



Earning Horizon Science Academy Dayton High School Diploma for the Class of 2018

As a Horizon Science Academy Dayton High School (HSADHS) student who entered grade 9 between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, you have multiple pathways to earn a high school diploma so that you can move on to your next steps in education or a career. Please be advised that students at HSADHS in their senior year are required to enroll at least five credits or equivalent.

- You must complete and earn a state minimum of 20 credits in specific subjects.

Complete Courses

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Courses	State Minimum
English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits ¹
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits ²
Social studies	3 credits ³
<u>Electives</u>	5 credits ⁴

Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy⁵ and complete at least two semesters of fine arts⁵.

1 **Mathematics** units must include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II.

2 **Science** units must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit of advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science.

3 **Social studies** units must include ½ unit of American history and ½ unit of American government in three units required for the classes of 2018 and 2019. The class of 2021 will need ½ unit in world history and civilizations in their required three units as well as American history and American government.

4 **Elective credits** must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required.

5 **Other state requirements** - All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during grades 9-12 and must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken any time in grades 7-12. Fine arts is not a requirement for students following a career-technical pathway.

- Additionally, you also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may have more graduation requirements. Your school counselor has this information.

- You must demonstrate what you have learned. Choose a pathway below to show that you are ready for college or a job.

1. **Ohio's State Tests** - Earn 18 out of 35 points on seven end-of-course state tests. You can earn up to five points on each test. You need a minimum of four points in math, four points in English language arts and six points across science and social studies.

2. **Industry-recognized credential and score on workforce readiness test** - Earn an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earn the required score on the WorkKeys test. Ohio pays for you to take the test one time. Some districts offer the Senior Only program through which you can earn credentials in one school year.
 3. **College and career readiness tests** - Earn remediation-free scores* in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT. Your district chooses either the ACT or SAT. You will take a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11 for free. *Ohio's university presidents set these scores, which are subject to change.
- If you do not meet any of the above three pathways, Ohio law provides you two additional options to earn a high school diploma for the class of 2018 only.

Additional options to earn a high school diploma for the class of 2018 only

Option 1

You must take and pass courses that are your curriculum requirements and take all seven end-of-course exams. If you receive a score of "1" or "2" on any math or English language arts test, you must retake the test at least once.

Additionally, you must meet **at least two** of the below requirements:

- Attendance rate of 93 percent during the 12th grade year;
- Earn a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all courses completed during 12th grade (must complete at least four full-year courses);
- Complete a capstone project during 12th grade that the district or school defines;
- During 12th grade, complete a work or community service experience totaling 120 hours that the district or school defines;
- Earn three or more College Credit Plus credits at any time during high school;
- Earn credit for an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course and earn an AP exam score of 3 or higher or IB exam score of 4 or higher at any time during high school;
- Earn a WorkKeys exam score of 3 or higher on each of three test sections;
- Earn a State Board-approved industry-recognized credential or credentials that equal at least three points;
- Meet OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal requirements (under development).

Option 2

If you are a student in a career-technical program, you must take and pass courses that are your curriculum requirements, take all seven end-of-course tests and finish a career-technical program that includes at least four courses in a single career pathway.

And you must complete **at least one** of the options below:

- Earn a total score of proficient or better based on all career-technical exams or test modules;
- Earn an industry-recognized credential or credentials that equal 12 points;
- Complete a workplace experience totaling 250 hours with evidence of positive evaluations.



Earning Horizon Science Academy Dayton High School Diploma for the Class of 2019 and Beyond

To earn a high school diploma in Ohio, you must complete the courses shown below and then choose a pathway on the right to show that you are ready for college or a job. Here's what you need to do to graduate. Your school counselor will give you more details.

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Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

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Show That You Are Ready

Use at least one pathway to show that you are ready for college or a job.

Ohio's State Tests

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are:

Algebra I or Integrated Math I	English I
Geometry or Integrated Math II	English II
American Government	Biology
American History	

Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students' scores *and participation* on state tests.

Industry credential and workforce readiness

Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test.

College and career readiness tests

Earn remediation-free scores in mathematics and English language arts on either the ACT or SAT.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio's universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT tests. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. The most up-to-date information regarding remediation-free scores can be found on the Department's graduation requirements webpage.

More information about graduation pathways is at education.ohio.gov, search *graduation requirements*. Then, talk to your school counselor.

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