

# Ohio Defined Seals

## OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)

Ohio high school students now can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. To earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, motivated high school students must demonstrate certain professional skills required for success in the workplace. Students work with at least three experienced and trusted mentors who validate the demonstration of these skills in school, work or the community.

## Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)

Earning an [industry-recognized credential](#) and a [WorkKeys score](#) of 14 is [one of three pathways](#) to earn a high school diploma. When students earn industry-recognized credentials, schools and districts get credit on Ohio Report Cards for their success in preparing students for careers. The process of earning an industry-recognized credential (and career-technical education in general) allows students to experience education through work, about work and for work. Students learn more deeply by practicing and applying their knowledge through work and employment experiences – learning through work. They learn about workplace expectations in terms of professional or “soft” skills needed for employment, as well as learning about career pathways and what the labor market for particular occupations looks like – learning about work. And, they learn the job-specific skills they will need to perform day-to-day tasks – learning for work.

## College-Ready Seal (Ohio)

Colleges and universities use the ACT and SAT to determine student readiness for the rigors of higher education. These institutions generally expect that students who earn "remediation-free" scores will be able to succeed in their college courses. The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. State law requires the Ohio Department of Education to use the ACT and SAT remediation-free scores to meet the graduation requirements of the college and career readiness test pathway.

## Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)

Competency can be achieved by meeting the requirement to enlist in the military, as demonstrated by a contract.

## Citizenship Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

## Science Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;
- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program

## Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)

High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio’s graduation requirements through an honors diploma. Students challenge themselves by taking and succeeding at high-level coursework and in real-world experiences.

## Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)

A Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. A school or district gives this award by following state-established guidelines.

## Technology Seal (Ohio)

A student can:

- Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam; or
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or

Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department. (A district or school is not required to offer a course that meets those guidelines.)