

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Class of 2018 and beyond

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In order to receive a high school diploma in Ohio, a student of the class of 2018 and beyond must complete the following:

I. Complete(with passing grade) the required graduation curriculum

- a. 4 credits of English
- b. 4 credits of math
- c. 3 credits of Social Studies including American History (1 credit) and American Gov't (1/2 credit)
- d. 3 credits of Science including Physical Science (1 credit) and Biology I (1 credit)
- e. 2 Physical Education courses (.25 credits for each semester)
- f. .5 credit of Health
- g. 2 semesters of performing art (art, band, or choir) Junior high counts for this.
- h. Total of 21 high school credits

II. Must complete ONE of the following three:

- a. Accumulate 18 points or more from Next Generation of Assessments (see below)
- b. Score college ready on a national college readiness test like the ACT or SAT. Ohio will provide a free opportunity to take one of these tests as a junior.
- c. Earn an industry recognized credential or license in a career through a career center like Apollo.

Explanation of Next Generation of Assessments:

1. Students will take a "Progress Based Assessment" (February) and an "End of Course Exam" (April) as they complete 7 required courses. The courses are Algebra I and Geometry (or Tech Alg. I and II), English I and II, Physical Science (class of 2018, Biology 2019), American History, American Gov't.
2. Students must receive a total of 18 points with 4 points coming from math, 4 points coming from English, and 6 points coming from science and social studies combined, plus an additional 4 points from any area.
3. Students that took Alg. I before July 1, 2014 will receive 3 points automatically and legislation has been proposed to give points depending on the final grade in the course. Example might be 5 points for an A, 4 points for a B, 3 points for a C etc.
4. Class of 2018 will take physical science test this year and Biology next year and the best score will be kept, the lower score will be discarded. Class of 2019 and beyond will only take the Biology test (no physical science test after this year)
5. Exams are taken on-line.

Testing Schedule for class of 2018 (9th graders)

1. A practice math test will be given on Thursday, January 29 at 1:55 to all students in grades 7-9 to help familiarize students with the on-line version of these tests.
9th graders in Alg. I will take a practice test on English 9 at the same time.
2. 3 sections of 9th grade English PBA test will be given on February 24, 25, 26 and two sections of EOY will be given on April 28 and 29.
3. 2 sections of 9th grade PBA math (Alg. I and Tech Alg. I) will be given on March 3 and 4 and 2 sections of math EOY will be given on May 5 and 6.
4. 1 section of Physical Science (9th graders only) PBA will be given on March 5 and the 1 section of physical science EOY will be given on May 7.

Testing Schedule for class of 2019 (8th graders)

1. A practice math test will be given on Thursday, January 29 at 1:55 to all students in grades 7-9 to help familiarize students with the on-line version of these tests.
2. 3 sections of 8th grade English PBA test will be given on February 24, 25, 26 and two sections of EOY will be given on April 28 and 29.
3. 2 sections of 8th grade PBA math (Alg. I or Math 8) will be given on March 3 and 4 and 2 sections of math EOY will be given on May 5 and 6.
4. 1 section of Science 8 PBA will be given on March 5 and 1 section of science 8 EOY will be given on May 7.

Testing Schedule for class of 2020 (7th graders)

1. A practice math test will be given on Thursday, January 29 at 1:55 to all students in grades 7-9 to help familiarize students with the on-line version of these tests.
2. 3 sections of 7th grade English PBA test will be given on February 24, 25, 26 and two sections of EOY will be given on April 28 and 29.
3. 2 sections of 7th grade PBA math will be given on March 3 and 4 and 2 sections of math 7 EOY will be given on May 5 and 6.

Testing Schedule for 10th graders

1. The federal government is requiring any students taking American History this year to take the American History PBA and EOY tests to check progress. This test does NOT count toward class of 2017, 2016, or 2015 graduation requirements.
2. The 1 section of PBA American History will be given on March 5 and 1 section of EOY will be given on May 7.