

Comparison of Diplomas with Honors Criteria

Students need to fulfill all but one criterion for any of the following Diplomas with Honors

Subject	High School Academic Diploma with Honors Graduating Classes 2010 and Before	High School Academic Diploma with Honors Graduating Classes 2011 and Beyond	Career-Technical Diploma with Honors for Graduating Classes 2010 and Before	Career-Technical Diploma with Honors for Graduating Classes 2011 and Beyond
English	4 units	4 units	4 units, which may include one unit of applied communication	4 units
Mathematics	3 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or a three-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content	4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content	3 units, including Algebra and Geometry, or a sequence of courses that contain equivalent content	4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content
Science	3 units, which develop the concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences	4 units, including physics and chemistry	3 units, which develop the concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences	4 units, including physics and chemistry
Social Studies	3 units	4 units	3 units	4 units
Foreign Language	3 units, including at least 2 units in each language studied	3 units, including at least 2 units in each language studied	2 units, or 2 units of business/technology, or one unit each	Not counted toward requirements
Fine Arts	1 unit	1 unit	May be counted toward requirements under Electives	Not counted toward requirements
Career-Technical	Not counted toward requirements, and may not be used to meet requirements	Not counted toward requirements, and may not be used to meet requirements	3 units in the vocational or technical education curriculum	Now counted in Electives
Electives	Either 1 unit of business/technology and 2 units of above or 3 units of the above subject, not including career-technical	Not counted toward requirements	2 units of above categories, including fine arts	4 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.
Grade Point Average	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT Score [excluding scores from the writing sections]*	27 ACT / 1210 SAT	27 ACT / 1210 SAT	27 ACT / 1210 SAT	27 ACT / 1210 SAT
Additional Assessment	Not applicable	Not applicable	Complete a career passport that reflects achievement of the occupational proficiency benchmark established for the Ohio vocational competency assessment or the equivalent	Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent

*Writing sections of either standardized test should not be included in the calculation of this score.

Diploma with Honors requirements pre-suppose completion of all high school diploma requirements in Ohio Revised Code including:

½ unit physical education**
½ unit health

½ unit in American history
½ unit in government

**SB 311 allows school districts to adopt a policy exempting students who participate in athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons from the physical education requirement.