



Ohio's Graduation Requirements

2023 and Beyond



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- Ohio's strategic plan for education
- New graduation requirements



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State Testing Requirements

Class of 2022

- Seven end of course exams
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry*
 - English/LA I
 - English/ LA II
 - Biology
 - American Government
 - American History
- ACT or SAT

Classes of 2023 and Beyond

- Administer six tests
- No English/LA I
- Must show competency in Algebra I and English/LA 10
 - 684 is the competency score
- ACT or SAT



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Graduation Planning

- Ohio law requires each 9-12 grader to have a graduation plan.
- Plan must include:
 - Development by student and school representative. Parent/Guardian must be invited to assist.
 - Addresses pathway to graduation.
 - Documents progress or deficiency.
 - Must be used to identify at-risk students.
 - Supplements and enhances career advising.
 - Could be their IEP, is tied to goals



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At-risk of Not Qualifying for a Diploma

- The district has:
 - Developed graduation plans for 9-12 students.
 - Developed criteria for identifying at-risk students
 - Developed procedures for yearly review
 - Developed a notification process, including requirements for graduation.
 - Assist students with additional instructional or support services



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General Graduation Requirements

- CLASS of 2022
 - Three pathways or the new requirements
- CLASSES of 2023 and beyond
 - Course Completion- 21.5 credits
 - Competency Demonstration- ELA II and Algebra I
 - Earn two seals



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Graduation Requirements (Continued)

- Competency score is 684.
- Can be retroactive.
- Competency not obtained?
 - There are alternatives, but the tests must be taken at least one more time.



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Competency Alternatives

- Three options
 - CCP
 - Non-remedial math or English course
 - Career Experience
 - Earn a 12 point industry credential. Only IRC at Ross is in Agriculture. This is for those who choose Vanguard.
 - Military Readiness
 - Enlist



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Demonstrating Readiness- Diploma Seals

State Defined:

- Military Enlistment
- Technology
- IRC
- Citizenship
- OMJ-R
- Biliteracy
- College Ready
- Science
- Honors Diploma

Locally Defined:

- Community Service
- Student Engagement
- Fine and Performing Arts

Students must earn a combination of two state defined seals, or one state and one locally defined seal.



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Military Enlistment Seal

- Show evidence of enlistment- DD Form 4
- Participate in a JROTC program for two years.
- Students should take the oath of enlistment and complete the enlistment process no later than April 30 of the senior year.



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Technology Seal

- Earn a score (2 or higher) equivalent to proficient on AP or IB test.
 - Earn a B or higher in an appropriate CCP technology course
 - Computer Science Principles I & II qualify.
 - Complete a technology course that meets ODE criteria
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- AP Tests must be in either Computer Science A or Computer Science Principles



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Industry- Recognized Credential (IRC) Seal

To earn an IRC students must:

- Earn a 12-point industry-recognized credential
- Earn a group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field.

Approved IRCs per career field can be found on the ODE website.



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Citizenship Seal

To earn a Citizenship Seal students must:

- Earn a proficient score in American History and American Government.
- Earn an equivalent to proficient (2 or higher) on the AP US History and US Government and Politics test.
- Earn a B or higher in an appropriate CCP course.



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Ohio Means Jobs- Readiness Seal

Students will earn the OMJR Seal by:

- Demonstrate proficiency in 15 identified professional skills
- Use the OMJR Seal form to record demonstration of skills
- Work with a mentor to validate each skill in two of three environments (school, work, community)
 - Students must have three mentors



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Seal of Biliteracy

Students may earn a Biliteracy Seal by satisfying each of the following:

- Complete FCS requirements for a diploma
- Demonstrate English/LA proficiency (3 or higher on ELA OST or remediation free score on the ACT)
- Demonstrate world language proficiency (4 or higher on an AP test; earn a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher on ACTFL assessments approved by ODE)



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College Ready Seal

Students may earn a college ready seal by earning a remediation free score on the ACT or SAT

Subject	ACT	SAT
English	English subscore of 18; Reading subscore of 22	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 480
Mathematics	Math subscore of 22	Math score of 530



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Science Seal

To earn a science seal students must satisfy one of the following:

- Earn a proficient score on the OST in Biology
- Earn a B or higher in a CCP science course
- Earn a score equivalent to proficient (2) on one of the following AP tests:
 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2: Algebra-Based, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, or Physics C: Mechanics



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Honors Seal

To earn the honors seal students must earn one of six honors diplomas:

- Academic Honors
- Career-Tech Honors Diploma
- International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
- STEM Honors Diploma
- Arts Honors Diploma
- Civics and Social Science Honors Diploma



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Locally Defined Diploma Seals

Students must earn two seals on their diploma. You may either have two state defined seals, or one locally defined seal and one state defined seal. The three locally defined seals are:

- Community Service Seal
- Student Engagement Seal
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal



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General Notes Regarding Seals

- 2023 requirements are open to students in the class of 2022 as well.
- Competency scores and proficient scores are different.
- All students must take the Biology OST, even if they take AP. Not all students have to take the History and Government OST if they have taken and scored a 2 or higher on the approved AP test.
- AP scores do not come back until after June 1.
- A seal earned in another district counts toward the new district.



Community Service Graduation Seal

To determine student eligibility to earn a Community Service Graduation Seal, the answer must be an unqualified “Yes” to **all** the following statements:

1. Student is currently a senior or a junior in good standing within 15 months of graduating and completes the Fremont City Schools District Community Service Seal application by the end of October.
2. Student can obtain a minimum of 60 unpaid community service hours to earn the Community Service Seal.
 - a. Students may begin earning hours the first day of their Freshman year.
 - b. Project must fall outside of the scope of Ross curricular, co-curricular, and/or extra curricular requirements, as well as consequential required hours.
3. The Community Service Graduation Seal application is approved and contains all details of the project, as well as signatures from the student, parent, and community partner.
4. The student regularly and actively engages with the project and meets progress monitoring check points to complete their community service project.
5. The student completes the project detailed in their Community Service Graduation Seal application during the approved timeline.
6. Student presents/shares Community Service project to committee.

1. Is the student eligible to earn a Community Service Graduation Seal?

Qualifiers:

- a. Is the student currently a senior or a junior in good standing within 15 months of graduating?
- b. Has the student completed the Fremont City Schools District Community Service Seal application by the end of October in any of the student’s four High School Years?



Community Service Graduation Seal (cont'd)

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Qualifiers:

- a. Is the student currently a senior or a junior in good standing within 15 months of graduating?
- b. Has the student completed the Fremont City Schools District Community Service Seal application by the end of October in any of the student's four High School Years?
- c. Does the application contain a community agency, as well as student, parent, and community partner signatures?
- d. Was the proposed application approved?

2. Has the student successfully completed Community Service project?

Qualifiers:

- a. Does the student regularly and actively engage with the project during the timeline outlined in the application?
- b. Does the student meet progress monitoring check points towards completing their project?
- c. Does the student complete the Community Service project as detailed during the approved timeline.

3. Has the student successfully shared out details of district approved Community Service project to others?

Qualifiers:

- a. Has the student presented the details of his/her Community Service project as outlined in project application?
- b. Does the presentation explain why the student chose this community service project and how it relates to future goals for the student?



Fine and Performing Arts Graduation Seal

To determine student eligibility to earn a Fine and Performing Arts Diploma Seal, the answer must be an unqualified “Yes” to *all* the following questions:

1. Is the student eligible to earn a high school diploma?

Qualifiers:

- a. Is the student currently a senior or a junior in good standing within 15 months of graduating?
- b. Does the student attend the school that is participating in the district’s Seal of Fine and Performing Arts?

2. Has the student successfully completed coursework in fine or performing arts?

Qualifiers:

- a. Earned 3 credits in fine arts, performing arts, or engineering courses; **or**
- b. Earned 4 credits in a combination of fine arts, performing arts, or engineering courses; **and**
 1. Earned a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class, that meets the district’s qualifications, taken through the College Credit Plus program; **or**
 2. Complete 20 hours of arts related study to develop a personal arts appreciation; **or**
 3. Complete an approved capstone project allows eligibility for the Fine Arts Diploma Seal in approved School districts.



Fine and Performing Arts Graduation Seal

Qualifying Courses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to Two-Dimensional Art● Introduction to Three-Dimensional Art● Drawing/Painting I● Drawing/Painting II● Art III● Art Studio● Sculpture I● Sculpture II● Advertising Design● Digital Photo I● Digital Photo II● Photo III● Photo IV | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Material Processes in Woods I● Processes in Woods II● Material Processes in Woods Independent Study● Introduction to Engineering Design● Advanced Engineering Design● Band● Concert Choir● Show Choir● Men's Choir● Women's Choir● Select Vocal Ensemble● Ross Jazz Band● Orchestra |
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Certified Student Engagement Graduation Seal

To determine student eligibility to earn a Student Engagement Diploma Seal, the answer must be an unqualified “Yes” to *all* the following questions:

1. Student must have a cumulative 90% school attendance rate. Cumulative attendance begins from the student’s enrollment at Ross High School through the end of the mid-term of the 4th quarter of the student’s senior year.

AND

2. The student must participate in seven (7) sports seasons; and must be in attendance at 90% of practices as confirmed by the coach; and must be on the final roster submitted by the coach.

Ross sports that qualify for this seal are: ****Club sports do not qualify for this seal.****

- Athletic Trainers
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf

- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Diving
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



Certified Student Engagement Graduation Seal

OR

3. The student can be involved in 3 Clubs in lieu of a sport season. If a student wanted to use all clubs to satisfy this requirement he or she would need to participate in 21 clubs or activities over the course of high school. To be able to count the club membership, a student must be in attendance at 90% of the meetings, as confirmed by the club advisor. Students may combine both sport and club to equal the number required to earn the seal. For example: a student could be in 5 seasons of approved sports and 6 approved clubs. This would be the equivalent of 7 sports seasons.

Clubs that qualify for this seal include: **Clubs need a minimum number of interested students to run.**

- ACE Mentoring
- Art Club
- Auxiliary Corps
- African American Heritage Committee
- Builders Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- French Club
- FFA (Future Farmers of America)
- Gamer Club
- Golf Club
- Hispanic Heritage Committee
- History Club
- Intramural Sports affiliated with Ross High
- Key Club
- LINK
- Proud To Be Me Club
- Little Buddies Club
- Make a Difference Club

- National Honor Society
- Newspaper
- Pep Band
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Club
- Senior Class Officers & Cabinet members
- Junior Class Officers & Cabinet members
- Sophomore Class Officers & Cabinet members
- Freshman class officers & Cabinet members
- Spanish Club
- Speech & Debate
- STRIVE
- Student Council
- Student Trainer
- Technology Club
- Teen Leadership
- Yearbook



Certified Student Engagement Graduation Seal

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- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf

- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Diving
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Clubs that qualify for this seal include: *Clubs need a minimum number of interested students to form.*

- ACE Mentoring
- Art Club
- Artillery Sports
- African American Heritage Committee
- Badminton Club
- Chess Club
- Chinese Club
- French Club
- International Business Students
- Intramural Sports affiliated with Ross High
- Key Club
- LINK
- Proud To Be Me Club
- Little Buddies Club
- Make a Difference Club

OR

- National Honor Society
- Newspaper
- Peer Barter
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Club
- Student Council
- Student Officers & Cabinet members
- Junior Class Officers & Cabinet members
- Sophomore Class Officers & Cabinet members
- Freshman class officers & Cabinet members
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