

Honor Diplomas for the Class of 2026 and Beyond.



Ohio students have the opportunity to choose to pursue one of six honors diplomas:

Quick Facts about Honor Diplomas:

- There are 6 types of Honors diplomas
- You must earn 7 of the 8 qualifiers
- All types have 5 common qualifiers
- Each type has 3 specialty qualifiers
- There is an option to replace the ACT, GPA, or Foreign Language qualifier

- Academic Honors Diploma
- International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
- Career Tech Honors Diploma
- STEM Honors Diploma
- Fine Arts Honors Diploma
- Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma

How to get an Honors Diploma?

All six Honors diplomas have 5 Common Qualifiers and then each type has 3 Specialty Qualifiers. Career Tech Honors does have a few modifications as noted. This means that there are 8 qualifiers to earn for each diploma. For a student to be awarded an honors, **they must meet any 7 of those 8 qualifiers.**

Within the five common qualifiers, there is an option for a Student Strength Demonstration replacement that can be considered to help a student obtain an honors diploma.

Common Qualifiers

Algebra II

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GPA of 3.5+

3 Foreign Languages*

*Career Tech only needs 2 Foreign Languages and can use WorkKeys in lieu of the ACT.

ACT Score of 27+*



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Specialty Qualifiers

Students may choose to specialize in as many as they like but will be awarded only one type of honors diploma. If the academic honors is earned, that will be the one awarded, unless student requests otherwise.

SS and Civics Honors

- 5 Social Studies Courses
- Earn the Community Service Seal
- Earn the Citizenship Seal

Fine Arts Honors

- 4 Fine Art Courses
- 2 Fine Art Electives
- Earn the Fine Art Seal

Academic Honors

- 4 Science Courses
- 4 Social Studies Courses
- 4 Seals*

* Honors seal and OMJ seal cannot be counted for this qualifier

Career Tech Honors

- 4 Career Tech Courses
- Pass All Webxams
- Earn Industry Credential or Technology Seal

STEM Honors

- 4 Science Courses
- 2 STEM Electives
- Earn the Industry Credential Seal or Fine Arts Seal

International Baccalaureate Honors

- 4 Science Courses
- 4 Social Studies Courses
- Earn Biliteracy Seal

Student Strength Demonstrations

Students can use one of the following to replace the ACT, GPA, or Foreign Language qualifier for any Honors Diploma.

Options include:

- CCP—12 total hours earned
- CTAG—12 credits through CTE courses.
- WorkKeys—Score of 6+ on all tests (*void for CT Honors)
- ASVAB—Score of 50+
- Work Based Learning—250 total hours in the WBL program.

Information found at <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Contacts-and-Resources/Honors-Diplomas>