Ohio Diploma Seals

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Fine and Performing Arts Local Seal: A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by demonstrating skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation that is aligned with the following guidelines:

Four (4) points to be accumulated at the following rate:

- one (1)point for each 1/2 credit of fine or performing art courses
- one (1)point for participation in each THS drama or musical production (Cast or Crew)
- one (1) point for each semester as member of a THS band (Marching, Concert, Jazz) or a THS choir (Womens, Mens, Senior)
- One (1) point for each season of Winter or Color Guard.

Student Engagement Local Seal: A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by participating in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by the following guidelines:

Four (4) points to be accumulated at the following rate:

- one (1) point for each season of participation on a THS athletic team
- one (1) point for participation in each THS drama or musical production (Cast or Crew)
- one (1) points for each semester as member of a THS band (Marching, Concert, Jazz) or a THS choir
- one (1) point for each semester as a THS class officer or member of student leadership
- one (1) point for each year as a member of a board approved THS extracurricular activity/club.

Community Service Local Seal: A student shall meet the requirement for this seal by participating in a total of 20 hours of community service activities.

- Service must be unpaid
- Service must be documented
- Service activities may be embedded in a course curriculum

Science State Seal:

A student can...

- Earn a score of proficient (3) or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient (2) on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program

Military State Seal:

Competency can be achieved by meeting the requirement to enlist in the military, as demonstrated by a contract with the military upon graduation or JROTC

Ohio Means Jobs Readiness State Seal:

Ohio high school students now can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is a formal designation students can earn on their high school diplomas and transcripts indicating they have the personal strengths, strong work ethic and professional experience that businesses need.

To earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, motivated high school students must demonstrate certain professional skills required for success in the workplace. Students work with at least three experienced and trusted mentors who validate the demonstration of these skills in school, work or the community.

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Biliteracy State Seal:

A Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. A school or district gives this award by following state-established guidelines.

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Citizenship State Seal:

A student can:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient (2) on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

Industry Credential State Seal:

Earning an industry-recognized credential and a WorkKeys score of 13 **(14 for students in the class of 2020 and beyond)** is one of three pathways to earn a high school diploma. When students earn industry-recognized credentials, schools and districts get credit on Ohio Report Cards for their success in preparing students for careers.

The process of earning an industry-recognized credential (and career-technical education in general) allows students to experience education through work, about work and for work. Students learn more deeply by practicing and applying their knowledge through work and employment experiences – learning through work. They learn about workplace expectations in terms of professional or “soft” skills needed for employment, as well as learning about career pathways and what the labor market for particular occupations looks like – learning about work. And, they learn the job-specific skills they will need to perform day-to-day tasks – learning for work.

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College Ready State Seal:

One of the pathways that students may use to meet the test requirement for graduation is a college and career readiness test. The two tests that meet this pathway are the ACT and SAT. Colleges and universities use the ACT and SAT to determine student readiness for the rigors of higher education. These institutions generally expect that students who earn "remediation-free" scores will be able to succeed in their college courses.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. State law requires the Ohio Department of Education to use the ACT and SAT remediation-free scores to meet the graduation requirements of the college and career readiness test pathway.

The Ohio Department of Education will communicate the remediation-free scores needed to meet the graduation requirement in spring of the students’ junior (grade 11) year before they take the state-sponsored test. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. Any changes after Feb. 1 each year will affect only future groups of students.

Students must earn “remediation-free” scores in each of the three subscore areas, two in English language arts and one in mathematics.

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Technology State Seal:

A student can:

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam; or

- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or

- Complete 2 courses through Taylor High School’s Technology Program from the following: Intro to Technology, Computer Networking (IT1080), Web Development (IT 2040), System Administration (IT 1081), Computer Programming (IT 1090) , Database Management (IT 2060)

Honors Diploma State Seal:

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio’s graduation requirements through an honors diploma. Students challenge themselves by taking and succeeding at high-level coursework and in real-world experiences.

Ohio students have the opportunity to choose to pursue one of six honors diplomas:

1. Academic Honors Diploma
2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
3. Career Tech Honors Diploma
4. STEM Honors Diploma
5. Arts Honors Diploma*
6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma

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