

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 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.

Statutory Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts	4 units
History and government, including one-half unit of American History and one-half unit of American Government	1 unit
Social Studies*	2 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
Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit
Electives***	<u>5 units</u>
Total	20 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.

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English	4 units
World Studies	1 unit
U.S. History	1 unit
U.S. Government	1 unit
Science – Including one credit each in Biology & Physical Science	3 units
Math – Must include Algebra II or Honors Algebra II**	4 units
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
Digital Connections	½ unit
Financial Literacy Elective – The financial literacy elective requirement can be fulfilled by taking one of the following courses during the Sophomore, 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 Sophomore year will not fulfill the graduation requirement. This requirement is strongly encouraged for 10 th graders who are interested in Tolles Career & Technical Center.	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
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 world 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	21.5

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.

College Credit Plus and Post Secondary Enrollment Options

Credit is awarded for a course successfully completed at an accredited postsecondary institution. High school credit awarded for a course successfully completed under College Credit Plus, or where applicable the former Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program, 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.

Junior Reserve Officer 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.

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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
JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges