Demonstrating Competency

To graduate high school in Ohio, you'll need to earn a competency score of 684 or higher on the English Language Arts II and Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) end-of-course tests. If you don't score high enough on your first attempt, you'll be able to take the test again. From there, you'll be introduced to a variety of additional ways that you can pursue in order to meet the competency requirement.

Additional Options

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
College Credit Plus	ACT or SAT	Military Enlistment	Career Experience

College Credit Plus

To demonstrate competency via the College Credit Plus program, you can earn credit for the subject(s) you didn't earn a competency score in. For example, if you meet the competency score on the English Language Arts II test, but not on the Algebra I test, you would only need to earn College Credit Plus math credit.

Courses:
- English Language Arts II: College Credit Plus courses that may satisfy competency demonstration under the English II end-of-course exam include courses in literature, composition, journalism, speech, and applied communications.

- Algebra I: College Credit Plus courses that may satisfy the competency demonstration under Algebra I end-of-course exam include any non-remedial college math course.

ACT or SAT

If you earn a remediation-free score in the Math or English subject areas on the ACT or SAT, that would also satisfy your Math and English competency requirements.

Military Enlistment

You may also satisfy your competency requirements by enlisting in the Military.

To show evidence of enlistment, you need to provide a signed copy of the Department of Defense Form Enlistment/ Reenlistment (DD Form 4) enlistment contract to your district or school. This is the same for all branches of services.

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Career Experience and Technical Skill

You can demonstrate competency by gaining career expertise or a technical skill. To satisfy this option you need to complete two of the options from the below list of seven, and at least one of them needs to be a 'foundational' option.

General Requirements:

Foundational Options:

- Earn a cumulative score of proficient or higher on three or more WebXams in a single career pathway
- Earn a 12-point approved Industry-Recognized Credential (or group of credentials for a total of 12 points in a single career field)
- Complete a pre-apprenticeship program recognized by the Ohio State Apprentice Council (OSAC),
    - You may also show an acceptance letter if your apprenticeship requires you to be 18 or older.
- Earn a State-Issued License in a field that requires an exam.

Supporting Options:

- Complete a 250-hour Work-Based Learning experience
- Earn the workforce readiness score of 14 on WorkKeys
- Earn your OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal.

Want to learn more?

For more information on Competency requirements and alternatives, click here.

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