# Comparison of Diplomas with Honors Criteria

***Students need to fulfill all but one criterion for any of the following Diplomas with Honors***

| Subject | High School Academic Diploma with Honors Graduating Classes 2010 and Before | High School Academic Diploma with Honors Graduating Classes 2011 and Beyond | Career-Technical Diploma with Honors for Graduating Classes 2010 and Before | Career-Technical Diploma with Honors for Graduating Classes 2011 and Beyond |
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| **English** | **4** units | **4** units | **4** units, which may include one unit of applied communication | **4** units |
| **Mathematics** | **3** units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or a three-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | **4** units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | **3** units, including Algebra and Geometry, or a sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | **4** units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content |
| **Science** | **3** units, which develop the concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences | **4** units, including physics and chemistry | **3** units, which develop the concepts for physical, life, and earth and space sciences | **4** units, including physics and chemistry |
| **Social Studies** | **3** units | **4** units | **3** units | **4** units |
| **Foreign Language** | **3** units, including at least 2 units in each language studied | **3** units, including at least 2 units in each language studied | **2** units, or 2 units of business/technology, or one unit each | Not counted toward requirements |
| **Fine Arts** | **1** unit | **1** unit | May be counted toward requirements under Electives | Not counted toward requirements |
| **Career-Technical** | Not counted toward requirements, and may not be used to meet requirements | Not counted toward requirements, and may not be used to meet requirements | **3** units in the vocational or technical education curriculum | Now counted in Electives |
| **Electives** | Either **1** unit of business/technology and **2** units of above or **3** units of the above subject, not including career-technical | Not counted toward requirements | **2** units of above categories, including fine arts | **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 | **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 | **27** ACT / **1210** SAT |
| **Additional Assessment** | Not applicable | Not applicable | Complete a career passport that reflects achievement of the occupational proficiency benchmark established for the Ohio vocational competency assessment or the equivalent | Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent |

*Writing sections of either standardized test should not be included in the calculation of this score.

Diploma with Honors requirements pre-suppose completion of all high school diploma requirements in Ohio Revised Code including:

½ unit physical education**
½ unit health
½ unit in American history
½ unit in government

**SB 311 allows school districts to adopt a policy exempting students who participate in athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons from the physical education requirement.