

We have attached information for you regarding a pathway for students to achieve graduation. This is through industry credentials. For the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, the requirement for this pathway is that you need to earn 3 credential points. We do have nearly 25 students who are looking to achieve graduation through this manner. We are asking the Board to consider a resolution, where we would reimburse students who successfully complete their industry credential programs, up to a cumulative limit of \$150 per student. The forklift credential is \$38, the CPR credential is \$9.51, the serve safe credential is \$15, and the OSHA credential is \$8. For students who still owe school fees, we would use their reimbursement to pay toward their school fee balance.

Phil or I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,



# Earning an Ohio High School Diploma



## Classes of 2018 and 2019

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### 1 Ohio's State Tests

Earn 18 out of 35 points on seven end-of-course state tests. You can earn up to five points on each test. You need a minimum of four points in math, four points in English language arts and six points across science and social studies.

### 2 Industry-recognized credential and score on workforce readiness test

Earn an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earn the required score on the WorkKeys test. Ohio pays for you to take the test one time. Some districts offer the Senior Only program through which you can earn credentials in one school year.

### 3 College and career readiness tests

Earn remediation-free scores\* in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT. Your district chooses either the ACT or SAT. You will take a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11 for free.

\*Ohio's university presidents set these scores, which are subject to change.

- If you do not meet any of the above three pathways, Ohio law provides you two additional options to earn a high school diploma. The reverse side of this fact sheet explains them.

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