



# EARNING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

2020

## OHIO'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED...

NOW YOU HAVE **MORE OPTIONS** TO EARN A DIPLOMA AND PROVE YOU ARE READY FOR SUCCESS.

- You must first complete and earn the **Columbus City Schools'** District minimum of 22 credits in specific subjects. Detailed requirements are on the Academic Graduation Planner available at your school or online. See your school counselor for planning and support.

TO DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU'RE READY TO START A SUCCESSFUL LIFE IN COLLEGE, AT A JOB, OR IN THE MILITARY, **PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING GRADUATION PATHWAYS SET BY THE STATE OF OHIO:**

### ■ OHIO'S STATE TESTS (OST)

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are: English I, English II, Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Biology, American Government, and American History. Minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies.

### ■ INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL 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 a 13 on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test.

### ■ COLLEGE READINESS

Earn "remediation-free" scores\* on either **ACT** or **SAT**. (\*Set by Ohio's university presidents, subject to change.)

- Required ACT scores\*: English - 18 or higher; Mathematics - 22 or higher; Reading - 22 or higher.
- Required SAT scores\*: Writing - 430 or higher; Mathematics - 520 or higher; Reading - 450 or higher.

### ■ ADDITIONAL PATH 1

Take all 7 OST, retake the Math or English OST if scored 2 or less and meet at least TWO of the following options:

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| □ 2.5 g.p.a. on a 4.0 scale during the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades (must complete four full-year courses each year) | □ Earn credit and earn 3 on AP exam              | □ Earn 3 points of State Board-approved industry credentials                   |
| □ Senior Capstone Project  | □ Earn credit and earn 4 on IB exam              | □ Complete 120 hours of work or community service experience during 12th grade |
| □ Earn 3 or more CCP credits   | □ Earn 3 on each WorkKeys section                |  |
|  | □ Meet OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal requirements |  |

### ■ ADDITIONAL PATH 2 (Career Tech Students)

Meet and pass career technical courses, take all 7 OST, finish four courses in a single career pathway, and meet at least ONE of the following options:

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

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