

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education of the Loveland City School District has determined the following standards for graduation from Loveland High School which exceed the minimum standards established by the Ohio Department of Education.

Credits are awarded in half-credit increments. The entire semester must be completed before any credit will be earned. Credit will be earned in any course in which a 60% or better grade is achieved. Credit may be withheld due to excessive absences.

A good student record is the best recommendation a graduate can offer a college or prospective employer. All colleges require an exact transcript of courses taken while in attendance during high school. Employers will often request similar information. Most employers are also interested in the student's record of attendance. A poor attendance record in school may have a negative effect on a person's chances of competing for a job after graduation. It is important for a student to maintain a steady performance or improvement throughout the high school career. The student who shows improvement rather than tapering off or declining in his/her last year is in a much better competitive position. This is particularly true for students who are considering selective colleges.

There are three variations of graduation requirements, dependent upon post-secondary goals:

- Minimum Graduation Requirements
- College Preparatory Program
- Great Oaks Career and Technical Preparation Program

Minimum Graduation Requirements

Course	Credits Required	Additional Information
English Language Arts	4	No additional information
Mathematics	4	Must include 1 unit of Algebra II or an equivalent
Science	3	Must include 1 unit of a physical science and 1 unit of Biology
Social Studies	3	Must include American History, American Government and World History
Health	0.5	No additional information
Physical Education	0.5	Students participating in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir or cheerleading for two full seasons may waive the physical education requirement
Financial Literacy	0.5	Class of 2025 Must take at least one of the following: Financial Literacy, Economics, AP

		Macroeconomics, Investing and Money Management, Honors Accounting, Tigers Inc. or College Study Skills with Financial Literacy. Classes of 2026 and Beyond Must take Financial Literacy, Investing and Money Management, College Study Skills with Financial Literacy or other designated Financial Literacy approved course.
Electives	6.5	Must include one or any combination of world language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, work and family life, technology, or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required
TOTAL	22	
Fine/Performing Arts		Two semesters of fine arts taken any time during grades 7-12. Students following a career-technical pathway are exempt from the fine arts requirement.

College Preparatory Program

Course	Credits Required	Additional Information
English	4	Including English 12, AP English or CCP English
Mathematics	4	At least one unit taken during senior year and must include 1 unit of Algebra II or equivalent
Science	3	Must include Biology and a physical science
Social Studies	3	Must include American History, American Government and World History
Health	0.5	No additional information
Physical Education	0.5	Students participating in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir or cheerleading for two full seasons may waive the physical education requirement
World Language	2*	Both units must be in the same language *some universities require 3 units
Fine Arts/ Performing Arts	1	No additional information
Financial Literacy	0.5	Class of 2025 Must take at least one of the following: Financial Literacy, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, Investing and Money

		Management, Honors Accounting, Tigers Inc. or College Study Skills with Financial Literacy. Classes of 2026 and Beyond Must take Financial Literacy, Investing and Money Management, College Study Skills with Financial Literacy or other designated Financial Literacy approved course.
Electives	3.5	Must include one or any combination of world language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, work and family life, technology, or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required
TOTAL	22	

Great Oaks Career and Technical Program Graduation Requirements

Course	Credits Required	Additional Information
English	4	No additional information
Mathematics	4	Must include 1 unit of Algebra II or equivalent
Science	3	Must include Biology and a physical science
Social Studies	3	Must include American History, American Government and World History
Health	0.5	No additional information
Physical Education	0.5	Students participating in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir or cheerleading for two full seasons may waive the physical education requirement
Financial Literacy	0.5	Class of 2025 Must take at least one of the following: Financial Literacy, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, Investing and Money Management, Honors Accounting, Tigers Inc. or College Study Skills with Financial Literacy. Classes of 2026 and Beyond Must take Financial Literacy, Investing and Money Management, College Study Skills with Financial Literacy or other designated Financial Literacy approved course.
Electives	5.5	Must include one or any combination of Career Technical Lab, world language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer science, technology, or

		English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required
TOTAL	21	

Additional Information

- Students must meet the required credits for graduation **and** meet **BOTH** of the following:
 1. Demonstrate Competency - Students must demonstrate competency in math and English by passing the state's Algebra I (684 or higher) and English II (684 or higher) tests. Students who have taken required tests more than once without passing and have received remedial supports are able to show competency through one of the options below:
 - Earn credit for one math and/or one English course through College Credit Plus.
 - Demonstrate career readiness and technical skill through foundational and supporting options.
 - Enter into a contract to enlist in the military upon graduation.
 2. Preparation for College or Careers - Students must earn two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined, to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. For information on how to earn seals, refer to the [Graduation Seals Checklists document](#).
 - OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
 - State Seal of Biliteracy
 - Industry-Recognized Credential Seal
 - College-Ready Seal
 - Military Enlistment Seal
 - Science Seal
 - Honors Diploma Seal
 - Technology Seal
 - Citizenship Seal
 - Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)
 - Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)
 - Community Service Seal (locally defined)

For complete information, visit the [Ohio Department of Education website](#).

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- Graduation presumes that the student has fulfilled all academic and financial obligations. Diplomas will not be granted if deficiencies are present in any of these areas.
- In order to receive a diploma from Loveland High School, four of the last five credits toward graduation must be earned at or approved by Loveland High School.
- A student must complete eight terms (1 term = 90 days) of attendance in high school to be eligible for graduation, except in the most unusual of circumstances (approved in advance by the high school principal) or in the event of early credit completion.
- In the event a student fails to earn a required credit, summer school courses may be taken for make-up credit. All summer school and correspondence work must be approved in advance by the principal or designee. All courses completed become a part of the student's permanent record and cannot be replaced; therefore, both the original and the make-up grades will appear on the student's transcript. Loveland High School summer school information is available on the [Office of School Counseling website](#) as the end of the school year nears. Physical Education and Health classes are also typically available for students wishing to allow room for additional courses during their school year. Registration takes place in late May/early June.