



NORTHEAST OHIO COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Senior Families,

The entire NEO HS staff hopes this communication finds you safe and well. During this unprecedented and unsettling period, we are thinking of our families and praying that you are managing as successfully as possible. We are living in a time unlike any we have ever seen; and unfortunately, these extraordinary times effects our graduating seniors the most. With each day we are adjusting to new expectations and different academic routines. Schools have not been immune to the drastic changes due to COVID-19.

With that, graduation is drawing near and even with our new normal, I am sure you and your senior are excited, as you should be! However, before all of the pomp and circumstance can take place, we must ensure our seniors have fulfilled all of the Ohio Department of Education requirements for graduation. Even though the world is working through a pandemic and civil unrest, the requirements for graduation have not changed, per the State of Ohio.

For a senior to successfully earn the required academic units for graduation from Northeast Ohio College Preparatory High School, he or she must complete the following academic units, without exception:

Diploma Requirements for Northeast Ohio College Preparatory High School

Ohio law outlines the course requirements all students must complete to earn a diploma. Ohio students must earn a minimum of 20 course units in specified subject areas. **Districts and schools may have requirements that exceed the state minimums outlined below.**

Courses	State Minimum
English Language Arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical Education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits
Senior Capstone – NEO Requirement	1 credits
Community Service Hours – NEO Requirement	120 hours



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Other Requirements

Students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy (in high school) and complete at least two semesters of fine arts (during grades 7-12).

Knight families, there is no one-size-fits-all way to graduate. Ohio gives your scholar several ways to qualify for a high school diploma. Choose the way that works best for you!

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. Each test score earns up to five graduation points. Your scholar must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies or a remediation free ACT or SAT score.

An Additional Graduation Pathway

ALSO AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2020:

Students entering grade 9 between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, are eligible to utilize the modified graduation options below.

Students must take and pass courses that constitute the curriculum requirements and take all seven end-of-course exams. If the student receives a score of "1" or "2" on any math or English language arts test, the student must retake the test at least once.

Additionally, if a student has taken the end of course exams twice and he or she does not pass, then the school has the option of using a passing grade in the

Additionally, students must meet at least **two** of the below requirements:

- Earn a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all courses completed **during the 11th and 12th grades** (must complete at least four full-year – or equivalent – courses in each year);
- Complete a capstone project during 12th grade that meets criteria defined by Ohio Department of Education guidance and evaluation processes;
- During 12th grade, complete a work or community service experience totaling 120 hours, as defined by the Ohio Department of Education;
- Earn three or more College Credit Plus credits at any time during high school;

There updates from the State that are changing due to COVID-19. We will continue to keep informed as all information becomes available. Please contact the high school office if you should have any questions.

Thank you,

NEO High School Leadership Team

See attachments for further clarification: