

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
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.**