



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3313.618 Diploma requirements.

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(A) In addition to the applicable curriculum requirements, each student entering ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, shall satisfy at least one of the following conditions in order to qualify for a high school diploma:

- (1) Be remediation-free, in accordance with standards adopted under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code, on each of the nationally standardized assessments in English, mathematics, and reading;
- (2) Attain a score specified under division (B)(5)(c) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code on the end-of-course examinations prescribed under division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. For any student who is exempt from taking an end-of-course examination under division (B)(6) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, in determining whether that student has attained the cumulative score prescribed by division (B)(5)(c) of that section, that student shall be considered to have attained a proficient score on the exempted examination.
- (3) Attain a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a nationally recognized job skills assessment selected by the state board of education under division (G) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and obtain either an industry-recognized credential, as described under division (B)(2)(d) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, or a license issued by a state agency or board for practice in a vocation that requires an examination for issuance of that license.

The state board shall approve the industry-recognized credentials and licenses that may qualify a student for a high school diploma under division (A)(3) of this section.

A student may choose to qualify for a high school diploma by satisfying any of the separate requirements prescribed by divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section. If the student's school district or school does not administer the examination prescribed by one of those divisions that the student



chooses to take to satisfy the requirements of this section, the school district or school may require that student to arrange for the applicable scores to be sent directly to the district or school by the company or organization that administers the examination.

(B) The state board of education shall not create or require any additional assessment for the granting of any type of high school diploma other than as prescribed by this section. The state board shall not create any endorsement or designation that may be affiliated with a high school diploma.