Quiz-Bowl, Model UN, Business Club, Mathletes, District/State invitation for Science Fair)
 - Three full seasons
 - Facilitator Sign-off

Complete Courses and Course Requirements

Complete Courses

Ohio law outlines the course requirements all students must complete to earn a diploma. Ohio students must earn a minimum of 20 course units in specified subject areas.

Courses	State Minimum
English Language Arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits ¹
Physical Education	½ credit ²
Science	3 credits ³
Social Studies	3 credits ⁴
Electives	5 credits ⁵
Financial Literacy	½ credit ⁶

Other Requirements

Students must receive instruction in economics⁶ and financial literacy⁶ (in high school) and complete at least two semesters of fine arts⁵ (during grades 7-12).

1 Mathematics – Students must earn 4 mathematics units, which must include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II. Exceptions: Algebra II or advanced computer science is not a requirement for students following a career-technical pathway. However, students still must have four units in mathematics. A student may choose to apply one unit of advanced computer science to satisfy one unit of algebra II/math III or equivalent. Districts also may use credit in a computer science course approved by the Department to satisfy a student's mathematics credit.

2 Physical Education – School districts may adopt policies that would exempt students who participate in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons or an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program for two years from the physical education requirement. Students satisfying the physical education waiver must take another course of study of at least 60 hours of instruction (1/2 unit). Districts may include show choir as a permissible activity as part of the PE Waiver policy.

3 Science – Science units must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit of advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science. A student can choose to apply one credit in advanced computer science to satisfy one unit of advanced science (excluding biology or life sciences).

4 Social Studies – Students must include ½ unit of American history, ½ unit of American government, and ½ unit in world history and civilizations in the three required social studies units.

5 Elective credits – Elective units must include one or any combination of world language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.

Note: While not a state requirement for graduation, many four-year colleges and universities require a minimum of two years of sequential world language study at the secondary level as a college admissions requirement. This is the case for many in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities.

6 Financial Literacy – Class of 2026 and Beyond: One-half credit of financial literacy that students can substitute for a one-half credit elective, or a one-half credit of math required for graduation. The one-half credit of math cannot be Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2.