

Comparison of Diplomas with Honors Criteria

Students need to fulfill all but one of the applicable criteria for the Diploma with Honors.

| Subject | International Baccalaureate Diploma with Honors for Classes of 2012 and Beyond *** | Academic Diploma with Honors for Classes 2011 and Beyond | Career-Technical Diploma with Honors for Classes 2012 and Beyond |
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| English | 4 units, plus the two required International Baccalaureate essays | 4 units | 4 units |
| Mathematics | 4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | 4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | 4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content |
| Science | 4 units including biology, chemistry and at least one additional advanced science **** | 4 units, including physics and chemistry | 4 units, including two units of advanced science **** |
| Social Studies | 4 units | 4 units | 4 units |
| Foreign Language | 4 units minimum, including at least 2 units in each language studied | 3 units (must include no less than 2 units for which credit is sought), i.e., 3 units of one language or 2 units each of two languages | N/A |
| Fine Arts | 1 unit | 1 unit | N/A |
| Electives | N/A | N/A | 4 units of Career-Technical minimum. Program must lead to an industry recognized credential, apprenticeship, or be part of an articulated career pathway which can lead to post secondary credit |
| Grade Point Average | 3.5 on a 4.0 scale | 3.5 on a 4.0 scale | 3.5 on a 4.0 scale |
| ACT/SAT Score [excluding scores from the writing sections]* | 27 ACT / 1210 SAT | 27 ACT / 1210 SAT | 27 ACT / 1210 SAT |
| Additional Assessment | Must complete criterion-referenced assessments in a minimum of six academic disciplines | N/A | Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent |

Diploma with Honors requirements pre-suppose the completion of all high school diploma requirements in the Ohio Revised Code including:

½ unit physical education**
½ unit health

½ unit in American history
½ unit in government

* Writing sections of either standardized test should not be included in the calculation of this score.

** SB 311 allows school districts to adopt a policy exempting students who participate in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons or two years of JROTC from the physical education requirement.

***** The International Baccalaureate track to the Honors Diploma requires full completion of all requirements for an IB Diploma Programme including the Theory of Knowledge Course in meta-cognition, the Extended Essay project and the 150 hour Creativity, Action and Service (Service-Learning) requirement. Note: The International Baccalaureate Certificate Program does not qualify for this track to the Diploma with Honors.**

****** Advanced science refers to courses in the Ohio Core that are inquiry-based with laboratory experiences and align with the 11/12th grade standards (or above) or with an AP science course, or with the new high school syllabi, or with an entry-level college course (clearly preparing students for a college freshman-level science class, such as anatomy, botany, or astronomy), or contain material above the current OGT level.**