

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Middletown High School's graduation requirements meet the standards set by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Ohio State Department of Education. The following minimum state and local credits must be met to graduate from Middletown High School.

English.....	4 Credits
Mathematics (to include Algebra II or equivalent)....	4 Credits
Science (Physical Science 1 cr & Biology 1 cr) ...	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
(Am. Hist 1 cr, Wld Stud .5 cr & Am. Gov't .5 cr)	
Health.....	0.5 Credit
Physical Education (or PE Waiver).....	0.5 Credit
Fine Arts (Art or Music, or BT/WCCC lab).....	1 Credit
Economics or Career Fields & Pathways or Business Foundations(Financial component).....	0.5 Credit
Additional Core Courses or Electives.....	<u>3.5 Credits</u>
Total.....	20 Credits

These are **BOE Adopted** requirements for graduation. Students are encouraged to earn more credits as their interests and abilities dictate.

Some courses stipulate that certain projects, reports or other qualifications be achieved before credit is allowed. Each student accepts responsibility for such at registration. In some BT or WCCC courses students will need to purchase supplies and also pay a fee to cover the cost of the consumable materials used. Any damage to school property may be assessed to the pupil or pupils involved for any course.

Please study carefully this Course of Study book for further details. Counselors are always available for information and advice on your course selections as they relate to your future college and career goals and objectives. If there is not enough demand for any one course, it will be cancelled. Refer to the cover letter with your registration sheet for further details.

NEW TESTING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

With recent changes, state and federal testing laws require districts to administer end-of-course tests to all students at the completion of the associated course in Algebra I, Geometry, English II, Biology, American History and American Government. Ohio's new graduation requirements consist of three key components, of which students must complete all three (*Course Completion Credits, Competency and Readiness*):

1. Course Completion Credits-20 credits as defined in the above chart, and beginning with the Class of 2026 a new one-half credit Financial Literacy course will be required to take the place of Careers or Business Foundations (this course will be required of all juniors during the 2024-25 school year).
2. Competency Demonstration-complete 1 of 3 Options:
 - Option 1-in the foundational areas of English II and Algebra I earn a passing score (684) in each. Students not passing either test must retake that particular test at least once in order to use alternative pathways. Students must earn 2 of the following items from Foundational and Supporting categories of which at least one must be Foundational.
 - Foundational:
 - a. Earn 12 point industry credential or
 - b. Earn proficient scores on 3 WebXams in a single career pathway
 - Supporting: Earn Work-based learning (250 hours of work with positive evaluation)

- a. Earn the required score on WorkKeys Exam
- b. Earn OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 2-enlist in the Military showing evidence of signing a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option 3-earn the equivalent of at least one high school credit in CCP courses in English or Math for the subject area not passed, but must earn credit in each subject area or a score of 684 or CCP credit.

3. **Readiness Demonstration**-earn two seals that allow students to demonstrate important foundational and well-rounded academic and technical knowledge, professional skills, social and emotional competencies, and leadership and reasoning skills. At least one seal must be from the State Seals list but students must complete two (2) Seals. Documentation Logs are available from the student's Schoology MAP course. See your MAP Advisor or counselor with questions. Descriptions for each SEAL is found below:

State of Ohio Seals

- Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal- student must meet the criteria established including demonstration of work readiness and professional competencies through school, community or work.
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal- student must earn an approved industry-recognized credential that is aligned to a job, typically through Butler Tech or Warren County Career Center programs.
- College-Ready Seal- student must earn remediation free scores on the SAT or ACT (Eng 18 & Reading 22 and Math 22).
- Military Enlistment Seal- student must provide evidence of enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or participate in JROTC program.
- Citizenship Seal- student must earn a score of a 3 or higher on both the American History and Government End-of-Course exams, or earn a score of a 3 or higher on appropriate AP exam, or earn a course grade of B or higher on appropriate high school or CCP course.
- Science Seal- student must earn a score of 3 or higher on the Biology End-of-Course exam, or earn a score of a 3 or higher on appropriate AP exam, or earn a course grade of B or higher on appropriate CCP course or an advanced science course (Chemistry, Env. Science, Indoor/Outdoor Science, Physics, Physiology, Robotics or Zoology).
- Honors Diploma Seal- student must earn any one of the six , Diplomas
- Seal of Biliteracy- student must meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a World Language and English
- Technology Seal- student must earn a score of a 3 or higher on appropriate AP exam, or earn a course grade of B or higher on appropriate CCP course or specific high school course (PLTW-POE, Logistics, Sports Marketing, or Strategic Entrepreneurship).

Local/MHS Seals

- Community Service Seal- student must complete 12 hours in various school or community service projects such as SALT, Clean Up Middletown, Hope House, etc.
- Student Engagement Seal- student must complete 6 point earned through participation in extracurricular activities such as (but not limited to) athletics, music performances, clubs, student government and community activities with 1 point earned per season/performance/year of participation.
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts Seal- student must complete 6 points in various fine arts classes or school/community-based music, art, theater or dance performance with 1 point earned for each semester class or 1 point for each performance with a maximum of 2 points in performance.

You may find it beneficial to refer to the outline above, visit our school website (www.middletowncityschools.com) and click on Graduation Requirements to follow the links, or visit the ODE website: www.education.ohio.gov and click on Topics and then Graduation Requirements.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STUDENT'S COUNSELOR WITH QUESTIONS

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

The following courses are offered at Middletown Middle School and if taken, a student will earn high school credit upon passing. The semester average grade will appear on the high school transcript; however, the grade will not be calculated into the student's high school Cumulative GPA. A student who earns a grade of "C" or below, may be encouraged to repeat the same course at the high school, if offered. Any course taken in the Middle School, if repeated during the regular school day in high school, must be repeated during the 9th grade year. If a student chooses to repeat a course (must have earned a C or below) during the regular school day for which credit has been earned, the higher grade shall replace the lower grade on the student's transcript, but additional credit shall not be granted. Credit for a course may only be earned one time. All of these courses fulfill the Middletown H.S. graduation requirements in some way. Beginning with the class of 2025, Business Technology and Robotics will no longer earn high school credit. Beginning with the class of 2027, middle school students shall have the opportunity to earn high school credit for Health and Physical Education.

Course No.	Course Name	Credits		Course No.	Course Name	Credits
02111	Algebra I	0.5 per sem		7140	Health	0.5
02131	Adv. Geometry	0.5 per sem		7170	PE (7 th)	0.25
01611	Spanish I	0.5 per sem		7180	PE (8 th)	0.25

INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Many colleges demand completion of specific courses of study as a requirement for entrance. Grade-point average, ACT or SAT scores, and a high-school diploma are determining factors for gaining admission to many colleges today. After gaining admission to the college of your choice, it is important to remain in good standing and become a successful high school graduate. The Board of Regents and the State of Ohio have established a Core Curriculum for students planning to attend college. These courses are minimum recommendations. A student is encouraged to take additional courses as their schedule allows. It is advised that the student complete the following courses beyond the minimum graduation requirements:

English	An additional writing course
World Language	At least 2-3 credits in the same area
Science	At least Chemistry or Physics
Math	An additional college prep course beyond Algebra II
Social Studies	Additional core courses

It is advisable to make inquiries at the school or training institution of your choice as to any specific requirements they may have. College websites are a great resource to check for admission requirements as well as www.collegeboard.org. The school counselors at Middletown High School work with students on identifying career and college opportunities. Additional staff employed with the Future Center are available to meet with students about the application process, scholarship opportunities, FAFSA forms, and job opportunities should students have questions.

COLLEGE/BUSINESS/CAREER VISITATION DAYS

Seniors and Juniors may be excused from school as a "non-absence" to visit a college campus. The maximum number of approved visitation days shall not exceed four (4) full school days during the junior/senior years without special permission from the guidance counselor or principal. Students must complete with teacher permission and return a "College Campus Visitation Form" with the attendance office at least 3 days prior to the visit. The "College Visitation Confirmation" must be signed by the college representative and returned to the attendance office the next school day in order for the absence to be coded "college visit". Other specific requirements are listed on the form.

BUSINESS/CAREER JOB SHADOWING DAYS

Students wishing to participate in a meaningful career job shadowing experience may elect to do so a maximum of 1 day per year as a “non-absence” excused from school. Students must pick up the form in the Guidance Office, have it completed with permission from each classroom teacher, have the form signed by the business to verify attendance, and return the form to the Attendance Office the day after the experience. Students must make their own arrangements with the business and provide their own transportation. Students must also write a thank you note and send to the business within a week of the experience. Other specific requirements are listed on the form.

INFORMATION FOR BUTLER TECH STUDENTS

Freshmen and Sophomores who plan to attend Butler Tech during their junior and senior years in high school should plan their course of study to meet the entrance requirements. At the completion of the sophomore year, a student should have a minimum of ten (10) credits. Students may be admitted though with a minimum of eight (8) total credits. As a minimum preparation it is recommended that the student complete the following courses:

English	2 credits
Math	2 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Studies	2 credits
Physical Education and Health	.5 credit each
Additional Core Courses or Electives	1 credit
Total	10 credits

Applications to Butler Tech and information concerning the programs offered will be available at the Sophomore visitation in November. Initial applications must be submitted online to BT by the January deadline with late applications on a first come-first served basis until March of the current school year. Applications may again be submitted during the first two weeks of school as long as seats are available. Application withdrawal forms may be submitted until March of the current school year. Students accepted to BT must attend school there to begin the school year and may then go through the withdrawal process with the BT counselor during the first two weeks of school. Applications to BT may be submitted again during the first two weeks of school after meeting with your high school counselor provided there is a seat available. **All changes between schools must be completed prior to the last day of the 2nd week of school at MHS.**

Warren County Career Center

When students' program choices become full at Butler Tech, students have the opportunity to apply to the WCCC. This school provides many of the same programs as BT. The application process would occur in March once acceptances have been received from Butler Tech. If WCCC offers a program of choice that Butler Tech does not, then sophomore students may apply to WCCC in January.

College Tech Prep

Many of the programs of study at BT/WCCC are classified as Tech Prep. Tech Prep Programs begin in the junior year of high school and lead to an Associate Degree at participating colleges. This is often referred to as a 2+2 program. In many cases, students choose to continue on to a 4 year degree program and earn a Bachelor's Degree (2+2+2) by following the University Parallel program. College credits may be earned while students are still in the high school portion of the program. After successful completion at the college, students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The Butler Technology and Career Development Schools belong to both the Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley College Tech Prep consortia: Central State Univ., Cincinnati State, Hocking College, Miami Univ.(Hamilton/Middletown), Sinclair Community College, Univ. of Cincinnati, and Univ. of Cincinnati Blue Ash. This gives students the flexibility in choosing which post-secondary institution they wish to attend as well as which area of study they wish to pursue.