

PATHWAYS To Graduation



Each school year, schools are faced with the certainty that some of their students might not graduate. When students are struggling on high-stakes testing, failing to meet GPA requirements, or falling off track to earning enough credits, they are at a higher risk of dropping out or not meeting requirements to graduate. EdOptions Academy's Pathways to Graduation is a program that can help keep your students on track for earning their high school diplomas and increase your graduation rates.

Program Goals

- Work with students to earn their high school's diploma
- Help students meet credit and GPA requirements for graduation
- Prepare students for high-stakes testing
- Help students recover credits
- Graduate students on time with their cohorts
- Provide students an alternative diploma track if they cannot meet the state requirements

EdOptions Academy's Pathways to Graduation program is designed to help students who have been identified as at risk for not graduating on time with their cohorts. This program is ideal for students who are short on credits, have poor performance with high-stakes testing, or are struggling to meet GPA requirements. The main focus of the program is to provide extra assistance to these students who have the potential to catch up to their cohorts to graduate on time and earn their state's diploma.

With EdOptions Academy Pathways to Graduation Program:

- Students remain enrolled at their home school
- Students' transcripts are reviewed by EdOptions Academy guidance department to determine which courses are needed to earn an EdOptions Academy diploma if he or she fails to earn their school diploma
- Students' high schools are guided to enroll students in the correct EdOptions Academy and traditional classroom courses needed to meet both state and EdOptions Academy requirements
- Students begin working in their EdOptions Academy courses along with their regular classroom courses

How Does the Program Work?

Graduation

At the end of the second semester of their senior year, it will be determined how students will officially graduate and earn their diploma. After May 1, on a day chosen by the school, one of the following will occur:

- Students who have met all state requirements for graduation will continue in their home school or district and go on to earn their high school diploma.
- Students who are unable to meet state graduation requirements will transfer out of their home school or district on a date chosen by the parent and school. Students will then become full-time EdOptions Academy students and will complete any remaining coursework. Upon meeting EdOptions Academy requirements, they will graduate with an EdOptions Academy Diploma.

NOTE: This is possible because EdOptions Academy is an accredited diploma-granting private school.

EdOptions Academy Graduation Requirements

EdOptions Academy offers two different graduation track options: the career track and the college track. EdOptions Academy accepts all credits from any accredited school toward graduation for students on either of the following graduation tracks.

- The career track supports career preparation and requires 18 credits with course subject requirements in core, elective, and CTE courses. It includes CTE clusters options in: Career Development, Arts, AV Technology and Communications, Health Science, and Business.
- The college track supports college preparation and requires 21.5 credits with course subject requirements in core, arts, and electives, including CTE courses.

Real Results

Leon County School District of Tallahassee, Florida, implemented the EdOptions Academy Pathways to Graduation program during the 2012–13 school year, and watched its Rickards High School graduation rates climb by 25%. The district saw overall graduation rates increase by 4%. The district ties its graduation success directly to EdOptions Academy.

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