

**Ohio Graduation Requirements
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Intro:

- Hello, and Thank you for letting me testify on the side of the State Board of Education's proposal for graduation requirements.

- Who am I
 - Education history
 - STEM Learning
 - Otterbein

Basic Idea:

- Designing a good system
 - Adaptability
 - System adapts to the people, not vice versa
 - Opportunities
 - Personalization

- Key focus of graduation Requirements
 - Encourage
 - Plan for the future
 - Wanting to learn

Compare:

- Ohio Excels' proposal
 - Lacks adaptability/personalization
 - Lacks Opportunities
 - Allows for short cuts

- State Board's Proposal
 - Adapts to the student's needs
 - Provides Opportunities
 - Encourages students

Outro:

- Make a system that treats us like humans, not products. People are complex and nuanced. We need a system that is as complex and as nuanced as us, not a series of checkboxes. Ohio excel's Proposal is a small step backward and a shuffle to the side. The Ohio State Board of Education's proposal, while not perfect, is a huge leap forward.