

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Reducing the Total High School Credit Requirement from 24 Credits to 21 Credits

WHEREAS, the mission of the Buckeye Local School District Board of Education is to unify individuals, communities and resources to create a World Class Learning Community that gives ALL students the opportunity to be successful in their future; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Buckeye Local School District is committed to ensuring equitable access to education, promoting student success; and maintaining graduation requirements that are rigorous, and aligned with state standards; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio establishes a minimum graduation requirement of twenty (20) high school credits; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's top performing school districts have successfully implemented reduced credit requirements while maintaining compliance with the Ohio Board of Education standards; and

WHEREAS, the current graduation requirement of the Buckeye Local School District is twenty-four (24) credits; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed data, student performance, scheduling impacts, workforce readiness pathways, and post-secondary opportunities; and

WHEREAS, reducing the district's credit requirement to twenty-one (21) credits will maintain academic integrity while providing increased flexibility for students to pursue career-technical education, College Credit Plus courses, work-based learning, internships, and individualized academic pathways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Buckeye Local School District hereby approves a reduction in the total high school credit requirement for graduation from twenty-four (24) credits to twenty-one (21) credits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

All students must continue to meet or exceed the minimum graduation requirements established by the State of Ohio, including required subject-area credits and state testing or pathway requirements.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to revise Board Policy and administrative guidelines to reflect this change.

This change shall take effect beginning with the graduating class of 2027, unless otherwise specified.

Current students shall be provided guidance regarding how this change may impact their graduation plans.