



CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND

Overview of Graduation Seals from the Ohio Department of Education

In addition to fulfilling curriculum requirements and earning the competency requirements listed in the [Class of 2023 and Beyond Graduation Requirements](#) link, students must also show they are prepared for college or careers.

Students will demonstrate readiness by earning at least two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined. Seals help students develop an array of critical skills that are valuable to them as they transition to the next steps after high school.

State-Defined Diploma Seals

OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.

State Seal of Biliteracy

Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.

Industry- Recognized Credential Seal

Earn an approved industry-recognized credential that is aligned to a job considered in demand in this state and its regions.

College-Ready Seal

Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Please see your school counselor to discuss current remediation free scores.

Military Enlistment Seal

Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or participate in an approved JROTC program.

State-Defined Diploma Seals

Citizenship Seal

A student can:

1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams;
2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

Science Seal

A student can:

1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;
2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

State-Defined Diploma Seals

Honors Diploma Seal

Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below:

1. Academic Honor Diploma
2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma
4. STEM Honors Diploma
5. Arts Honors Diploma
6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma

Technology Seal

A student can:

1. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam;
2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or
3. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department. (A district or school is not required to offer a course that meets those guidelines.) *More information is forthcoming

Locally Defined Diploma Seals

Community Service Seal

Students must accumulate a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer time to improve the lives of others in their community or in the world. Students may not be compensated for their work and the service hours may not be used to support a "for-profit" business.

Students will be provided a volunteer hour tracking form and it is their responsibility to turn the complete form with appropriate documentation into their counselor.

Fine and Performing Arts Seal

To promote a deeper level of learning a student must take the necessary credits in either fine Arts courses or Performing Arts courses.

Fine Arts:

A minimum of 2.5 credits earned with a C grade or high for each course taken. Courses that qualify for the Fine Arts approval can be found in the Course Guide in the Art Department section. West Shore courses in Media Art and Design qualify as Fine Arts classes.

OR

Performing Arts:

A minimum of 2.5 credits earned with a C grade or higher for each course taken. Courses that qualify for the Performing Arts approval can be found in the Course Guide in the Music Department section. West Shore courses in the Theatre Arts qualify as Performing Arts classes.

Locally Defined Diploma Seals

Certified Student Engagement Seal

To qualify for the Student Engagement Seal a student needs to demonstrate they are active participants in our school community:

1. Three seasons participating in any OHSAA sponsored sport(s) offered at Lakewood High School
2. Three years of active participation in an LHS sponsored club that takes place outside of the regular school day. Participation for the duration of the club time frame meets the requirement when the club does not meet for a full year.
3. Three years of active participation of any extracurricular performing arts groups that are not required as part of a course.
4. A combination of student engagement activities totaling three years of participation.

Students will be provided a student engagement tracking form and it is their responsibility to turn the completed form with appropriate documentation into their counselor. Active participation and attendance will be required to earn the Student Engagement Seal.

Students Transferring to LHS

Students transferring to LHS with completed graduation seals will be accepted and any documentation will be added to their LHS records.

Transferring students are responsible for providing this information upon enrollment. LHS administration reserves the right to adjust locally defined graduation seal requirements for transfer students.