



State and Local Diploma Seals

Information and Requirement Guide

Class of 2023 and Beyond



Part 3- Demonstrating Readiness

[Ohio Revised Code sections 3313.618 and 3313.6114](#)

In addition to fulfilling curriculum requirements and meeting the competency requirements listed above, students also must show they are prepared for their next steps after high school.



State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Each seal allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for future success in their chosen post-high school paths.



Students will demonstrate readiness **by earning at least two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined**. Seals help students develop an array of critical skills that are valuable to them as they transition to the next steps after high school.



Schools should consider encouraging students to pursue seals that meet their individual interests and skills. [Graduation planning](#) will be an important step in supporting students in earning their seals

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Ohio%e2%80%99s-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Seals>



State-Defined Diploma Seal	Requirements
Military Enlistment Seal	Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or Participate in an approved JROTC program. DD Form 4 Enlistment Doc
Technology Seal ODE Technology Seal Link	To earn Ohio's Technology Seal, students must satisfy at least one of the requirements below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a score equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test; or 2. Earn a "B" or higher in an appropriate College Credit Plus technology course; or 3. Complete a technology course that meets criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education. (Entrepreneurship Certification @ MHS)
Industry-Recognized Credential Seal ODE IRC Seal Link	To earn Ohio's Industry-Recognized Credential Seal, students must do one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a 12-point industry-recognized credential; or 2. Earn a group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field – as outlined here; (Future Ready Course @ MHS or CBIP) or 3. Obtain a state-issued license for a practice in a vocation that requires an examination
Citizenship Seal ODE Citizenship Seal Link	To earn Ohio's Citizenship Seal, students must satisfy one of the listed American History options <u>and</u> one of the listed American Government options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an American History course and/or Government 2. Earn a score of proficient or higher on Ohio's State Test in American History and/or Government 3. Earn a score equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test in US History and/or Government 4. Earn a "B" or higher in appropriate American History College Credit Plus course and/or appropriate American Government College Credit Plus course
OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal ODE OMJR Seal Link	Students will earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal by satisfying each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate proficiency in each of 15 identified professional skills; 2. Use the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal form to record demonstration of each professional skill; and 3. Work with a mentor to validate demonstration of each skill across a minimum of two of the three environments. The three potential environments are: 1. School, 2. Work, and 3. Community.
Seal of Biliteracy	Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English. Seal of Biliteracy - State Seal Information Link
College-Ready Seal ODE College-Ready Seal Link	Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Visit the Department's website to see current remediation-free scores .
Science Seal ODE Science Seal Link	To earn Ohio's Science Seal, students must satisfy at least one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an Advanced Science course; 2. Earn a score of proficient on Ohio's State Test in Biology; 3. Earn a score equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate science test; or 4. Earn a "B" or higher in a College Credit Plus science course.
Honors Diploma Seal ODE Honors Diploma Seal Link	Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Locally Defined Diploma Seals**	Requirements
Community Service Seal (locally defined)	Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority. Community Service Seal Requirements Link
Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)	Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority. Student Engagement Seal Requirements Link
Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)	Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority. Fine and Performing Arts Seal Requirement Link

Each district or school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have met the requirements prescribed under division (C) of [Ohio Revised Code section 3313.6114](#) for earning the state seals established under that division.

Districts and schools must attach or affix the diploma seals earned to the student's diploma and transcript. Ohio law prohibits districts and schools from charging fees for the assignment of state diploma seals.