

GED OPTION PATHWAY

1.0 Purpose

Monroe County Schools shall establish another alternative to the traditional educational program that will permit specific students to stay in school, focus on basic skills required to pass the GED, and continue in their chosen Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program. Successful program completion will permit students to earn their diploma. Program implementation should also reduce the dropout rate and improve the graduation rate.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 GED Option Program-Program permitting 16, 17, and 18 year old students enrolled in CTE classes to concentrate specifically on learning the skills necessary to pass the GED Test.
- 2.2 GED Option Team-Individuals responsible for placements into the GED Program. The team must include the school administrator or counselor, the parent/guardian, the student, school counselor, CTE teacher, CTE Director, and GED coordinator or teacher.
- 2.3 Students eligible for placement-Any student meeting all requirements outlined in sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
- 2.4 High School Diploma-Document awarded to a student to verify completion of GED Pathway options one or two.
- 2.5 GED Diploma-Document awarded to a student to verify completion of GED Pathway option three.
- 2.6 GED Option Pathway Completers-Those individuals who have successfully met all requirements of option 1 or 2.

3.0 Procedures

Prior to entry into GED Option Pathway:

- 3.1 Counselor or teacher must recommend student for participation in the GED Option Pathway.

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- 3.2 Student must be one year or more behind ninth grade cohort, or at risk of dropping out of school, or age inappropriate according to grade level.
- 3.3 Student must have approval of parent or guardian, unless he/she is 18, and **must** score a minimum of 8th grade level in reading, and 7th grade level in math on the TABE.
- 3.4 Schools will make after school tutoring available for students that fail to pass the TABE.
- 3.5 Students participating in the GED Option Program will be scheduled into GED preparation classes for two blocks per day.
- 3.6 Students participating in Option 1 of the GED Option Pathway will be scheduled into Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes in a manner that permits program completion.
- 3.7 GED Program students will remain on the roll at their home school, and **must** take the WESTEST 2 at that school.
- 3.8 Participation in this program does not exclude students from social activities at their home school.
- 3.9 Students in the GED Option Program are ineligible to participate in activities governed by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission.
- 3.10 Schools will omit GED Option students from class ranking.
- 3.11 At no time will more than ten (10) students be permitted to the GED Option Program.

4.0 Administration

Graduation Requirements

4.1 Option 1

The student must do the following:

- (a) Enroll in and pass classes in a CTE pathway.
- (b) Complete the four required core courses in a CTE skilled pathway

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concentration or any program of study resulting in a certification.

- (c) Attend GED preparation classes and pass the GED Tests.
- (d) Meet standards on the WorkKeys job skills assessment.
- (e) Complete the End-of-Concentration Performance Assessment for the CTE pathway.

4.2 Option 2

The student must do the following:

- (a) Be a senior who has failed a major core course or courses and be in jeopardy of not meeting the high school graduation requirements with their cohort.
- (b) Receive GED preparation classes in the deficient content areas.
- (c) Pass the content area(s) GED Test for all areas of deficiency.
- (d) Continue attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes as required by Policy 2510.

4.3 Upon successful completion of requirements of the GED Option Pathway, a student in Option 1 or Option 2 will be awarded a standard diploma.

4.4 Option 3

The student:

- (a) Is 18 years or older and is determined to drop out of school.
- (b) Is encouraged to take the GED Pre-test to see if they are capable of passing the GED Test.
- (c) Will be encouraged to take the GED Test prior to leaving the public school system.

4.5 Upon successful passage of the GED Test, students in GED Option 3 shall receive a GED Diploma from the state.

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5.0 Severability

If any portion of this policy or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this policy.

Authority: W. Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2, and W. Va. Code § § 16-9A-4, 16-9A-9, 17A-1-1, 18-2-5, 18-2-5a, 18-2-7b, 18-2-9, 18-2-33, 18-2C-1 etseq., 18-5-1, 18-5-13, 18-16-1, 18A-1-1, 18A-5-1, 18A-5-1a, 60A-1-101, 60A-7-1 la, 61-2-15, 61-7-2, and 61-7-1 la.

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