

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

The requirements for graduation from high school are as follows.

Ohio Core/Minimum

Hilliard City Schools

Graduation Class of 2012

English Language Arts	4 units	English Language Arts	4 units
Social Studies, including one-half unit of American History and one-half unit of American Government	3 units	Social Studies, including one-half unit of American History and one-half 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	Science, including one unit each in Physical Science and Biology	3 units
Math, including one unit of Algebra II or its equivalent	4 units	Mathematics	3 units
Health	½ unit	Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit	Physical Education	½ unit
Electives **	<u>5 units</u>	Electives *	6.5 units
		Integrated Technology	<u>½ unit</u>
Total	20 units	Total	21 units

Hilliard City Schools Graduation Class of 2013		Hilliard City Schools Graduation Class of 2014	
English	4 units	English	4 units
World Studies	1 unit	World Studies	1 unit
U.S. History	1 unit	U.S. History	1 unit
U.S. Government	½ unit	U.S. Government	½ unit
Civics or Economics	½ unit	Civics or Economics	½ unit
Science Including one credit each in Biology & Physical Science	3 units	Science Including one credit each in Biology & Physical Science	3 units
Math	3 units	Math Must include Algebra II or Honors Algebra II	4 units
Health	½ unit	Health	½ unit
Physical Education Students may waive the physical education requirement with participation in athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading. Students who pursue this option must earn one-half elective credit in another subject-area to meet the minimum credit requirement for graduation.	½ unit	Physical Education Students may waive the physical education requirement with participation in athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading. Students who pursue this option must earn one-half elective credit in another subject-area to meet the minimum credit requirement for graduation.	½ unit
Information & Communication Technology 21	½ unit	Information & Communication Technology 21	½ unit
Required Elective 1 credit or two ½ credits from Fine Arts, Foreign Language or Business Technology – any courses in the Business, Computer Science or Pre-Engineering Dept.	1 unit	Financial Literacy Elective The financial literacy elective requirement can be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses: Careers & Money Management, Financial Independence, Personal Finance, College Fundamentals or Principles of Entrepreneurship or CBI 3 Related.	½ unit
Additional Electives	5 ½ units	Additional Electives One credit must be earned in fine arts unless two semesters of fine arts coursework were successfully completed in middle school (grades 7-8). Participation in Tolles or CBI may fulfill the Fine Arts graduation requirement. Elective credits must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, pre-engineering or English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies not otherwise required.	5 units
Total Credits	21	Total Credits	21

Hilliard City Schools Graduation Class of 2015		Hilliard City Schools Graduation Class of 2016	
English	4 units	English	4 units
World Studies	1 unit	World Studies	1 unit
U.S. History	1 unit	U.S. History	1 unit
U.S. Government	½ unit	U.S. Government	½ unit
Civics or Economics	½ unit	Civics or Economics	½ unit
Science Including one credit each in Biology & Physical Science	3 units	Science Including one credit each in Biology & Physical Science	3 units
Math Must include Algebra II or Honors Algebra II	4 units	Math Must include Algebra II or Honors Algebra II	4 units
Health	½ unit	Health	½ unit
Physical Education Students may waive the physical education requirement with participation in athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading. Students who pursue this option must earn one-half elective credit in another subject-area to meet the minimum credit requirement for graduation.	½ unit	Physical Education Students may waive the physical education requirement with participation in athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading. Students who pursue this option must earn one-half elective credit in another subject-area to meet the minimum credit requirement for graduation.	½ unit
Information & Communication Technology 21	½ unit	Information & Communication Technology 21	½ unit
Financial Literacy Elective The financial literacy elective requirement can be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses: Careers & Money Management, Financial Independence, Personal Finance, College Fundamentals or Principles of Entrepreneurship or CBI 3 Related.	1 unit	Financial Literacy Elective The financial literacy elective requirement can be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses during the Junior or Senior year: Careers & Money Management, Financial Independence, Personal Finance, College Fundamentals or Principles of Entrepreneurship, Life Skills 1 or CBI 3 Related. Note: Taking one of these prior to the Junior year will not fulfill the graduation requirement.	½ unit
Senior Capstone The Senior Capstone can be completed in a variety of ways/courses and must meet defined criteria. The Senior Capstone must be completed during the senior year.	½ unit	Senior Capstone The Senior Capstone can be completed in a variety of ways/courses and must meet defined criteria. The Senior Capstone must be completed during the senior year.	½ unit
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Total Credits	21.5	Total Credits	21.5

The Ohio Core requirements for graduation also include:

1. student electives** of any one or combination of the following: foreign language, fine arts (two semesters in any of grades 7-12), 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 Ohio Core;
2. units earned in social studies shall be integrated with economics and financial literacy and
3. passing all State required examinations.

Summer School

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation provided that 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.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options

Credit is awarded for a course successfully completed outside of regular school hours by a student at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under this section of the Ohio Revised Code 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, which 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 (see IKF-R for detailed information).

Junior Reserve Office Training Corps (JROTC) Exemption

A student who has participated in JROTC for at least two full school years is not required to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate. In addition, the academic credit received from participating in JROTC may be used to satisfy the one-half unit of Physical Education and completion of another course is not necessary for graduation.

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.

Ohio Core Opt Out

The District does not offer students the ability to participate in the Ohio Core Opt Out.

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CROSS REFS.: IGBM, Credit Flexibility
IGCA, Summer Schools
IGCD, Educational Options (Also LEB)
IGCH, Postsecondary Enrollment Options (Also LEC)
IGCI, Community Service
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges