



# Westerville North High School

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**English - Important school information. Please have someone translate.**  
**Spanish - Informacion importante de la escuela -- por favor que alguien traduzca.**  
**Nepali - स्कुलको महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी हो- कृपया कसैलाई अनुवाद गर्न लगाउनुहोस्**  
**Somali - Akhbaar muhiim ah oo ka socdaa dugsig. Fadlan qof haa ku turjumo.**

March 23, 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The State of Ohio modified graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2018 (this year's juniors). There are two components of graduation requirements:

1. The **credit component** requires all students to successfully complete a minimum of 20 high school credits in specific subjects.
2. The **assessment component** provides students three ways to be eligible for a high school diploma: (a) earn a cumulative score of at least **18 points** on seven end-of-course state tests; (b) earn 12 points by attaining an industry-recognized credential and 13 points on the WorkKeys assessment for the Class of 2018 and 2019; or (c) earn remediation free scores in English language arts and mathematics on a nationally recognized college admission exam such as the ACT or SAT.

It appears the most common way a student will meet the assessment component is through earning points on the seven state tests. Students currently are required to earn at least 18 points, though State Board of Education and Ohio Department of Education officials are discussing this topic. There is no additional, formal recognition for students who earn more than 18 points.

Students can earn up to 5 points on each of the seven state tests (English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology/Physical Science, US History, American Government). **If you would like to know the number of points to date your child has earned on each of these tests, you can obtain this information through the Graduation Pathway section of PowerSchool.**



Under "Navigation", look for this Graduation Pathways icon:

If your child has taken or plans to take the ACT test, s/he may meet graduation requirements (regardless of points earned on Ohio's State Tests) by achieving a remediation free score. This, too, is indicated on your child's Graduation Pathways record. Note that the Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT. Any Industry Recognized Credentials earned are also specified when viewing your child's Graduation Pathway.

At this point for students in the class of 2018, of the seven state tests, most juniors have only the American Government remaining to take. Students enrolled in AP or IB courses in American History or American Government may earn points by taking tests that are specially designed for these courses. They are not required to take the state's tests for these courses, which helps avoid double testing.

John R. Kellogg, Ed. D., Superintendent/CEO

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**Vision:** Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

**Mission:** Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

**Values:** Respect, Inclusiveness, Community, Communication, Collaboration, Innovation, Nurturing, Trust, Accountability



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The next opportunity for students in graduation cohort 2018 and beyond to retake any of the tests is during the upcoming April 2017 test administration. Test administration dates are as follows:

Monday, April 10 – English I  
Tuesday, April 11 – English II  
Wednesday, April 12 – American Government  
Tuesday, April 18 – Biology  
Wednesday, April 19 – American History (also, ACT administered to all Juniors)  
Thursday, April 20 – Geometry  
Friday, April 21 – Algebra I

If your child previously earned 1 or 2 points on one or more of the previously listed tests, s/he has the opportunity and is encouraged to retake the test in order to earn more points and achieve the required total necessary to graduate. Students who received a 3 or 4 and feel they have a reason to retake the test are asked to first contact their school counselor.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's graduation progress to date as it relates to credit attainment, or Graduation Pathways record in PowerSchool, please contact your child's school counselor.

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