

GRADUATION/DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Students who have completed all required course work, as set forth below, but who have not successfully completed all state mandated achievement or graduation assessment requirements may return at subsequent regularly scheduled achievement or graduation assessment administrations to retake failed areas. Upon the successful completion of achievement or graduation assessment requirements, such student shall be eligible to be awarded a high school diploma.

Each diploma shall be signed by the President and Treasurer of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and the principal of the High School, and shall bear the date of its issue.

The requirements for graduation and participation in commencement shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, including all state mandated achievement or graduation assessments.

The Superintendent shall determine whether the credit that a student has earned from another school satisfies any of the educational unit requirements for graduation, as set forth below.

Revere High School Graduation Requirements

At Revere High School, twenty-three (23) units of credit are required for graduation. These units must include specific course requirements as outlined below.

The State Board of Education determines the units of credit awarded a particular subject based upon the number of hours a class meets and the amount of outside preparation required. In addition to these credit requirements for graduation, students must pass the Ohio Graduation Test, or State End of Course Exams.

The twenty-three (23) units required for graduation must include the following:

English Language Arts	Social Studies ²	Math	Science	Health	Physical Education ¹	Electives ²	TOTAL	Testing Requirements ³
4	4	4	3	0.5	0.5	7	23	End of Course ACT Career Credentialing

Note: All students must complete at least 2 semesters of Fine Arts. Students participating in CVCC curriculum are exempted from the Fine Arts requirement.

¹A Physical Education (PE) Waiver may be obtained if a student completes certain extracurricular requirements.

²The Financial Literacy component for graduation must be attained by taking Personal Finance or Economics as an elective.

³Students must meet the State of Ohio testing requirements via one of the three pathways available.

Minimum Core Preparation (“The Minimum Core”)

Students who are planning to attend any one of Ohio’s public four-year universities should elect the following curriculum to gain admission without conditions:

4 units of English

4 units of Math (including 1 unit of Algebra II or the equivalent of Algebra II)

3 units of Social Studies (including American history and American government)

3 units of Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are highly recommended)

a combination of 5 units to be chosen from among foreign language, fine arts, business, career technical education, family & consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education, or courses in English, math, science, or social studies not otherwise required.

NOTE: Students who are planning to participate in collegiate sports should register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org and prepare for the 16 core-course rule. Some private schools and schools out of state may have different requirements, and students are asked to work closely with their counselor if they are seeking entrance to this type of school. Removing conditions will depend on the individual college. For further information, check with the individual college and visit the Ohio Board of Regents website at www.regents.state.oh.us.

A student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation even though he/she has not completed the requirements for graduation, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. During the student’s third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student’s parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent’s, guardian’s, or custodian’s consent to the student’s graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed by O.R.C. §3313.603(C) and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework. The District shall notify the Ohio Department of Education of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation in this way and the number of students who complete the student’s success plan and graduate from high school.

2. The student and the student’s parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student’s high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in O.R.C. §3313.6020(C)(1). The student success plan must specify the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship. The high school shall provide counseling and support for the student related to the plan during the remainder of the student’s high school experience.
3. The student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed for participation in commencement and receiving a diploma listed in the paragraph entitled “Students Who Entered Ninth Grade Before July 1, 2010,” above.
4. Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed for participation in commencement and receiving a diploma listed in the paragraph entitled “Students Who Entered Ninth Grade Before July 1, 2010,” above, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Mathematics, four units, one unit of which shall be one of the following:
 - (i) Probability and statistics;
 - (ii) Computer programming;
 - (iii) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;
 - (iv) Any other course approved by the ODE using standards established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
 - (b) Elective units, five units;
 - (c) Science, three units, which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

A student who participates in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons is not required to complete the physical education one-half unit to graduate, although the student must complete one-half unit in another course of study. A student who participates in an approved JROTC program for at least two full school years is not required to complete the physical education one-half unit to graduate, and credit received for participation shall satisfy the requirement for one-half unit in another course of study.

The District may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under O.R.C. §3301.079 into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical educational course, in accordance with guidance for integrated course work developed by the ODE. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both

subject areas. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and technical instruction are eligible to meet graduation requirements.

Advanced student work completed prior to the ninth grade shall be applied toward graduation requirements if the advanced work was taught by a teacher who possessed a license valid for teaching high school and designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Additional High School Diploma Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade On or After July 1, 2014

In addition to the applicable curriculum requirements, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2019, shall satisfy at least one of the following conditions in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

1. Be remediation-free, in accordance with standards adopted under O.R.C. §3345.061, on each of the nationally standardized assessments in English, mathematics, and reading;
2. Attain a score specified under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(5)(c) on the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division O.R.C. §3301.0712(B);
3. Attain a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a nationally recognized job skills assessment selected by the state board of education under O.R.C. 3301.0712(G) and obtain either an industry-recognized credential, as described under O.R.C. §3302.03(B)(2)(d), or a license issued by a state agency or board for practice in a vocation that requires an examination for issuance of that license.
4. Satisfy the curriculum requirements applicable to students entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2019.

A student may choose to qualify for a high school diploma by satisfying any of the separate requirements prescribed by divisions (1) to (3) of this section. If the District does not administer the examination prescribed by one of those divisions that the student chooses to take to satisfy the requirements of this section, the District may require that student to arrange for the applicable scores to be sent directly to the District by the company or organization that administers the examination.

Additional High School Diploma Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade On or After July 1, 2019

In addition to the applicable curriculum requirements, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, shall satisfy the following conditions in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

1. Attain a competency score on each of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations prescribed under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2). Following the first administration of the exam, if a student fails to attain a competency score on one or both of the Algebra I and English language arts II end-of-course examinations that student must retake the respective examination at least once. If a student fails to attain a competency score on a retake examination, the student may demonstrate competency in the failed subject area through one of the following options:
 - a. Earn course credit taken through the college credit plus program in the failed subject area;
 - b. Complete two (2) of the following options, one of which must be foundational:
 - i. Foundational options to demonstrate competency, which include earning a score of proficient or higher on three or more state technical assessments aligned with O.R.C. §3313.903 in a single career pathway, obtaining an industry-recognized credential approved under O.R.C. §3313.6113, completing a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship in the student's chosen career field, or providing evidence of acceptance into an apprenticeship program after high school that is restricted to participants eighteen years of age or older;
 - ii. Supporting options to demonstrate competency, which include completing two hundred fifty (250) hours of a work-based learning experience with evidence of positive evaluations, obtaining an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal, or attaining a workforce readiness score, as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, on the nationally recognized job skills assessment.
 - c. Provide evidence that the student has enlisted in a branch of the armed services of the United States.

A student shall not be required to retake the Algebra I end-of-course examination or the English language arts II end-of-course examination in grades nine through twelve if the student demonstrates at least a proficient level of skill, as prescribed

- under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(5)(a), or achieves a competency score, as prescribed under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(10), in an administration of the examination prior to grade nine.
2. Earn at least two (2) of the state diploma seals prescribed under O.R.C. §3313.6114(A), at least one of which shall be any of the following:
 - a. The state seal of biliteracy established under O.R.C. §3313.6111;
 - b. The OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal established under O.R.C. §3313.6112;
 - c. One of the state diploma seals established under O.R.C. §3313.6114(C)(1) to (7).

District-Determined Diploma Seals

1. Community Service Seal: In order to receive this seal, a Revere High School senior must have completed at least 50 hours of community service for non-profit organizations during their year of graduation and attend the annual Revere Schools Community “Project Pride” Day held every spring. The sum of these hours may be used toward another RHS organization requirement (such as National Honor Society) and can count toward the 30 hours required for exam exemption. Proper documentation of these hours must be kept on file with the Volunteer Service Coordinator at the high school and must be completed two weeks prior to graduation.
2. Fine and Performing Arts Seal: In order to receive this seal, a Revere High School student must have completed one of the following:
 - a. Designation of Thespian Status with the Revere Players Association;
 - b. Successful participation in three years of band, or strings, or choir, or a combination of both;
 - c. Submit a cumulative portfolio booth entry into the annual Art Show held every spring. If a booth cannot be achieved, presentation of the portfolio must be approved by a majority of the art department teaching staff.
3. Student Engagement Seal: In order to receive this seal, a Revere High School student must have completed one of the following:

- a. Six semesters of participation in any of the school's student groups. For this option to be considered, a signature of the club/activity advisor must be attained.
- b. Three full seasons of participation on any of the school's athletic programs. The program must be recognized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

College and Work Ready Assessment System

Beginning with students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, the system of college and work ready assessments adopted by the State Board of Education shall replace the Ohio graduation tests as a measure of student academic performance and one determinant of eligibility for a high school diploma in the manner prescribed by rule of the state board, adopted under O.R.C. §3301.0712(D).

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.0712, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, if a student is enrolled in an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course or is enrolled under any other dual enrollment or advanced standing program, that student shall take the advanced placement or international baccalaureate examination or applicable examination under dual enrollment or advanced standing in lieu of the physical science, American history, or American government end-of-course examinations prescribed under O.R.C. 3301.0712(B).

No student shall take a substitute examination or examination prescribed under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(4)(a) in place of the end-of-course examinations in English Language Arts I, English Language Arts II, Algebra I, or Geometry prescribed under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2).

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2)(b), beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2019, the college and work ready assessment system shall require five end-of-course examinations, one each in areas of English language arts II, science, Algebra I, American history, and American government. However, only the end-of-course examinations in English language arts II and Algebra I shall be required for graduation.

Any student who received high school credit prior to July 1, 2014, for a course for which an end-of-course examination is prescribed by O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2), shall not be required to take that end-of-course examination. Receipt of credit for that course shall satisfy the requirement to take the end-of-course examination.

Honors Diploma

Shall be granted in accordance with Ohio law.

Veterans Diploma

The Board may grant a diploma for veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict in accordance with Ohio law.

The Board may also grant a diploma to any woman who left high school in any state during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict to support her family or the war effort in accordance with Ohio law.

Alternative Conditions for Graduation

This section shall apply to diplomas awarded after September 15, 2006, to students who are required to take the five Ohio graduation assessments. This section does not apply to any student who enters ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014.

As an alternative to the requirement that a person successfully complete all of the Ohio graduation assessments in order to be eligible for a high school diploma, a person who has successfully completed all but one of the assessments may be awarded a diploma if he or she has satisfied all of the following conditions:

1. On the assessment that the person failed to attain the designated score, he or she missed that score by ten points or less;
2. The person has a 97% school attendance rate in each of the last four years of school, excluding any excused absences;
3. The person has not been expelled from school in any of the last four school years;
4. The person has a grade point average of at least 2.5 in the subject area of the assessment that he or she failed in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Education;
5. The person has completed the high school curriculum requirements in the subject area of the assessment that he or she failed;
6. The person has taken advantage of any intervention programs provided by the District or school in the subject area of the assessment that he or she failed, and has a 97% attendance rate, excluding any excused absences, in any of those programs that are provided at times beyond the normal school day, school week, or school year or has received comparable intervention services from a source other than the District or school;

7. The person holds a letter recommending graduation from each of his or her high school teachers in the subject area of the assessment that he or she failed and from the High School principal.

This section shall apply only to students who are enrolled in the District who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2017. This section does not apply to any student who entered ninth grade for the first time prior to July 1, 2014, or to any student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017.

In lieu of qualifying for high school graduation under O.R.C. §3313.61, a student shall be eligible to receive a high school diploma if the student:

1. Takes all of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2) required for the student, or takes the assessment prescribed under O.R.C. §3313.619, as applicable;
2. Retakes, at least once, any end-of-course examination in the area of English language arts or mathematics for which a student received an equivalent score of lower than “3”;
3. Completes the required units of instruction prescribed by the District or school;
4. Meets at least two of the following conditions:
 - a. For a student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, the student has an attendance rate of at least 93% during the twelfth grade year.
 - b. The student takes at least four full-year or equivalent courses during the twelfth grade year and has at least the following grade point average:
 - i. For a student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2016, 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the courses completed during the twelfth grade year;
 - ii. For a student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2017, a cumulative 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 for the courses completed during the eleventh and twelfth grade years.
 - c. During the twelfth grade, the student completed a capstone project. However, in the case of a student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2017, the capstone

project shall comply with guidance developed by the ODE describing the components of a successful capstone project and the process for evaluating each component.

- d. During the twelfth grade, the student completed 120 hours of work in a community service role or in a position of employment, including internships, work study, co-ops, and apprenticeships. However, in the case of a student who entered ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2017, the student’s completion of such work shall comply with guidance developed by the ODE describing requirements for District approval and verification of the work.
- e. The student earned three or more transcribed credit hours under the College Credit Plus program at any time during high school.
- f. The student passed an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course, and received a score of three or higher on the corresponding Advanced Placement examination, or a score of four or higher on the corresponding International Baccalaureate examination, at any time during high school.
- g. The student earned at least a level three score on each of the “reading for information,” “applied mathematics,” and “locating information” components of the job skills assessment selected by the State Board of Education under O.R.C. §3301.0712(G), or a comparable score on similar components of an successor version of that assessment.
- h. The student obtained an industry-recognized credential, as described under O.R.C. §3302.03(B)(2)(d), or a group of credentials equal to at least three total points.
- i. The student satisfies the conditions required to receive an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal.

In lieu of qualifying for high school graduation under O.R.C. §3313.61, a student shall be eligible to receive a high school diploma if the student:

1. Takes all of the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B)(2) of O.R.C. §3301.0712(B)(2) required for the student, or takes the assessment prescribed under O.R.C. §3313.619, as applicable;
2. Completes the required units of instruction prescribed by the District;

3. Completes a career-technical training program approved by the Department of Education that includes at least four career-technical courses;
4. Meets one of the following conditions:
 - a. Attains a cumulative score of at least proficient on career-technical education assessments, or test modules, that are required for a career-technical education program;
 - b. Obtains an industry-recognized credential, as described under O.R.C. §3302.03(B)(2)(d), or a group of credentials equal to at least 12 points;
 - c. Demonstrates successful workplace participation, as evidenced by documented completion of 250 of workplace experience and evidence of regular, written, positive evaluations from the workplace employer or supervisor and a representative of the District or school. The workplace participation shall be based on a written agreement signed by the student, a representative of the District, and an employer or supervisor.

Children of Military Families Who Have Transferred from Another State

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.60, for students who are children of military families and have transferred to the District from another state (the “sending state”), the District shall waive specific courses required for graduation if the student satisfactorily completed similar coursework in a public school district in the sending state or shall provide a reasonable justification for the denial of a waiver. If a waiver is not granted, the District shall provide an alternative means for the student to acquire the required coursework so the student may graduate on time.

Where assessments are required for graduation, the District shall accept the exit or end-of-course assessments required for graduation in the sending state, national norm-referenced achievement test, or alternative testing.

If a student who has transferred into the District at the beginning of or during his or her senior year is ineligible to graduate after the District has considered the above-referenced alternatives, the District shall work with the student’s prior public school district in the sending state to determine if the student meets the graduation requirements of that district. If the sending state is not a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, the District shall use its best efforts as set forth above to facilitate the on-time graduation of the student.

Opt-Out of Statewide Assessments

Students who opt out of taking Statewide assessments shall not be subject to discipline or academic consequences as a result thereof.

Graduation Under House Bill 197

This section applies to students meeting both of the following criteria:

- 1) The student was enrolled in the twelfth grade in the 2019-2020 school year or was on track to graduate in the 2019-2020 school year, as determined by the District, regardless of the graduation cohort in which the student is included; and
- 2) The student had not completed the requirements for a high school diploma under O.R.C. §3313.61, 3313.612, or 3325.08 or under Section 3 of H.B. 491 of the 132nd General Assembly, as of March 17, 2020.

The District shall grant a high school diploma to any student meeting the above criteria, if the student's principal, in consultation with teachers and counselors, reviews the student's progress toward meeting the requirements for a diploma and determines that the student has successfully completed the curriculum in the student's high school or the individualized education program developed for the student by the student's high school pursuant to O.R.C. §3323.08, or qualified under O.R.C. §3313.603(D) or (F), at the time the District closed pursuant to the Director of Health's Order O.R.C. §3701.13, "In Re: Order the Closure of All K-12 Schools in the State of Ohio," issued on March 14, 2020. No high school diploma shall be granted under this section after September 30, 2020.

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