

DIPLOMA WITH HONORS

The Diploma with Honors recognizes graduating seniors who have successfully completed academic requirements beyond the requirements for a graduation diploma. The Diploma with Honors requirements differ slightly, depending on whether a student is completing a college preparatory or career-technical curriculum.

According to the Ohio Department of Education, the student who completes **the college preparatory** curriculum in high school **must meet any six of the following seven criteria:**

- 1) Four units of mathematics that shall include algebra I, algebra II, geometry, and another higher level or complete a four-year sequence of courses that contains equivalent content
- 2) Four units of science that include two advanced sciences that are inquiry based and include lab experiences.
- 3) Four units of social studies
- 4) Either three units of one foreign language or two units each of two foreign languages
- 5) One unit of fine arts
- 6) Maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale. GPAs must be calculated on an unweighted 4.0 scale.
- 7) Obtain a composite score of 27 on the American College Testing (ACT) tests or an equivalent composite score of 1280 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT).

The student who completes **an intensive vocational or technical education** curriculum in the high school **must meet any nine of the following ten criteria:**

- 1) Four units of mathematics that shall include algebra I, algebra II, geometry, and another higher level or complete a four-year sequence of courses that contains equivalent content.
- 2) Four units of science that include two advanced sciences that are inquiry based and include lab experiences.
- 3) Four units of social studies.
- 4) 2 units of one world language.
- 5) Four units of Career-Technical minimum. Program must lead to an industry recognized credential, apprenticeship, or be part of an articulated career pathway which can lead to post secondary credit.
- 6) Maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least a 3.5 on an unweighted 4.0 point scale.
- 7) Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent.
- 8) Obtain a composite score of 27 on the American College Testing (ACT) tests or an equivalent composite score of 1280 on the Scholastic Assessment Tests.
- 9) Complete a field experience and document the field experience in a portfolio.
- 10) Develop a comprehensive portfolio of work based on the student's field experience.