



Department of Education & Workforce

College-Ready Seal



Guidelines for Schools and Districts

Under Ohio's long-term graduation requirements, students must demonstrate readiness as a part of their pathway to earning a high school diploma. To demonstrate readiness, students must earn at least two seals, one of which must be a state-defined seal.

The College Ready Seal is a state-defined seal. Students will earn the College Ready Seal by earning remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT.

College-Ready Seal – General Requirements

Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.6114(C)(2) (<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3313.6114>).

To earn the College and Career Readiness Seal, students must earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT, as outlined below.

**Download the
College-Ready Seal**



(<http://getattachment/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Ohio's-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Seals/CR-btn.png.aspx>).

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What are the remediation-free scores?

SUBJECT	ACT	SAT TAKEN PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2016	SAT TAKEN AFTER MARCH 1, 2016
English Language Arts	English subscore of 18 (or higher)	Writing 430 (or higher)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) 480 (or higher)
	Entered high school prior to July 1, 2014, reading subscore of 21 (or higher)	Reading 450 (or higher)	
	Entered high school after July 1, 2014, reading subscore of 22 (or higher)		
Mathematics	Mathematics subscore of 22 (or higher)	Mathematics 520 (or higher)	Mathematics 530 (or higher)

College and Career Readiness Test Information (<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/College-and-Career-Readiness-Test>).

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How are remediation-free scores determined? (#FAQ4870).

What happens if the remediation-free scores change while a student is in high school? (#FAQ4871).

Do students need to earn remediation-free scores in all areas of the test? (#FAQ4872).

Will students have the opportunity to take one of these tests in school? (#FAQ4873).

Can a student who earns the College Readiness Seal also use the ACT or SAT remediation free competency alternative? (#FAQ4874).

Can students super score? (#FAQ4875).

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What are some additional resources to refer to? (#FAQ4876).

General Questions

How are remediation-free scores determined?

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT (Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.061(F)).

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What happens if the remediation-free scores change while a student is in high school?

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will communicate the remediation-free scores needed to meet the graduation requirement in the spring of the students' junior (grade 11) year before they take the state-sponsored test. The remediation-free score that is in place on Feb 1 of a student's junior year is the score needed to satisfy the requirements for the College Ready Seal. Any changes after Feb. 1 each year will affect only future groups of students.

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Do students need to earn remediation-free scores in all areas of the test?

Yes. Students must earn remediation-free scores in each of the three subscore areas, two in English language arts and one in mathematics.

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Will students have the opportunity to take one of these tests in school?

Yes. State law (<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3301.0712>) requires districts and community schools to administer the state-funded ACT or SAT to all grade 11 students in the spring of the school year¹. Each year, districts and schools will select the test to administer to their juniors.

¹ For students entering ninth grade on or after July 1, 2021, parents or guardians may opt the student out of the test.

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Can a student who earns the College Readiness Seal also use the ACT or SAT remediation free competency alternative?

Yes. Students may apply their remediation free scores to meet both the competency pathway requirements and earn the College Readiness Seal.

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Can students super score?

Yes. Each student may use the highest score in each subscore from multiple administrations of a test to meet the student's graduation requirement pathway. This would include the state-funded administration, which all Ohio students will take in the spring of their junior year and additional attempts that students take and fund through non-state resources during their academic careers.

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Additional Resources

What are some additional resources to refer to?

[ACT and SAT Practice Tests \(/Topics/Testing/ACT-and-SAT-Practice-Tests\)](#).

[State-Funded ACT Test \(http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/State-Funded-ACT-Test\)](#).

[State-Funded SAT Test \(http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/State-Funded-SAT-Test\)](#).

[ACT/SAT Questions and Answers \(http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/ACT-SAT-FAQs\)](#).

[Register for the ACT \(https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html\)](#).

[Register for the SAT \(https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?navId=gf-sat\)](#).

[Accommodations and English Learner Support for ACT \(http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/accommodations.html\)](#).

[Accommodations for SAT \(https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/\)](#).

[English Learner Support for SAT \(https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/english-learner-supports\)](#).

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