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| **Comparison of Diplomas with Honors Criteria**  ***Students need to fulfill all but one of the applicable criteria for the Diploma with Honors.*** | | | | |
| **Subject** | **International Baccalaureate Diploma with Honors for Classes of 2012 and Beyond \*\*\*** | **Academic Diploma with Honors for Classes 2011 and Beyond** | **Career-Technical**  **Diploma with Honors for Classes 2012 and Beyond** |
| **English** | **4 units, plus the two required International Baccalaureate essays** | **4** units | **4** units |
| **Mathematics** | **4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content** | **4** units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content | **4** units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or the equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content |
| **Science** | **4 units including biology, chemistry and at least one additional advanced science \*\*\*\*** | **4** units, including physics and chemistry | **4 units, including two units of advanced science \*\*\*\*** |
| **Social Studies** | **4 units** | **4** units | **4** units |
| **Foreign Language** | **4 units minimum, including at least 2 units in each language studied** | **3** units (must include no less than 2 units for which credit is sought), i.e., 3 units of one language or 2 units each of two languages | N/A |
| **Fine Arts** | **1 unit** | **1** unit | N/A |
| **Electives** | **N/A** | N/A | **4** units of Career-Technical minimum. Program must lead to an industry recognized credential, apprenticeship, or be part of an articulated career pathway which can lead to post secondary credit |
| **Grade Point Average** | **3.5 on a 4.0 scale** | **3.5** on a 4.0 scale | **3.5** on a 4.0 scale |
| **ACT/SAT Score [excluding scores from the writing sections]\*** | **27 ACT / 1210 SAT** | **27** ACT / **1210** SAT | **27** ACT / **1210** SAT |
| **Additional Assessment** | **Must complete criterion-referenced assessments in a minimum of six academic disciplines** | N/A | Achieve proficiency benchmark established for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent |

Diploma with Honors requirements pre-suppose the completion of all high school diploma requirements in the Ohio Revised Code including:

½ unit physical education\*\*

½ unit health

½ unit in American history

½ unit in government

\* Writing sections of either standardized test should not be included in the calculation of this score.

\*\* SB 311 allows school districts to adopt a policy exempting students who participate in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for two full seasons or two years of JROTC from the physical education requirement.

***\*\*\* The International Baccalaureate track to the Honors Diploma requires full completion of all requirements for an IB Diploma Programme including the Theory of Knowledge Course in meta-cognition, the Extended Essay project and the 150 hour Creativity, Action and Service (Service-Learning) requirement. Note: The International Baccalaureate Certificate Program does not qualify for this track to the Diploma with Honors.***

***\*\*\*\* Advanced science refers to courses in the Ohio Core that are inquiry-based with laboratory experiences and align with the 11/12th grade standards (or above) or with an AP science course, or with the new high school syllabi, or with an entry-level college course (clearly preparing students for a college freshman-level science class, such as anatomy, botany, or astronomy), or contain material above the current OGT level.***