

Bexley High School Graduation Requirements: Class of 2021 & Beyond

Subject	Credits / Units
English Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4 (must include one unit of <i>Algebra II</i> or equivalent, which is fulfilled by completing Algebra I (or H. Algebra I) at BHS, as well as completing Geometry (or H. Geometry) as part of meeting the Ohio's State Tests requirements. For students following a career-technical pathway, <i>Algebra II</i> is not a requirement. However, students still must complete four units in math)
Science	3 (must include one unit of <i>physical sciences</i> , one unit of <i>life sciences</i> and one unit of <i>advanced study</i> in one or more of the following: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science)
Social Studies	3 (must include one unit of <i>World Studies</i> , one unit of <i>U.S History</i> and one unit of <i>American Government</i>)
Fine Arts	0.5 (The State of Ohio requires students to complete two semesters of <i>Fine Arts</i> credit during grades 7-12. Bexley High School requires students to complete a minimum of one semester-long <i>Fine Arts</i> course during grades 9-12. Furthermore, students are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to complete a full-credit of <i>Fine Arts</i> during grades 9-12 based on post-secondary admissions). <i>Fine Arts</i> credit is not a requirement for students following a career-technical pathway.
Health	0.5 (one semester-long course)
Physical Education*	0.5 (one semester-long course equals 0.25 credits. Students are required to complete two semester-long courses to meet the 0.50 credit requirement) OR , students may complete a <u>PE Waiver</u> (complete two seasons on a district-sponsored athletic, marching band or cheerleading team. Students utilizing the <i>PE Waiver</i> must complete an additional half-unit of general elective course toward his/her total graduation credits) <i>Note: Students cannot combine PE Waiver and PE Courses to fulfill the requirement</i>
Personal Finance & Capstone	0.5 (Bexley High School students are required to complete one semester-long course, which includes the capstone project embedded within the course curriculum)
Electives	5 (must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or any other course work that exceeds the minimum requirements in other graduation categories (English, math, science, social studies, etc.)
TOTAL	21.0

***Class Load:** students are required to maintain a minimum schedule of six (6) courses during the seven-period academic day. The *Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)* requires student-athletes to earn passing grades in at least five (5) one-credit classes or equivalent (which CANNOT include Physical Education).

State of Ohio Requirements and Pathways to Demonstration College & Career Readiness

In addition to the above-mentioned course requirements, students are also required to demonstrate college and career readiness utilizing at least one of three pathways required by the State of Ohio. Pathway options and State of Ohio graduation requirements (minimums, school districts can require additional requirements) are provided on the back of this reference sheet and are also available online by going to:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>

Earning an Ohio High School Diploma

Graduation Requirements for 2021 and Beyond

There is no one-size-fits-all way to graduate. Ohio gives you several pathways to qualify for a high school diploma. Choose the way that works best for you!

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.

Complete Courses

Take and earn a state minimum of 20 credits in specific subjects.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

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.

and

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.

OR

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.

OR

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.