

# Whitmer High School

## Assessment Update

### New Graduation Requirements for High School Students

- **In what courses do students receive points towards graduation?**  
Students scheduled to graduate in 2018 and beyond earn points when taking the Ohio's State Tests in English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology (or Physical Science for students in the cohort 2018), American Experience, and /or American Government.
- **How many points does it take to graduate high school?**  
For each of the state tests mentioned above, a student earns 1 to 5 graduation points. To meet this graduation option, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from all tests.

This graduation option gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn at least 4 points on English tests, 4 points on Math tests, and 6 points on Science and Social Studies tests. Another 4 points must be accumulated from all tests to meet the 18 point requirement.

Performance Level	Graduation Points
Advanced	5
Accelerated	4
Proficient	3
Basic	2
Limited	1

- **If a student earned credit for a course prior to the test being available, does the student have to take the end-of-course test now? If not, how many graduation points will the student receive?**

No. A student who earned high school credit in any tested courses before July 1, 2015, before these tests were available, will receive graduation points based on his or her grade in the course. A student who took a high school course in Junior High and did not receive high school credit is still required to take the end-of-course test. The conversion chart indicates the number of graduation points a student will receive based on the letter grade the student received for any high school courses prior to the availability of Ohio's State Tests in Spring 2015.

<b>HS Grade for HS Credit</b>	<b>Graduation Points</b>
<b>A</b>	5
<b>B</b>	4
<b>C</b>	3
<b>D</b>	2
<b>F</b>	1

### **Overview of Ohio's New Graduation Requirements for High School Students**

- **What other ways can a student earn graduation points than taking Ohio's State Tests?**

Students taking Advanced Placement courses in American History or American Government may take tests specially designed for these courses instead of the state end-of-course test for that kind of course, to avoid double testing. Also, students taking College Credit Plus courses in these subjects will use the course grade, not end-of-course test points, to determine their points earned toward graduation.

<b>AP and CC+ Crosswalk to Graduation Points</b>		
<b>Advanced Placement</b>	<b>College Credit Plus Course Grade (social studies and Science Substitute Courses)</b>	<b>Graduation Points</b>
4 or 5	A or B	5
3	C	4
2	D	3
N/A	Not Applicable	2
1	Not Applicable	1
	F - Fail or drop the course	0

- **When can a student retake an Ohio’s State Test if they did not receive an initial score that earned them enough points to graduate?**

Whitmer High School will retest students who score a 2 or lower on any of the required Ohio State Tests unless they have already met the point requirement to graduate.

If a student would like to retest in one of the required areas, they may contact Mrs. Berryman at [lberryma@wls4kids.org](mailto:lberryma@wls4kids.org) or their counselor.

- **Other than graduation points, how can a student earn a high school diploma?**

**Industry Credentials and Workforce Readiness:** In order to qualify for a diploma under the credential pathway, a student needs to do two things:

- 1) Earn a minimum score of 13 on WorkKeys, a work readiness test that many employers use.
- 2) Earn an industry-recognized credential or credentials worth 12 credential points.

Please contact Mrs. Heban at [dheban@wls4kids.org](mailto:dheban@wls4kids.org) with any questions regarding Industry Credentials and WorkKeys.

**College and career readiness tests:** Students earn “remediation-free” scores in English language arts and mathematics on a nationally recognized college admission exam. The state of Ohio will pay one time for all 11th grade students in the classes of 2018 and beyond to take the exam free of charge. The ACT will be administered on March 21, 2017 to all juniors.

Students who began ninth grade before July 1, 2014 , must meet their course requirements and ONE of the following options:

- 1) Meet old Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) requirements
- 2) Meet new graduation requirements
  - a) A total of 18 graduation points across all end-of-course tests
  - b) A remediation-free score on the ACT or SAT
  - c) A composite score of 13 on the WorkKeys and an approved industry-recognized credential
- 3) Use new testing options to fulfill old graduation requirements(see below)

Subject Area	Previous Options	New Assessment Options - Minimum Scores
Math	Proficient on Math OGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proficient on Math OGT</li> <li>● 3 Points on Algebra I, Geometry, Integrated Math I or Integrated Math II Tests</li> <li>● Score of 22 on the ACT Math or 520 on the SAT Math</li> </ul>
Reading	Proficient on Reading OGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proficient on the Reading OGT</li> <li>● 3 Points on English Language Arts I or English Language Arts II</li> <li>● Tests Score of 21 on the ACT Reading or 450 on the SAT Critical Reading</li> </ul>
Writing	Proficient on Writing OGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proficient on the Writing OGT</li> <li>● 3 Points on English Language Arts I or English Language Arts II</li> <li>● Tests Score of 18 on the ACT English or 430 on the SAT Writing</li> </ul>
Science	Proficient on Science OGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proficient on the Science OGT</li> <li>● 3 Points on Biology Test</li> <li>● Passing grade in College Credit Plus course in Biology</li> <li>● Score of 2 on Advanced Placement (AP) Biology Test</li> </ul>
Social Studies	Proficient on Social Studies OGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proficient on the Social Studies OGT</li> <li>● 3 Points on American History or American Government Test</li> <li>● Passing grade in College Credit Plus course in U.S. History or U.S. Government</li> <li>● Score of 2 on Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History or U.s. Government and Politics Test</li> </ul>

These test scores are the remediation-free scores set by Ohio's university presidents.

These scores are subject to change.