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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program, appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency, the Board of Education awards a diploma to eligible students at a graduation ceremony.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board or who properly completes the goals and objectives specified in his/her individualized education program (IEP) including either the exemption from or the requirement to complete the tests required by the State Board of Education in order to graduate. In addition to earning course credits, each student must earn the required number of points, unless exempted, on the tests required by the State Board of Education to graduate.

For the Class of 2018 and beyond, a diploma shall be awarded to students meeting the curriculum credit requirements and who achieve one of the following three options: a cumulative passing score with the required number of points in each area on end of course exams, earn the required points on the WorkKeys assessment and an approved industry-recognized credential, or earn a remediation-free score in English language arts and mathematics on the ACT or SAT, subject to limitations on assessments as outlined below.

[CHOOSE OPTION #1 OR OPTION #2]

[] [OPTION

#1]

The requirements for graduation from high school include earning twenty (20) units of credit in grades nine through twelve as established in State law. and passing the graduation tests required by the State Board of Education or meeting the alternative pathway to graduation. However, no student shall be required to remain in school for any specific number of semesters or other terms if the student completes the required curriculum early.

[X]

[OPTION

#2]

The requirements for graduation from high school include passing the graduation tests required by the State Board of Education or meeting the alternative pathway to graduation, and earning _____ units of credit in grades nine through twelve as follows:

[NOTE: Adjust “Units Required” numbers up from statutory minimum listed if District has additional requirements.]

Subject

Units Required

English Language Arts

Health

Physical Education

Mathematics (must include 1 unit algebra II or equivalent of algebra II)

Science (must include 1 unit physical sciences, 1 unit of life sciences, and 1 unit advanced study in one or more of: chemistry, physics, other physical science, advanced biology or other life science, physical geology or other earth or space science.)

Social Studies (must include 1/2 unit of American history and 1/2 unit of American government)

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Subject

Units Required

**Fine Arts, including music
_____ electives (must include one (1)
or
any combination of foreign language,
fine
arts, business, career-technical
education,
family and consumer sciences,
technology, agricultural education,
a junior reserve officer training corps
(JROTC) program approved by the U.S.
Congress, or English language arts,
mathematics, science, or social studies
courses not otherwise required)**

[NOTE: END OF OPTIONS]

All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during Grades 9 – 12. Additionally, all students must receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator from an approved source during Grades 9-12, unless the student is exempted from such training due to disability or by written request of the parent.

[NOTE: Credit requirements in State law must still be met]

Students who achieve an industry credential or license that requires an examination shall not be required to take additional technical assessments. If the student does not participate in licensure or license examination, the student shall take the applicable technical assessments. Students must attain specified scores on assessments as required to demonstrate workforce readiness on a nationally recognized job skills assessment in order to obtain a diploma.

Certain students are not required to take the college and career readiness assessments administered to all eleventh (11th) grade students:

- A. students who demonstrate they are remediation-free on the English, math and reading nationally-recognized assessments prior to the administration of the college and career readiness assessments;
- B. students with significant cognitive disabilities who take an alternative assessment and students with intellectual disabilities outlined in state guidance, and
- C. Limited English proficient students enrolled in United States schools for less than two years for whom no appropriate accommodations is available.

Students may take the assessment even if they are not required to do so.

[] The Board shall affix the State of Ohio Seal of Biliteracy to the diplomas of students who achieve all the requirements in an eligible language as established by the Ohio Department of Education. A student may be required to pay a fee to demonstrate proficiency in a language, which may include the cost of a standardized test.

[] Physical Education Waiver

Students who have participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two (2) full seasons as defined in the _____ handbook, while enrolled in grades 9 through 12, and as documented by the _____ [athletic director, assistant principal, guidance counselor, etc.] may be excused from the high school physical education requirement. Students electing such an excuse shall complete one-half (1/2) unit of at least sixty (60) hours of instruction in another course of study which is designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Credit may be earned by:

- A. completing coursework;
- B. testing out of or demonstrating mastery of course content; or
- C. pursuing one or more educational options in accordance with the District's Credit Flexibility Program.

Credit may be earned at an accredited postsecondary institution.

Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work for credit. This work shall count toward the graduation requirements if it was both:

- A. taught by a person who possesses a license/certificate issued under State law that is valid for teaching high school;
- B. designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

For students graduating in the class of 2018 and beyond:

The District will comply with State Board of Education requirements for graduation. Students shall earn required credits for graduation in the appropriate subject areas, and achieve one of three pathways:

- A. earning a State Board of Education approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials and a workforce readiness score on the Workkeys assessment; or
- B. earning a cumulative score on end of course exams equal to State Board requirements for the year of graduation; or
- C. earning remediation-free scores in English language arts and math on a nationally recognized college admission exam.

An honors diploma shall be awarded to any student who meets the established requirements for graduation or the requirements of his/her IEP; attains the applicable scores on the tests required by the State Board of Education to graduate; and meets any additional criteria the State Board may establish.

Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed requirements for graduation as certified by the high school principal or those students who have been deemed eligible to participate in such exercises in accordance with the terms of their IEP. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants.

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The Board also shall grant a diploma of adult education to all District residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who meet the requirements established by the State Board of Education.

The Superintendent shall establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to comply with State rules and regulations.

R.C. 3313.60, [3313.6021](#), 3313.603, 3313.61, 3313.611, [3313.6111](#), 3313.614
R.C. [3313.615](#), [3313.618](#), 3313.647, [3313.903](#), 3323.08
R.C. 3301.07, 0710, 0711
A.C. 3301-41-01, 3301-13-01 to 07

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