

Curriculum Update 2010

Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools

“The purpose for adopting operating standards for Ohio elementary and secondary schools is to assure that all students are provided a general education of education of high quality.”

ORC 3301-35-01 (A)

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3301-35>

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(1) Pursuant to sections 3301.07 and 3313.60 of the Revised Code, any such curriculum shall include study of the following subjects:

- Language Arts – reading writing spelling, oral and written English, and literature
- Geography, the history of the United States and Ohio, and national, state and local government in the United States
- Natural Science, including instruction in the conservation of energy and natural resources

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- Physical Education
- The fine arts, incl. music
- Family and consumer sciences
- Business/economics
- Personal safety and assault prevention in grades kindergarten through six
- First Aid
- Technology
- Foreign Languages
- Health Education
- Mathematics

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3301-35-06 Educational Programs and Support

- Kindergarten – at least 2 ½ hrs/day ...TO BE EXTENDED
- Grades 1-6 – 5 hours/day
- Grades 7-8 – 5 ½ hours/day
- Grades 9 – 12 – 5 ½ hours/day and meet the graduation requirements according to ORC 3313.603

And those graduation requirements are changing...

The Ohio Core

What does it take to graduate?

The Ohio Core

- New graduation requirements
 - Effective Class of 2014
- Financial Literacy
- Credit Flexibility
- Assessment Reform

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

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New Graduation Requirements

Subject	Credits Required		Notes
	Current	Class of 2014	
English Language Arts	4	4	
Health	½	½	
Mathematics	3	4	Algebra II or Equivalent
Physical Education	½	½	Students May be Exempted
Science	3	3	Must include on Physical, Life and Advanced Course. Inquiry-based
Social Studies	3	3	American History American Government Financial Literacy
Electives	6	5	
Fine Arts	0	0*	Two Half Units Required

Financial Literacy

- Core requires financial literacy instruction during high school
- Education reform creates:
 - Business education standards
 - Financial literacy and entrepreneurship standards
- Reforms state that instruction must come from:
 - Social studies standards
 - Financial literacy and entrepreneurship standards

Credit Flexibility

- Students can now demonstrate mastery of content instead sitting through a Carnegie Unit
- Can earn credit by:
 - Testing out
 - Showing mastery through:
 - Senior project
 - Distance learning
 - Postsecondary coursework
 - Internship
 - Service learning
 - Research based project
- Local administration of credit flexibility

Assessment Reform

Assessment Suspension

- Assessments suspended:
 - Writing: Grade 4 & 7 OAT
 - Social Studies: Grade 5 & 8 OAT
 - *2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years*
- All 5 OGT tests **will** still be administered
- Reading and writing OAT to be combined
 - English language arts test to be given every year

Performance Level Indicators

- Change in the number of performance level indicators from five to three
 - Advanced
 - ~~● Accelerated~~
 - Proficient
 - ~~● Basic~~
 - Limited

New Assessment System

- OGT will be replaced by a three part system:
 - **Nationally standardized assessment**
 - Science, mathematics, English language arts
 - **Series of end-of-course exams**
 - Science, mathematics, English language arts, social studies
 - **Senior project**
 - Individual or group project
- Graduation to be determined by composite score

Senior Project

- Complete individually or by a group of students
- Assesses:
 - *Mastery of core knowledge in chosen subject area*
 - *Written and verbal communication skills*
 - *Critical thinking and problem-solving skills*
 - *Real-world and interdisciplinary learning*
 - *Creative and innovative thinking*
 - *Technology, information, and media skills*
 - *Personal management skills*

Focus on Readiness

- Ohio Core goal:
 - Measure students' skills against identified **college and work-ready expectations**
- HB1 calls for ODE and Regents to:
 - Create system of **college and work ready assessments**
 - Develop standards that will allow each student to be **prepared for postsecondary instruction and the workplace** for success in the twenty-first century

College- and Career- Readiness Policy Institute

- Joint venture between ODE and Regents
- Positions Ohio for federal education grants
- College readiness assessments
 - ACT, SAT, AP, International Baccalaureate, PSEO
- Workforce assessments
 - Industry-Credentialed Assessments
- State plan due in December

Common Core Standards

- CCSSO, National Governors Association, Achieve, Inc., ACT, College Board
- **48 states**, 3 territories have joined
- Standards will be:
 - **Aligned with college and work expectations**
 - Internationally benchmarked
 - Completed by spring 2010

Common Core Standards

- K-12 standards being developed for:
 - **English language arts**
 - **Mathematics**
 - **Science (coming soon)**

<http://www.corestandards.org/>