



# Newton Graduation Seals

## Class of 2023 & Beyond

First requirement, you must earn at least 22 credits in the specified subjects and take your required tests. Second requirement, earn a passing score on Ohio's High School Algebra I and English II tests. You will have alternate pathways if testing is not your strength! Those options are Career Focused Activities, Enlist in the Military, or Complete College Coursework. More details regarding the above graduation requirements can be found on the 2023 & Beyond Ohio High School Graduation Requirements, which can be found under the Graduation Requirements tab on the Guidance page of the Newton Local Schools' website. Lastly, the third requirement is students will need to earn TWO Seals!

## 3<sup>RD</sup> REQUIREMENT

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The third requirement to show readiness for graduation is to earn TWO Seals. The students will choose the Seals that line up with their goals and interests. These Seals will give the students a chance to demonstrate academic, technical, and professional skills and knowledge that align with their passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

There are TWELVE Seals, NINE of them are state designed and THREE of them are locally designed. Students are required to earn TWO Seals. **At least one of those Seals must be an Ohio designed Seal.**

## SEALS

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- 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)



# OhioMeansJobs Seal

## OMJ State Seal

Ohio high school students now can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is a formal designation students can earn on their high school diplomas and transcripts indicating they have the personal strengths, strong work ethic, and professional experience that businesses need.

## HOW TO EARN...

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To earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, motivated high school students must demonstrate certain professional skills required for success in the workplace. Students work with at least three experienced and trusted mentors who validate the demonstration of these skills in school, work, or the community. Students must meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.

The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is available for the graduating classes of 2018 and beyond and will be printed directly on Ohio diplomas and transcripts.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please read more about the details, including the requirements, for the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal on the ODE website link below:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/New-Skills-for-Youth/SuccessBound/OhioMeansJobs-Readiness-Seal>



# Industry-Recognized Credential Seal

## Industry-Recognized Credential State Seal

Each child should see the relevance of his or her learning, be exposed to practical, real-world work settings and begin defining his or her future. The plan calls for Ohio Schools to inspire students to identify their paths to future success through career-focused learning.

## HOW TO EARN...

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The process of earning an industry-recognized credential allows students to experience education *through work, about work* and *for work*. Students learn more deeply by practicing and applying their knowledge through work and employment experiences – learning *through work*. They learn about workplace expectations in terms of professional skills needed for employment, as well as learning about career pathways and what the labor market for particular occupations looks like – learning *about work*. They also learn job-specific skills they will need to perform day-to-day tasks – learning *for work*.

Earning an [industry-recognized credential](#) and a [WorkKeys score](#) of 14 is [one of multiple options to earn a high school diploma](#). When students earn industry-recognized credentials, schools and districts get credit on Ohio Report Cards for their success in preparing students for careers.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please read more about the details, including the requirements, for the Industry-Recognized Credential Seal on the ODE website link below:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Industry-Recognized-Credentials>



# College-Ready Seal

## College-Ready-State Seal

An opportunity for students to take advantage of their test taking ability. The ACT and SAT are the two tests that meet the requirements for the pathway.

## HOW TO EARN...

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One of the pathways that students may use to meet the test requirement for graduation is a college and career readiness test. The two tests that meet this pathway are the ACT and SAT. Colleges and universities use the ACT and SAT to determine student readiness for the rigors of higher education. These institutions generally expect that students who earn "remediation-free" scores will be able to succeed in their college courses.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. State law requires the Ohio Department of Education to use the ACT and SAT remediation-free scores to meet the graduation requirements of the college and career readiness test pathway.

The Ohio Department of Education will communicate the remediation-free scores needed to meet the graduation requirement in spring of the students' junior (grade 11) year before they take the state-sponsored test. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. Any changes after Feb. 1 each year will affect only future groups of students.

Students must earn "remediation-free" scores in each of the three subscore areas, two in English language arts and one in mathematics.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please read more about the details, including the requirements, for the College-Ready Seal on the ODE website link below:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/College-and-Career-Readiness-Test>



# Military Enlistment Seal

## Military- Enlistment-State Seal

For students interested in a career pathway that includes serving in a branch of the armed forces, the Military Enlistment Seal is an option to satisfy components of Ohio's graduation requirements.

## HOW TO EARN...

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To earn the Ohio's Military Enlistment Seal, students must complete one of the following:

1. Show evidence of enlistment in a branch of the armed services;  
or
2. Participate in a JROTC program.

### Evidence of Enlistment:

Provide the district or school a signed copy of the Department of Defense Form Enlistment/Reenlistment (DD Form 4) enlistment contract.

*\*\*After taking and achieving the required score on the ASVAB and completing the oath of enlistment into the Delayed Training Program, each recruit signs and is provided a copy of his or her Department of Defense Form Enlistment/Reenlistment (DD Form 4) enlistment contract. This is the same for all branches of services. Students must submit this documentation to demonstrate evidence of enlistment. **The DEADLINE to complete all of the above and submit the DD Form 4 to Newton Local Schools is the last business day of April of the senior (graduating) year.***



# Citizenship Seal

## Citizenship-State Seal

For students who excel in courses related to Citizenship. Students are able to utilize their EOC exams scores or grades earned in their College Credit Plus courses.

## HOW TO EARN...

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A student can:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of-course exams
- 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

## Science-State Seal

For students who excel in courses related to Science. Students are able to utilize their EOC exams scores or grades earned in their College Credit Plus courses.

## HOW TO EARN...

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A student can:

- Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam
- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program



# Honors Diploma Seal

## Honors Diploma- State Seal

For students interested in challenging themselves with high-level coursework throughout their high school academic careers.

## HOW TO EARN...

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High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an honors diploma. Students challenge themselves by taking and succeeding at high-level coursework and in real-world experiences.

Ohio students have the opportunity to choose to pursue one of five honors diplomas:

1. [Academic Honors Diploma](#)
2. [Career Tech Honors Diploma](#)
3. [STEM Honors Diploma](#)
4. [Arts Honors Diploma\\*](#)
5. [Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma](#)

\*includes dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please read more about the details, including the requirements, for the Honors Diploma Seal on the ODE website link below:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Honors-Diplomas>





# Seal of Biliteracy

## Biliteracy-State Seal

For students who excel in the English and Spanish languages.

## HOW TO EARN...

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A Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. A school or district gives this award by following state-established guidelines.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please read more about the details, including the requirements, for the Seal of Biliteracy on the ODE website link below:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Foreign-Language/Ohio-Seal-of-Biliteracy>



# Technology Seal

## Technology-State Seal

For students who excel in technology based courses.

## HOW TO EARN...

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A student can:

- Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program
- 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.)



# Community Service Seal

## Community-Service-Local Seal

One of three local seals that is intended for students who are interested in giving back to their school and community.

## HOW TO EARN...

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Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by the student's local board of education.

A quality community service experience achieves the following:

1. Provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate critical thinking, leadership, professionalism, knowledge, and social and emotional skills.
2. Gives students the opportunity to gain valuable work skills and explore possible career options in the public, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors.
3. Helps students make connections in their community.
4. Introduces the students to the needs of their community and promotes an understanding of civic engagement and how valuable it is to the community and the individuals within the community.

## GUIDELINES

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A student may earn a Community Service Seal by completing a minimum of forty (40) hours of community service during high school in a quality community service experience.

Community service experiences must be approved by the District's designated community service advisor in advance. At the completion of the community service hours, the students will be required to confirm with the community service organization's supervisor via a signature and finally the hours and signature must be approved by the District's designated community service advisor.



# Fine and Performing Arts Seal

## Fine and Performing Arts-Local Seal

One of three local seals that is intended for students who are interested in the Fine and/or Performing Arts courses.

## HOW TO EARN...

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Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with the guidelines adopted by the student's local board of education.

## GUIDELINES

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A student must complete one of the following:

1. Earn two (2) credits of approved fine arts program electives in one (1) of the following disciplines: visual arts, or music, during high school.
2. Complete one (1) full credit of a fine art (band, choir, or a visual arts course) and successfully participate in one (1) additional fine art related extracurricular experience through Newton High School (Including but not limited to drama club, art club, or pep band). Successful participation is defined as engagement in at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the group's activities. The activities for each group will be determined and reported by the group's advisor.



# Student Engagement Seal

## Student-Engagement-Local Seal

One of three local seals that is intended for students who are interested in extracurricular activities within the school setting.

## HOW TO EARN...

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Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by the student's local board of education.

## GUIDELINES

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Students must participate in at least two (2) board approved extracurricular activities during high school. Eligible activities include participation in an athletic program, recognized school club (including school clubs at Upper Valley Career Center and Miami Valley Career Technology Center), or student government.

In order for participation to count toward earning a seal, successful participation is defined as engagement in at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the group's activities. The activities for each group will be determined and reported by the group's advisor.