

State of Ohio Graduation Requirements

#1 Credit Requirements

Courses-Minimum of 21 credits

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math (including Algebra II)

3 credits of Social Studies (including American History, American Government, ½ credit of World History)

3 credits of Science (including one Life Science, one Physical Science)

0.5 credit of Health

*0.5 credit of PE (sophomore year); see PE waiver option below

0.5 credits of Financial Literacy (required for the Class of 2026 and beyond)

5.5 Elective credits (including 1 credit of Fine Arts-Fine Art is Visual Art (Art) or Performing Art (Choir, Band)

***PE Waiver**

Exemption from the PE graduation requirement.

Requires **two seasons** of participation in OHSAA sanctioned sport, cheerleading, show choir or marching band.

-Note: Dance Team does not qualify for the waiver as it is not an OHSAA sanctioned sport.

PE Waiver is listed on the HS transcript for zero credit.

#2 Demonstration of Competency

Earn a competency score on the state Algebra I test (684) and English Language Arts II test (684).

-Algebra I testing (Spring of 8th grade or freshman year)

-ELA II testing (Spring of sophomore year).

Students who do not score competent on either test will be offered remediation through a Math Enrichment class and/or English Enrichment class before attempting the state retake test.

Students who are NOT competent after two attempts at the Algebra I and/or English II tests must meet **one** of the following three options:

1) Earn credit in one college level, non-remedial Math and/or English course (depending on non-competent test score) through the college credit plus program. **OR**

2) Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the US armed services upon graduation. **OR**

3) Show career readiness by completing **two** of the following demonstrations, one of which must be foundational:

Foundational:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on three or more WebXams in a single career pathway;
- Earn a 12 point industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field; or
- Complete a pre-apprenticeship in the student's chosen career field or show evidence of acceptance into an apprenticeship program (for students ages 18 and older) after high school.

Supporting:

- Complete a 250-hour work-based learning experience with evidence of positive evaluations;
- Earn the workforce readiness score on WorkKeys; or
- Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.

*Option 3 can be accomplished through a vocational program at Tri Rivers Career Center.

#3 Demonstration of Readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, *one of them must be an Ohio issued seal* (indicated in the parentheses). For the ease of selection, the more popular diploma seal choices have been marked with an asterisk.

***Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)**-Demonstration of professional skills/work ethic validated by three mentors over 15 professional skills areas. Mentors must be from 2 of 3 areas (school, community service, work).. Student must be employed or have a community service project. Evidence: Submit state paperwork to HS office..

Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)-On track to graduate, proficiency in the state English Language Arts test, and at least a 4 on an AP language exam or other world language proficiency through a series of test based options. *Note: One of the more difficult seals to earn. Evidence: Test scores.

College Ready Seal (Ohio)-Remediation free scores on the ACT or SAT. ACT Reading 22; ACT Math 22; ACT English 18. SAT Reading 480; Math 530. Evidence: Test scores.

***Science Seal (Ohio)**-Proficiency on the state Biology test or a science Advanced Placement course or earn a B or higher in an approved College Credit Plus science course (@ PHS: Anatomy & Physiology, or Chemistry II, or Physics) or a B or higher in an advanced high school science course (i.e. Chemistry I, Biology II, Physical Science II). Evidence: Test scores or grade/credit earned on transcript.

Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)-Meet the state established criteria to earn one of six possible honors diplomas. Can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website. Evidence: Credits on transcripts matching state criteria.

***Citizenship Seal (Ohio)**-Earn proficient on the state American Government and American History test or in an Advanced Placement History and Government course, or earn a B or higher in an approved College Credit Plus American History and Government course (@ MTC: Early or Modern American History and @ PHS Advanced Government) or a B or higher in high school American History and American Government. Evidence: State test scores or grade/credit earned on transcript.

Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)-Provide evidence of enlistment in an armed service or participate in a Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) program (not offered at PHS). Evidence: Signed enlistment contract from the military recruiter.

***Technology Seal (Ohio)**-Score at least a 2 in an Advanced Placement computer course (@ PHS-AP Computer Science Principles or AP Computer Science A) or earn a B or higher in a college level computer course (@ PHS-CCP Computer Applications). Evidence: AP test scores or CCP computer credit on transcript.

***Industry Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)**-Earn a 12 point industry credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field. Completed at Tri Rivers Career Center. (@PHS 9 industry credentials can be completed via Career Connections and Lean Six Sigma). Evidence: Credential paperwork from institution issuing credential.

Only **ONE** local seal can count toward graduation.

Community Service Seal (Local)- Students will be required to earn 60 hours of documented service for the Community Service Seal. The hours earned for this seal cannot begin before June 1st of the summer prior to a student's freshman year. It can be completed at any point during a student's four years of high school but must be concluded by March 1st of a student's senior year (unless otherwise approved by administration). The community service hours will be logged by the student on the Pleasant High School community service form and verified by the student's community service project supervisor. The community service activity (or activities) must be pre-approved by the district and cannot be court ordered community service. If the community service spans more than one school year, the student must submit documented hours at the conclusion of each school year. Evidence: Community service paperwork submitted to HS office.

***Fine and Performing Art Seal (Local)**- Students will be required to earn two high school credits of visual or performing art for the Fine and Performing Arts Seal. Visual or performing arts at Pleasant High School are defined as Concert Choir I, Women's Chorus, Band I, Concert Band I, Art I, or Art II. Evidence: Credit on transcript.

***Student Engagement Seal (Local)**- Students will be required to complete 8 full extra curricular experiences during high school. These experiences can include athletics, musical/drama performances, clubs, or student government and must be school sponsored and supervised. Students must participate for the entire season or school year. If a student quits or is otherwise unable to complete the experience, it will not count toward the required amount. The participation in these experiences must be to a "meaningful extent". A Student Engagement Seal form will be completed by the student and the coach, athletic director, music director or club advisor will sign the form to verify that the student has participated to a meaningful extent. Evidence: Extra curricular paperwork submitted to HS office.

Student Success Plans

Students will be deemed "at risk" and placed on a Success Plan if they are a) deficient in more than one academic credit at any point during high school, b) are deficient in state test scores at any point during high school, and/or c) have not met the criteria for at least one diploma seal by junior year.