

# Graduation Requirements

## Current Requirements:

To graduate from Willard High School, each student must attain 21 units of credit and in those 21, the following unit requirements must be achieved:

1. 4 units of English
2. 3 units of Math
3. 3 units of Social Studies (1 unit of history and 1 unit of Government/Economics)
4. 3 units of Science
5.  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit of Physical Education
6.  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit of Health

In addition, all students in the State of Ohio must pass all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) in order to receive a diploma. The sections include Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. Students can take the test for the first time in March of their sophomore year.

Once a student passes any given section, s/he does not have to take that section again, but must continue to take any sections not passed. If a student fails a section or sections, s/he must continue to take that section(s) until all five sections are passed. The test is administered every October and March. An optional administration is given in July.

Students who achieve all the necessary credits but do not pass the OGT (all five sections) cannot receive their diploma nor participate in the graduation ceremony.

The State of Ohio does provide an exception for students who pass four of the five sections. If those students meet a number of criteria, they may be allowed to graduate. Details are available from the school principal or guidance counselors.

## Requirement Changes for the Graduating Class of 2014 and Beyond:

Beginning with the graduating class of 2014, students will need to meet additional requirements as set forth by the State of Ohio. Curriculum requirements (as they apply to Willard High School) will change as follows:

1. One additional unit of Math, including Algebra II.
2. One unit of the three required Science units must include one of the following: Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, or Physics.
3. One-half unit of the Social Studies requirement must be American History and one-half unit must be American Government.