House Bill 49 created two new graduation pathways for the class of 2018. Below are those two new pathways:

In one pathway, students must fulfill two of the following nine criteria:

- A 12th grade attendance rate of at least 93 percent.
- A GPA of at least 2.5 in 12th grade, based on taking at least four full-year courses.
- Completion of a capstone project.
- Completion of 120 hours of work experience or community service.
- Earning at least three credit hours through College Credit Plus.
- Passing an AP or IB exam with a score sufficient to earn college credit.
- Reaching minimum cut scores on sections of the WorkKeys assessment.
- Obtaining an industry credential or credential worth at least three points.
- Meeting the conditions to earn an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal.

In the second pathway, students can complete an approved career-technical training program and then fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Earning a cumulative score of proficient or better on career-technical education exams or test modules required for the training program.
- Obtaining an industry credential or credentials worth at least 12 points.
- Completing 250 hours of workplace experience, documented by positive evaluations from workplace and school officials.