

The Ohio Core



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Purposes of the Ohio Core

- Establish rigorous high school graduation expectations for all students
- Prepare Ohioans to meet demands of the knowledge-based economy
- Prepare high school graduates to be successful for college or work
- Strengthen link between high school graduation and college entry
- Reduce remediation at the college level



The Ohio Core Applies To:

- Public Schools
- Chartered Nonpublic Schools
- Community Schools



Graduation Requirements

Effective with the Class of 2014

Total of 20 credits (no change in total required by state)

- English (4 units)
- Health (½ unit), Physical education (½ unit)
- Mathematics (4 units) - Algebra II or the equivalent
- Science (3 units) – Inquiry-based with lab experience - Physical sciences (1 unit), Biology (1 unit) 1 unit from advanced sciences
- Social Studies (3 units) - American history (½ unit) & American government (½ unit)
 - All students must receive instruction in financial literacy

Graduation Requirements Cont.

Effective with the Class of 2014

– Electives (5 units)

- Must be selected from any of the following:

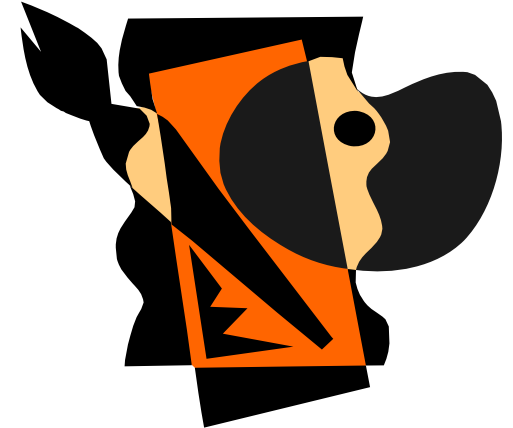
- Foreign language
- Fine arts*
- Business
- Career-technical education
- Family and consumer sciences
- Technology
- Agricultural education
- English language arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social studies

Not otherwise required

Graduation Requirements Cont.

Effective with the Class of 2014

- Fine Arts (2 semesters or equivalent)
 - Anytime from grades 7 through 12
 - Can apply to 5 electives required



Opt-Out

- The student *must* have attended high school for 2 years.
- The parent/guardian *must* file a signed, written statement consenting to the opt-out.
- The student and parent/guardian *must* agree to procedural requirements of the school.
- The school, student and parent/guardian *must* jointly develop an individual career plan.
- The school *must* provide counseling and support.
- The student *must* successfully complete the state's curriculum requirements in place in 2006.
- The student may not directly enter most public 4-year colleges.
- Opt Out provision in effect for 3 years unless extended by legislature.

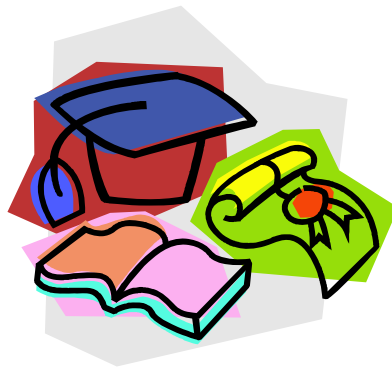
Ohio Core Policy Studies related to College readiness & Placement

- May 31, 2007 – Partnership for Continued Learning (OBR & the State Bd. Of Ed.)

“Increasing opportunities for students to earn credit toward a degree from an institution of higher education while enrolled in high school, including... a definition of ‘in good standing’ ...improving the operation of the post-secondary enrollment options program...” ORC §3313.6013

Ohio Core Policy Studies related to College readiness & Placement

- July 1, 2007- PCL (OBR) – Criteria by which state universities may waive the requirement that a student complete the Core to be admitted...
- July 30, 2007 -PCL (OBR & St. Bd. of Ed.) A means of assessing high school students' college and work readiness, especially in English and mathematics...



Ohio Core Policy Studies related to College readiness & Placement

- December 31, 2007 – State Bd. Of Education - Foreign Language Advisory Council
 - Statewide foreign language education implementation plan...
 - Facilitate a K-12 program in districts
 - Study critical language issues
 - Describe multiple course-delivery models
 - Define “proficiency-based” means for earning credits



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- April 15, 2008 – OBR

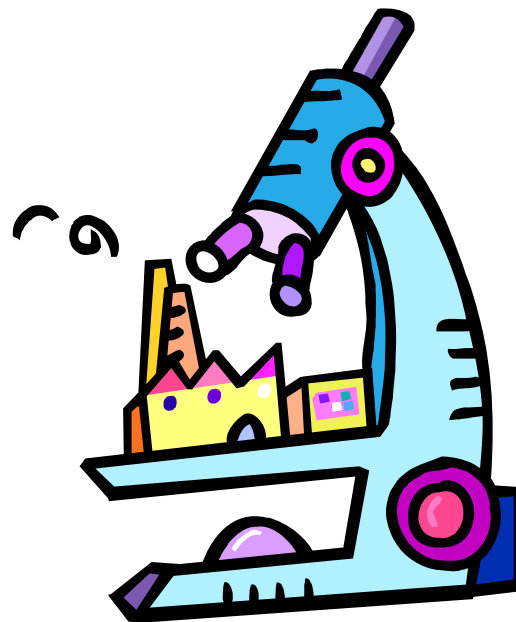
Standards for awarding course credit (at state institutions of higher ed.)...based on scores attained on Advanced Placement exams...



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- March 31, 2009 – State Bd. Of Ed (PCL & OBR)

Adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on demonstration of subject area competency (phase in 2009-10)



Some Important Policy Studies & Recommendations...

- April 30, 2009 (ODE & OBR)

Standardize method and form for documenting on high school transcripts high school credits earned that are compatible the standards for credit transfer and articulation adopted by the Board of Regents ...and any electronic clearinghouse for student transcript transfer ...



Beginning in 2014-15

- Ohio Core required for admission to most state-supported 4 year universities
- Phased-in reduced state subsidy for remedial coursework at most state-supported 4 year universities



Ohio Core

- Knowledge & skills for the 21st century economy
- Prepare all students for college and work
- Stronger coordination between high school and college.

