

Ohio's High School Credential Redesign Process

Overview:

Ohio is committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to earn high-value, industry-recognized credentials that lead to post-high school success and contribute to the state's economic growth as part of their pathway to a high school diploma. [Ohio Excels](#) and the [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce \(DEW\)](#), in partnership with [Watershed Advisors](#) and [Accenture](#), will co-lead a three-year initiative to redesign the process and criteria Ohio uses to determine credential eligibility and ensure that high school students have access to high-quality credentials.

To help ensure the redesign is aligned with Ohio's economic and labor market needs, over the next three months, Ohio Excels will collaborate with Accenture to engage stakeholders to provide input and analyze intersections between education, workforce, and labor market data. The combination of stakeholder input, data insights, and Accenture's expertise will inform recommendations for a revised approach to credential eligibility. The redesign will focus on ensuring eligibility is determined through a transparent process that uses a clear, data-driven framework, with criteria that emphasize value and opportunities that help students succeed after high school—whether they pursue higher education, military service, or enter the workforce.

Year 1 Timeline:

Credential Evaluation (January - March)	Credential List Redesign (March - May)	Credential List Adoption and Finalizations (June - July)	School Implementation (August and Beyond)
Review Ohio's current credential list and eligibility criteria	Apply the new framework to evaluate existing credentials	Finalize the recommended credential list and eligibility criteria, and release publicly	Intensively support districts and schools in understanding and implementing the updated list
Gather input from education, workforce, and industry stakeholders			

Next Step for Stakeholders and Districts:

We welcome and value stakeholder input and encourage continued engagement. Additional information regarding opportunities to participate will be shared by Ohio Excels and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW).

We are committed to providing comprehensive implementation support, including industry-recognized credential planning, guidance for school and district leaders, and ongoing technical assistance. School and district leaders, business leaders, key partners and stakeholders are encouraged to fill out this [form](#) to sign up for monthly updates or to engage more deeply.