



# Diploma Seals

The state of Ohio has created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic and technical skills for college, careers, or the military. Starting with the class of 2023, students will be required to earn at least two seals, one of which must be state defined, in order to earn a diploma. *Ohio Revised Code sections 3313.618 and 3313.6114.*

State-Defined Diploma Seal	Requirements
<b>Military Enlistment Seal</b>	Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or Participate in an approved JROTC program
<b>Technology Seal</b>	<p>A student can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam;</li> <li>2. 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</li> <li>3. 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.)</li> </ol>
<b>Industry-Recognized Credential Seal</b>	Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field.
<b>Citizenship Seal</b>	<p>A student can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams;</li> <li>2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or</li> <li>3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.</li> </ol>
<b>OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal</b>	Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.
<b>State Seal of Biliteracy</b>	Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.
<b>College-Ready Seal</b>	Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Visit the Department’s website to see current remediation-free scores.
<b>Science Seal</b>	<p>A student can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;</li> <li>2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or</li> <li>3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program.</li> </ol>



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State-Defined Diploma Seal <i>(continued)</i>	Requirements
<b>Honors Diploma Seal</b>	Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Honors Diploma;</li> <li>2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma;</li> <li>3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma;</li> <li>4. STEM Honors Diploma;</li> <li>5. Arts Honors Diploma;</li> <li>6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma.</li> </ol>
Locally Defined Diploma Seals**	Requirements
<b>Community Service Seal (locally defined)</b>	60 hours of community service over 4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can submit multiple community service experiences for a cumulative total of 60 hours</li> </ul>
<b>Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)</b>	Participation in 2 or more of the following for a 60 Pt. Total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Pts.- PE Waiver Eligible Activities, Theatre/Musical production, Board Approved Clubs/Activities.</li> <li>• 20 Pts. - Principal approved school activity, intramurals</li> </ul>
<b>Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)</b>	Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

\*\*State law requires districts and schools to develop guidelines for at least one of the locally defined diploma seals. Each district or school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have met the requirements prescribed under division (C) of Ohio Revised Code section 3313.6114 for earning the state seals established under that division. Districts and schools must attach or affix the diploma seals earned to the student's diploma and transcript.

Ohio Department of Education. "Ohio Graduation Requirements: Long-term Requirements 2023 and Beyond." Ohio's Graduation Requirements, February 2020, <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>.

## Fine and Performing Arts Seal

Students electing to seek the Fine and Performing Arts Seal are required to fulfill the regular curriculum for the Fine and Performing Arts courses they are in as well as the following elected components.

- Students should have a minimum of **60** points earned toward the Fine and Performing Arts Seal from the following categories of activities:

### **40 point category:**

- Take a minimum of 12 regularly scheduled private lessons per semester with an approved instructor including a monthly progress report submitted to directors (due on or before the last day of the semester).
- Participate in the Governor's Art Show. Participation in multiple years is allowed.
- Earn National or International Honor Thespian award from Educational Theatre Association
- Participate and/or Perform in 9 or more extra-curricular, director-led, school-based theatrical productions. Participation/performance evaluated.
- Choreograph a full work for performance by multiple dancers
- Dance Lead role in a ballet or similar performance type
- Captain a dance team for a musical
- Have artwork displayed in professional gallery (up to 2 times)
- Earn a Superior rating in Individual Events at OEdTA State Thespian Conference
- Any similar activity pre-approved by instructor

### **30 point category:**

- Be selected for and participate in the OMEA All-State Music Ensemble, and submit a written reflective journal will be kept throughout the experience.
- Be selected to participate in the cast or crew for the OEdTA All-Ohio Production.
- Participate in Individual Events at OEdTA State Thespian Conference
- Participate and/or Perform in at least 4 extra-curricular, director-led, school-based theatrical productions. Participation/performance evaluated.
- Have a solo dance in a musical theater production
- Have artwork displayed in community
- Any similar activity pre-approved by instructor

### **20 point category:**

- Participate and perform in any extra-curricular, director-led, school-ensemble. Participation and performance will be evaluated.
- Participate and/or perform in at least 3 extra-curricular, director-led, school-based theatrical productions. Participation/performance evaluated.
- Earn Honor Thespian award from Educational Theatre Association
- Have a solo dance in a dance show
- Maintain annual membership in an educational based dance troupe
- Have artwork displayed in school based show
- Any similar activity pre-approved by instructor
- Completion of 2 Fine Arts Credits with a grade of C or better

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### **15 point category:**

- Maintain an active chamber ensemble to be evaluated using the OMEA chamber-ensemble evaluation tool.
- Earn membership in the International Thespian Society
- Have five or more artworks displayed in school showcase
- Participate in a company show ( up to 3 times)
- Any similar activity pre-approved by instructor

### **10 points:**

- Any music-community service pre-approved by instructor
- Attend OEdTA State Thespian Conference
- OCC Honors Choir
- Ohio State University Honors Band or Choir
- Ohio University Honors Band, Choir or Orchestra
- Bowling Green State University Fall Fling
- perfect attendance at pep band
- Capital University Honors Ensembles
- Have artwork displayed in showcase ( up to 3 times)
- Participate in a Youth Orchestra outside of school. (up to 4 times)
- Participate in a dance workshop -(up to 6 times)