Overview of Graduation Requirements by Graduating Class

To provide a comprehensive overview of Ohio's graduation requirements in response to recent updates, the chart below outlines the options available to each cohort, as well as a description of the requirements.

In addition to satisfying the required coursework, students in the classes of 2017 through 2023 and beyond will satisfy the following:

Classes of 2017 and prior	Classes of 2018 and 2019	Class of 2020	Classes of 2021 and 2022	Classes of 2023 and beyond
Students entering grade nine on or before **June 30, 2014**	Students who entered grade nine between **July 1, 2014** and **June 30, 2016**	Students who entered grade nine between **July 1, 2016** and **June 30, 2017**	Students who entered grade nine between **July 1, 2017** and **June 30, 2019**	Students entered grade nine between **July 1, 2019** and **June 30, 2020**
Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) OR **OGT Alternative Pathway** OR **Three Pathways** OR **OGT Test Substitutions**	**Three Pathways** OR **Additional Graduation Options** OR **Permanent Requirements**	**Three Pathways** OR **Modified Additional Graduation Options** OR **Permanent Requirements**	**Three Pathways** OR **Permanent Requirements**	**Permanent Requirements**

Ohio Graduation Tests

Students must pass the five Ohio Graduation Tests in math, reading, writing, science and social studies or meet one of the alternatives below:

1. Satisfy the requirements of the OGT Alternative pathway outlined here;
2. Satisfy the requirements of the "Three Pathways" listed below;
3. Meet the OGT substitutions outlined here.

Three Pathways

Students must complete one of the following three pathways:

1. Earn 18 graduation points on Ohio's State Tests;
2. Earn a remediation-free score on the ACT or SAT;
3. Score work ready on the WorkKeys and earn a 12-point, approved industry-recognized credential (or group of credentials).

Additional Options for Classes of 2018 and 2019

Option 1: In addition to passing required courses and taking all seven required tests, students must meet at least two of the below options:

- Attendance rate of 93 percent senior year;
- GPA of 2.5 during senior year;
- Senior year capstone project (locally defined);
- Work or community service totaling 120 hours (locally defined);
- Earn three or more credits through College Credit Plus;
- Earn an industry-recognized credential;
- Earn credit and set scores on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams;
- Earn a WorkKeys score of 3 on each test;
- Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.

Option 2: In addition to passing required courses and taking all seven required tests, students must finish a career-technical program and complete at least one of the below options:

- Earn proficient on all WebXams;
- Earn an approved industry-recognized credential;
- Complete 250 hours of workplace experience with positive evaluations.

Modified Additional Graduation Options for the Class of 2020

Option 1: In addition to passing required courses and taking all seven required tests, students must meet at least two of the below options:

- GPA of 2.5 during the junior and senior years;
- Senior year capstone project (state defined);
- Work or community service totaling 120 hours (state defined);
- Earn three or more credits through College Credit Plus;
- Earn an industry-recognized credential;
- Earn credit and set scores on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams;
- Earn a WorkKeys score of 3 on each test;
- Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.

Option 2: Same as option 2 for classes of 2018 and 2019 as outlined above.

Permanent Graduation Requirements

State law created new, permanent requirements that will be available starting with the class of 2018.* Students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 who have met or are on track to meet one of the original three pathways (listed above) may continue to use those pathways to satisfy graduation requirements. Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond will be required to meet the permanent requirements in order to graduate. The permanent requirements are listed below:

1. **Demonstrate Competency:** Students must demonstrate competency in math and English by passing the state's algebra I and English II tests. Students who have taken required tests more than once without passing and have received remedial supports are able to show competency through one of the options below:

   - Earn credit for one math and/or one English course through College Credit Plus;
   - Demonstrate career readiness and technical skill through foundational and supporting options;
   - Enter into a contract to enlist in the military upon graduation.

2. **Preparation for College or Careers:** Students must earn two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined, to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions.

State System of Diploma Seals	
OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal	Honors Diploma Seal
State Seal of Biliteracy	Technology Seal
Industry-Recognized Credential Seal	Citizenship Seal
College-Ready Seal	Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)
Military Enlistment Seal	Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)
Science Seal	Community Service Seal (locally defined)

It is important to note that a number of the criteria for the newly passed graduation requirements are currently under development and more information will be available soon. Districts and schools should be thoughtful in utilizing the newly passed requirements for students in the classes of 2018-2020 as they are being developed.