

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students in the class of 2021 and 2022 must earn 22 credits and meet **ONE** of the following three requirements to graduate from the Forest Hills School District:

- A.** Students must earn a total of 18 points across all end-of-course state exams. Students will take state-mandated end-of-course exams during their enrollment in the following courses: English 9, English 10, Math I/Algebra I, Math II/Geometry, American Government, U.S. History, Biology. To ensure that a student is well-rounded, the state requires that a student earn a minimum of 4 points in math, 4 points in English, and 6 points across science and social studies. Students receive points based on their test performance levels which count toward the 18 points required for graduation. Fourteen (14) of those points must be reached by meeting the minimum point values required in the subject areas listed above.
- B.** Earn a “remediation-free” score on a nationally recognized college admission exam such as ACT or SAT.
- C.** Earn a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or a state-issued license for practice in a career and achieve a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a job skills assessment.

CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND GRADUATING REQUIREMENT PATHWAY

Beginning with the Class of 2023 (students entering 9th grade after July 1, 2019) graduation requirements consist of three key components:

1. Course Completion - students will satisfy curriculum requirements outlined in the “Credits for Graduation” section of this guide.
2. Demonstrate Competency - students must earn a “competency” score on the English II and Algebra I end-of-course tests as determined by the Ohio Department of Education.

Students not earning passing scores on the first attempt must be offered appropriate remediation and support and retake the test at least once. In lieu of attaining passing scores on the state tests, students can utilize alternative ways to demonstrate competency.

The three alternative ways to demonstrate competency are as follows:

- A. College Credit Plus** - Earn college credit in a non-remedial math or English course (for the subject area not passed).

B. Career Experience and Technical Skill - Complete two demonstrations to show competency, at least one of which must be foundational.

- Foundational:
 - Earn a score of proficient or higher on three or more WebXams in a single career pathway;
 - Earn an approved industry-recognized 12-point credential;
 - Complete a pre-apprenticeship in the student's chosen career field or show evidence of acceptance into an apprenticeship program (for students 18 and older) after high school.
- Supporting:
 - Complete a 250-hour work-based learning experience with evidence of positive evaluations;
 - Earn the workforce readiness score on WorkKeys;
 - Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal.

C. Military Readiness - Competency can be achieved by meeting the requirements to enlist in the military, as demonstrated by a contract with the military to enlist upon graduation.

3. Demonstrate Readiness - students will demonstrate readiness for their post-high school paths by earning two seals, one of which must be state defined. [Graduation Pathway Description Link](#)

- *State Defined Seals include:* Ohio Means Jobs Readiness, Seal of Bi-Literacy, Industry-Recognized Credential, College-Ready, Military Enlistment, Citizenship, Science, Honors Diploma Seal (earn one of five Honors Diplomas), Technology
- *Locally Defined Diploma Seals include:* Community service project, Fine and Performing Arts, Certified Student Engagement

For more information on curriculum and instruction for grades 9-12, see the 9-12 [Course Guide 2020-2021](#).