

# Fort Frye Local Schools Locally Defined Diploma Seals Proposal

FFLS Board of Education adopts the following locally defined seals as part of the readiness graduation requirement for the Class of 2023 and beyond.

Students may petition the principal to earn one or more of the following seals by demonstrating completion of hours or by achievement.

## 1. Community Service

- a. Volunteer work with a school or community club, organization, group, or individual
- b. Recognition of achievement from a school, community, state, or federal group for Community Service

## 2. Fine and Performing Arts

- a. Practice, performance, or demonstration in one or more of the areas but not limited to painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, music, poetry, theater, and dance
- b. Recognition of achievement from a school, community, state, or federal group for Fine and Performing Arts

## 3. Student Engagement

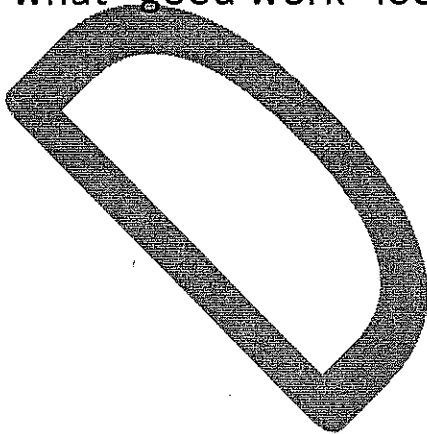
- a. Active membership with a school or community team, club, organization, group, or place of employment
- b. Recognition of achievement from a school, community, state, or federal group for Student Engagement

To earn a seal, students must submit documentation. The principal will identify who may be the supervisory signatory and what recognition will be accepted. Anytime during the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior years of high school, students may accumulate 120 hours or prove achievement by submitting a reproduction of the award clearly identifying the student by name.

Seal	Achievement	Description	Duration	Expert Verification
Community Service	For example: LEO of the Year or Eagle Scout	volunteer work with a school or community club, organization, group, or individual	Documented 120+ hours that may be anytime during the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior years of high school	A supervisory signature and date is required on student submission. With the signature should be a title, degree, or brief description of what qualifies the supervisor as an "expert." The supervisor will be identified by the principal.
Fine and Performing Arts	For example: Honor Choir or artwork selected for local calendar	practice, performance, or demonstration in one or more of the areas but not limited to painting, sculpture, architecture, music, poetry, theater, and dance		
Student Engagement	For example: Employee of the Month or Varsity Letter	active membership with a school or community team, club, organization, group, or place of employment		

Not policy but an Action Step for administrative purposes

- Create an introductory pre-review paper for students to give to supervisors so they will know what behaviors to be observing (work does not equal a signature; "good work" will so we need to define what "good work" looks like)



# Ohio's High School Graduation Requirements Classes of 2023 and Beyond

It's Your **Future.** Get **Ready.**

Before you know it, you'll be receiving your high school diploma. Ohio is giving you new ways to show the world what you can do with it.

As a student entering ninth grade on or after **July 1, 2019**, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give you more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on your strengths and passions – one that ensures you are ready for your next steps and excited about the future.

## First, cover the basics

You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	4 ½ credits
Financial and Career	½ credit
Fine Arts/Career Tech	1 credit
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 credits</b>

### Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

## Second, show competency

Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

**Is testing not your strength?** After you have taken your tests, there are three additional ways to show competency!

### Option 1

#### Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities:

##### Foundational

- Proficient scores on WebXams
- A 12-point industry credential
- A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

##### Supporting

- Work-based learning
- Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

### Option 2

#### Enlist in the Military

- Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

### Option 3

#### Complete College Coursework

- Earn credit for one college-level math and/or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

### **Third**, show readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

**At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:**

- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- Science Seal (Ohio)
- Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- Technology Seal (Ohio)
- Community Service Seal (Local)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- Student Engagement Seal (Local)

**Want to learn more?** Contact your school counselor or visit [education.ohio.gov/graduation](http://education.ohio.gov/graduation)

