



# New High School Graduation Requirements

## *Beginning with the Class of 2018*

House Bill 487 updated Ohio’s graduation requirements to ensure that all students are ready for success in college and work.

The class of 2018 (9<sup>th</sup> graders in Fall 2014) must complete Ohio’s course requirements **AND** take seven end-of-course exams. Additionally, every student will have the opportunity to take a nationally-recognized college admission exam free-of-charge in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must satisfy graduation requirements by either accumulating the necessary points on end-of-course exams, scoring at the “remediation-free” level on a college-admissions test (such as ACT or SAT), or earning both an industry-recognized credential or a license issued by the state for practice in a vocation and a “workforce readiness and employability” score on a job skills assessment (such as WorkKeys) .

Complete Ohio Course Requirements	State Minimum
English	4 units
Health	½ unit
Mathematics	4 units
Physical education	½ unit
Science	3 units
Social studies	3 units
Electives	3 units
Economics & financial literacy	
Fine arts	



### And meet one of the following three:

- Earn a cumulative passing score on seven end-of-course exams:
    - Algebra<sup>1</sup> and geometry *or* integrated math I and II
    - Physical science
    - American history and American government
    - English I and English II

Students studying Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or taking dual enrollment courses in physical science, American history or American government may take assessments aligned to those courses in lieu of end-of-course exams to avoid double testing.

Students opting out of Ohio’s course requirements over the next two years will take a math assessment as determined by the Ohio Department of Education.

**--OR--**
  - Earn a “remediation free” score on a nationally recognized college admission exam. All students will take the exam free-of-charge in 11<sup>th</sup> grade; the State of Ohio will pick up the cost.
- OR--**
- Earn an industry-recognized credential or a state license for practice in a vocation and achieve a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a job skills assessment.

<sup>1</sup> The State Board of Education may decide to include an algebra II end-of-course examination in place of algebra beginning for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade on or after July 1, 2016.