

Alternate Certificate

An Alternate Certificate may be earned by students if they are unable to meet the requirements for any other diploma option. Requirements will be determined by a school team and may be individualized to best meet student needs.

Graduation Exercises

Only students in good standing who have successfully completed the requirements for a Standard, Modified, Extended Diploma, or Alternate Certificate may participate in graduation exercises.

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Diploma Option Information

Ontario School District offers a variety of diploma options to graduating students upon completion of one of four prescribed credit programs. These include the Oregon Standard, Modified, and Extended Diplomas and the Ontario Alternative Certificate. All four diplomas represent satisfactory completion of a valid and accredited program.

Oregon students who receive a Standard, Modified, or Extended Diplomas are eligible to apply for federal financial aid. In addition, students may also be eligible to apply to some branches of the military.

Conferment of a Modified or an Extended Diploma does not guarantee admittance to a post-secondary institution, but does allow a student to be eligible for federal financial aid or may allow for some branches of military service.

-Refer to the Diploma Options Chart in this brochure to see what classes are required to fulfill each diploma option. Students completing any of the diploma options are eligible for graduation exercises. Please contact the counselor, learning specialist, or assistant principal at OHS for questions regarding graduation requirements and diploma options.

Diploma Options

There are a variety of diploma options to fit the needs of all students. Within this brochure are descriptions of the requirements for meeting the criteria of each option. Choosing the right option for you or your student will have life-long implications. It is essential to be well-informed.

Standard Diploma

A 24-credit Standard Diploma may be granted to students who have been academically successful and who are presently achieving school success or to students transferring to Ontario as seniors.

Modified Diploma

A 24-credit Modified Diploma is awarded to a student who, under modified conditions and curricula, has completed all of the state requirements. A Modified Diploma is subject to limitations of the guide-lines below:

- ⇒ Documented history of the student's inability to maintain grade-level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers, or achievement barriers due to medical condition.
- ⇒ Building review team or an IEP team will decide whether the student should work toward a modified diploma no earlier than the end of sixth grade and no later than two years before the student's anticipated exit from high school.
- ⇒ Building review team establishes modified curriculum and it is noted as such on transcripts.
- ⇒ Building review team may formally decide to revise a modified diploma decision, but requires course credits that were modified must be retaken without modifications track.
- ⇒ Any modifications in demonstrating proficiencies in Essential Skills, Career-related Learning Standards, Career-related Learning Experiences, Education Plan & Profile, and Extended Application places the student on a modified track.

Students currently engaged in the use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol are not eligible for a modified diploma if the significant learning and instructional barriers are due to the use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol. Students who are in, have completed a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program or have been rehabilitated and are no longer using illegal drugs or alcohol, may be eligible for a modified diploma.

Extended Diploma

An Extended Diploma may be awarded only through the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team process and only to students on IEPs who complete the required 12 units of credit.

The diploma is subject to limitations identified in the guidelines listed below:

- ⇒ A student will be considered a candidate for the Extended Diploma if s/he cannot meet the full set of academic content standards for the Standard, or Modified Diploma with reasonable accommodations and modifications. In addition, the student must meet the following eligibility criteria:
- ⇒ Documented history of the inability to maintain grade-level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers inherent in the student or documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement, and
- ⇒ Participation in an alternate state assessment beginning no later than grade six and lasting for two or more assessment cycles or a serious injury that occurs after grade 8 and that changes the student's ability to participate in grade-level activities and that results in the student participating in alternate assessments.

| Subject | Standard Diploma | Modified Diploma | Extended Diploma | Alternative Certificate |
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| Math | 3 (Algebra I or Above) OAKS Math | 2 Modified OAKS | 2 | <i>District will determine criteria based on individual student needs in the following applicable areas:</i> Attendance Credits Life Skills Functional Academics Math Reading Writing Social sciences Special interests Transition Employment Readiness Job shadow Supported work experience Senior project Community service Job shadow Advisory |
| Science | 3 | 2 | 2 | |
| English | 4 OAKS Read & Write | 3 Modified OAKS Read & Write | 2 | |
| Arts/ CTE 2nd Language | 3 (any combination) | 1 | 1 | |
| Social Sciences | 3 | 2 | 3 | |
| Phys. Ed. | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Health | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Electives | 6 | 12 | N/A | |
| Total Credits | 24 | 24 | 12 (no more than 6 self-contained) | |
| Extras | CRLE, EA, EP&P, OAKS | History of inability to achieve state standards | 2 years of State's Extended Assessment no later than 6 th grade OR injury after 8 th grade | IEP team determines |
| Special Education Services | No special education services are provided by the school district beyond high school | May be provided through the school year in which the student turns 21 or until the student receives a standard diploma or higher | May be provided through the school year in which the student turns 21 or until the student receives a standard diploma or higher | May be provided through the school year in which the student turns 21 or until the student receives a standard diploma or higher |
| Community College/Vocations Schools | Accepted | Accepted at some but students may find it difficult to meet entrance criteria—may need to complete additional requirements | Students will find it difficult to meet en-trance criteria—may need to complete additional requirements | Not accepted |
| 4 year colleges and universities | Accepted with 2 years of Foreign Language. Not accepted without 2 years of Foreign Language, but appeals may be considered | Possibly accepted with a waiver or after the successful completion of an associate degree | Four year colleges and universities do not accept Extended Diploma. Students who receive Extended Diploma will find it difficult to meet entrance criteria required by colleges. | Not Accepted |
| Federal Student Aid | Meets Eligibility | Meets Eligibility | Meets Eligibility | Does not meet eligibility criteria |
| Military | May qualify to enlist in any branch of military with qualifying ASVAB score | Students must check with military branches to determine eligibility | Students must check with military branches to determine eligibility | Students must check with military branches to determine eligibility |