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**Demonstrating Readiness**

*Ohio Revised Code sections 3313.618 and 3313.6114*

In addition to fulfilling curriculum requirements and meeting the competency requirements listed above, students also must show they are prepared for their next steps after high school.

State law created 12 diploma seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Each seal allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for future success in their chosen post-high school paths.

Students will demonstrate readiness ***by earning at least two diploma seals***, **one of which must be state defined**. Seals help students develop an array of critical skills that are valuable to them as they transition to the next steps after high school.

Schools should consider encouraging students to pursue seals that meet their individual interests and skills. Graduation planning will be an important step in supporting students in earning their seals.

**State-Defined Diploma Seal Requirements**

Military Enlistment Seal Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or

Participate in an approved JROTC program.

Technology Seal A student can:

1. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient

on an appropriate Advanced Placement or

International Baccalaureate exam;

2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B”

or higher in an appropriate class taken through the

College Credit Plus program; or

3. 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.)

Industry-Recognized Credential Seal Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career

field.

Citizenship Seal A student can:

1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the

American history and American government end-of

course exams;

2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient

on appropriate Advanced Placement or International

Baccalaureate exams; or

3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B”

or higher in appropriate classes taken through the

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**State-Defined Diploma Seal Requirements**

OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness

and professional competencies.

State Seal of Biliteracy Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and

English.

College-Ready Seal Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Visit the Department’s website to see current remediation-free

scores.

Science Seal A student can:

1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology

end-of-course exam;

2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient

on appropriate Advanced Placement or International

Baccalaureate exams; or

3. 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 Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below: 1. Academic Honors Diploma;

2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma;

3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma;

4. STEM Honors Diploma;

5. Arts Honors Diploma;

6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors

Diploma.

**Locally Defined Diploma Seals\*\* Requirements**

Community Service Seal (locally defined)

Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)

Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)

Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by the school district’s local board of education or school governing authority.

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

Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by the school district’s local board of education or school governing authority.

*\*\*State law requires districts and schools to develop guidelines for at least one of the locally defined diploma seals.*

Each district or school shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who have met the requirements prescribed under division (C) of Ohio Revised Code section 3313.6114 for earning the state seals established under that division.

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