

Ohio Curriculum Choice Checklist for High Schools

Graduating Classes of 2015 through 2019

A family may feel that their son or daughter is not prepared to succeed in the higher-level courses in mathematics and science or is planning a career that does not require these courses. In this case, the parent or guardian may request that the child opt-out from the new high school curriculum requirements for graduation. Students may continue to strive to complete the higher level courses and when successful will not be subject to any college consequences. *The Curriculum Choice provision is available only to the graduating classes of 2015 through 2019. Note: the minimal state requirements change for the graduating classes of 2018 and 2019.*

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Student name: _____

Name of parent or guardian of student requesting Curriculum Choice: _____

Date student entered high school: _____

Checklist:

- Student is in his or her third year of high school (*exception: students in the class of 2015 may still choose this option during their senior year*)
- School meeting with student and family to explain Curriculum Choice and resulting district graduation requirements.
Date: _____
Name of administrator: _____ Title: _____
- Student in the classes of 2015 to 2017 has minimally met the 2013 Ohio graduation requirements (*see curriculum requirements listed below*)
- Student in the classes of 2018 or 2019 has met the modified state minimal graduation requirements (*see curriculum requirements listed below*)
- Student has met the assessment requirements for his or her graduating class.
- A Student Success Plan was created during the student's third year of high school.
Which of the following is in the plan?
 - Two-year degree program
 - Business industry credential
 - Apprenticeship
- Plan includes:
 - Student's interests, skills and knowledge that support his or her career goals
 - High school courses and programs related to and that support the student's career goals
 - Outside-of-school activities that support his or her career goals
 - The results of OhioMeansJobs K-12 or other similar career information planning systems
 - Record of assessments (both current and planned)

Examples of Student Success Plans are [here](#).

2013 CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

- English language arts 4 units
- Health 1/2 unit
- Mathematics 3 units
- Physical education 1/2 unit
- Science 3 units*
- Social studies 3 units**
- Electives 6 units***
- Fine Arts two semesters completed in grades 7-12
- Any additional local curriculum graduation requirements

*Science units must include 1 unit of biological sciences and 1 unit of physical sciences.

**Social Studies units must include 1/2 unit of American history and 1/2 unit of American government.

***Electives units must include 1 unit or 2 half units in business, technology, fine arts or foreign language.

CURRICULUM CHOICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSES OF 2018 AND 2019:

- English language arts 4 units
- Health 1/2 unit
- Mathematics 4 units*
- Physical education 1/2 unit
- Science 3 units**
- Social studies 3 units***
- Electives 5 units
- Fine Arts two semesters completed in grades 7-12
- Any additional local curriculum graduation requirements

*Mathematics must include four units. One unit shall be one of the following: probability and statistics; computer programming; applied mathematics; quantitative reasoning; and any other course approved by the department using standards identified [here](#).

**Science must include three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following or their equivalent: one unit of physical sciences; one unit life sciences; one or more units of science study.

*** Social studies units must include 1/2 unit of American history and 1/2 unit of American government.

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