Ohio's Adult Diploma Program Options

	Adult 22+ High School Diploma Program (ORC 3314.38, 3314.23, 3317.24, 3345.86, 3317.231 and OAC 3301-45)	Competency-Based High School Diploma Pilot Program (ORC 3314.38, 3317.23, 3317.231, 3317.24 3345.86)	Adult Diploma Program (ORC 3313.902) (OAC 3301-44)	High School Equivalency (ORC 3301.81 and 3301.80 and OAC 3301-01-41)	High School Continuation Program (ORC 3313.531 and OAC 3301-43)
Age	22 and older	18-21	18 and older	16 and older	16 and older
Diploma Type	Locally issued high school diploma	Locally issued high school diploma	Industry-recognized credential and State Board-issued diploma	Nationally issued Ohio High School Equivalence diploma	Locally issued high school diploma
Availability	Approved educational institutions throughout the state; program is free of charge.	Approved educational institutions throughout the state; the program is free of charge.	Approved educational institutions throughout the state; the program is free of charge.	Available at approved testing centers throughout the state. There is a cost associated with taking the test, with vouchers available for first-time takers.	Available at participating districts throughout the state
Testing	Students must meet the graduation requirements from the time of entry in ninth grade (earn required number of credits; pass proficiency/Ohio Graduation Tests, unless exempted from testing)	Students must meet the graduation requirements from the time of entry in ninth grade (earn required number of credits; pass proficiency/Ohio Graduation Tests, unless exempted from testing)	Students must pass WorkKeys tests and earn a composite score of 12 over three tests. Students do not need to pass the proficiency/Ohio Graduation Tests	Approved Ohio testing vendors — GED and HiSET — are located throughout the state. Test-takers must pass all vendor subtests. Scores do not merge between vendors	Students must meet the graduation requirements from the time of entry in ninth grade (earn required number of credits; pass proficiency/Ohio Graduation Tests, unless exempted from testing)
Application/ Enrollment Requirements	No minimum number of high school credits required to enroll; however, students have two consecutive years to earn credits needed based on their ninth-grade cohort	No minimum number of high school credits required to enroll; however, students have two consecutive years to earn credits needed based on their ninth-grade cohort	No minimum number of high school credits required to enroll	All test-takers must apply online through one of the testing vendor websites. All test-takers must be Ohio residents, officially withdrawn from school and at least 18 years of age. A person who is 16 years of age, but less than 18 years of age must be officially withdrawn from school and have written approval from the person's parent or guardian or a court official	
Duration	Maximum of two consecutive years to complete the program	Program will run from October 1st, 2023 – June 30th 2025	Determined by length of credential program	There is no time limit to complete the testing	There is no time limit to complete the program
Additional Requirements	No additional requirements to pursue postsecondary education	No additional requirements to pursue postsecondary education	Must complete the program and pursue an industry-recognized credential simultaneously	Assessment accommodation requests must be submitted to the GED or HiSET assessment vendors	No additional requirements



