

Demonstrating Readiness

In addition to fulfilling curriculum requirements and meeting the competency requirements, students must show they are prepared for their next steps after high school. Students will demonstrate readiness by earning at least two diploma seals, one of which must be state-defined. Seals help students develop an array of critical skills that are valuable to them as they transition to the next steps after high school. State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Each seal allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for success in their chosen post-high school paths.

State-Defined Diploma Seal Requirements

How to earn each seal:

Military Enlistment Seal

Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or participate in an approved JROTC program.

OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal

Students earn this seal by demonstrating 15 professional skills across work, school, and community, validated by 3 mentors.

State Seal of Bilingual

Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.

Honors Diploma Seal

Earn one of six Honors Diplomas:

1. Academic Honors Diploma
2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma
4. STEM Honors Diploma
5. Arts Honors Diploma
6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma

Technology Seal

1. Earn a proficient score on a relevant Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam.
2. Earn a final course grade of a "B" or higher in a related class taken through the College Credit Plus program.
3. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department.

Industry-Recognized Credential Seal

1. Obtain a state-issued license for practice in a vocation that requires an examination.
2. Earn a 12-point approved Industry-Recognized Credential or group of credentials totaling 12-points in a single career field.

College-Ready Seal

Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT.

Citizenship Seal

Satisfy one American History option and one American Government Option:

American History options:

1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an American History course.
2. Earn a score of proficient or higher the American History end-of-course exam.
3. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate in US History.
4. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in appropriate American History College Credit Plus course.

American Government options:

1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an American Government course.
2. Earn a score of proficient or higher the American Government end-of-course exam.
3. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate in US Government.
4. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in appropriate American Government College Credit Plus course.

Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn a score of Basic or above on the Social Studies Alternate Assessment.

Science Seal

Students must meet one of the following options to earn the science seal:

1. Earn a final course grade of a "B" or higher in an advanced science course.
2. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam.
3. Earn a proficient score on a related Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam.
4. Earn a final course grade of a "B" or higher in a related class taken through the College Credit Plus program.

Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn a score of Basic or above on the Science Alternate Assessment.

Locally Defined Diploma Seal Requirements

Determined by guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

Community Service Seal

Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by your local school district.

Student Engagement Seal

Participate in extracurricular activities like sports, clubs or student government.

Fine and Performing Arts Seal

Develop and display your skills in fine or performing arts.

Want to learn more?

For more information on Readiness requirements and alternatives, click [here](#).



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