

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
(Ohio Core Opt Out)

Students entering ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2014, may qualify for participation in the Ohio Core Opt Out program. Eligible students may graduate without having completed the Ohio Core curriculum prescribed by State law. Students wishing to participate in this program must have attended high school for two years.

A student wishing to participate and his or her parent(s) or guardian must sign and file written consent to the student's graduating without completion of the Ohio Core curriculum and acknowledgement that one consequence of failure to complete the Ohio Core curriculum is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further course work.

The minimum requirements for graduation from high school under the Ohio Core Opt Out are as follows.

Minimum

English Language Arts	4 units
Social Studies, including one-half unit of American History and one-half unit of American Government	3 units
Science, including one unit each in Physical Science and Biology	3 units
Mathematics	3 units
Health	½ unit
Physical Education	½ unit
Electives *	<u>6 units</u>
Total	20 units

* Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

The District retains the authority to increase these minimum requirements in compliance with State law. Under State law, the District may stipulate any of the following:

1. a minimum high school curriculum that requires more than 20 units of academic credit to graduate;
2. an exception to the District's minimum high school curriculum that is similar to the Ohio Core Graduation Opt Out, but with additional requirements, which may include the requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum listed above or
3. that no exception comparable to the Ohio Core Graduation Opt Out is available within the District.

The student and parent/guardian must also agree to fulfill any procedural requirements stipulated by the school to ensure informed consent and facilitate orderly filing of statements required under State law.

Additionally, participation in the program requires the student, the student's parent or guardian and a representative of the student's high school to jointly develop an individual career plan for the student. The student's individual career plan must specify that the student will do one of the following:

1. matriculate to a two-year degree program;
2. acquire a business and industry credential or
3. enter an apprenticeship.

The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the student's individual career plan during the remainder of the student's high school experience.