

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HONORS DIPLOMAS

Students must meet **all but one** of the criteria to earn an Honors Diploma. Each of these criteria go beyond the [standard requirements for a diploma for the classes of 2023 and beyond](#). Students must meet general graduation requirements **AND** complete the requirements outlined below to qualify for Honors Diplomas. Students may replace the **ACT/SAT, GPA or World Language** requirement with a “Student Strength Demonstration.” The [previous requirements](#) to earn an honors diploma are also available for students in the classes of 2023-2025.

Student Strength Demonstration Replacement

Students can use the Student Strength Demonstration to replace the **ACT/SAT, GPA or World Language** requirement for any Honors Diploma. The Student Strength Demonstration options are listed below. The same options exist for each of the six honors diplomas* but, where relevant, should reflect coursework or experiences relevant to the theme of the Diploma. For example, a student earning an Honors Diploma and using the College Credit Plus option to replace another requirement for the diploma should have College Credit Plus courses relevant to the Honors Diploma.

Options:

[College Credit Plus](#): 12 total College Credit Plus credits

[Advanced Placement](#): three courses with score of 3 or higher on AP tests

[Career-Technical Assurance Guide](#) (CTAG): 12 total credits

[Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship](#): Completion or Evidence of Acceptance if required to be older than 18

[WorkKeys](#): Score of 6 or higher on all tests (*void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma)

[Armed Services Vocational Battery](#): Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB

[Work-Based Learning](#): 250 total hours of work-based learning. **Cannot be used as SSDR if being used for Experiential Learning.*

STEM HONORS DIPLOMA

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>State Minimum</u> May substitute <u>ONE</u> of the World Language, GPA, or ACT/SAT requirements with a “Student Strength Demonstration”			<u>Status</u> Must meet ALL BUT ONE of the criteria	
Math	Fourth Math must be >Algebra 2			Met	NOT met
Science	One additional unit Advanced Science			Met	NOT met
Electives	Two units of additional STEM Courses as Electives			Met	NOT met
Industry- Recognized Credential Seal or Technology Seal	Meet requirements to earn the Industry-Recognized Credential Seal or Technology Seal			Met	NOT met
Experiential Learning	Field Experience *, Ohio Means Job Readiness Seal**, Portfolio^, or Work Based Learning^			Met	NOT met
World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied	OR	Can only have ONE substitute:	Met	NOT met
			Student Strength Demonstration: : _____		
GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met
ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher (Superscores may be used)	OR	Student Strength Demonstration: : _____	Met	NOT met

*All Field Experience documents can be found at the link above.

**OMJ can be used to meet one requirement only (Readiness Seal or Experiential Learning)

^Available to CTE students only.