

The Ohio Honors Diplomas

In addition to serving as a worthy guideline for college and career preparation, attainment of an honors diploma as designated by the Ohio Department of Education is just that, an honor. The seal that appears on the diploma signifies completion of a course of study that is rigorous and comprehensive in the area of academics, a career or technical field, STEM, Fine Arts or Social Science and Civic Engagement.

Benefits to an Honors Diploma:

- Indicates strong course of study that increases college and career readiness
- Encourages meaningful experience and reflection both inside and outside the classroom
- Earns recognition at commencement and a seal on the diploma
- Meets one of the two [possible diploma seals required for graduation](#)

Students are encouraged to work with their family, teachers and counselors to develop a four year plan that allows them to meet both minimum graduation requirements and the [criteria](#) for one of the five honors diplomas available at Kings High School.

Timeline for earning an diploma:

- Each year, students make course requests based on their intended path.
- In any year, a student may have a field experience pre-approved and complete that experience. Documentation of the field experience must be submitted during the school year in which the experience took place.
- In any year, a student may create and submit a portfolio demonstrating reflection on their intended career path. Students must notify the honors diploma contact person prior to April 1 that a portfolio will be submitted no later than May 1.
- In the second semester of the senior year, the counseling office will evaluate senior transcripts and determine completion of Academic Honors Diplomas. Students need not apply for this honor.