

**EXIT OPTIONS**

**Alternate Diploma Option Eligibility**

* Available for incoming 9th graders (2018-2019) who meet criteria for SCD
* Students must participate in MAAP-A and achieve the determined score on each alternate assessment (Year I – Biology, Year II – English II, Year III – US History, and Year IV – Algebra)
* Not equivalent to a traditional high school diploma and is not recognized by post-secondary entities
* Instruction from the Essential Elements are required
* Refer to the Mississippi Diploma Options for required courses

**Certificate of Completion Eligibility**

* Not equivalent to a traditional high school diploma and is not recognized by post-secondary entities

1. Students without a Significant Cognitive Disability at the end of 8th grade who:
   1. Are 16 years or older; AND
   2. At least three or more grade levels below their peers in reading and math; AND
   3. Have a signed statement from the parent that they understand that the Certificate of Completion is not a Standard Diploma and will not meet the requirements for entry into any career or post-secondary opportunity that requires a diploma.
2. Students with a Significant Cognitive Disability a the end of 8th grade who:
   1. Have extremely limited or no receptive and expressive communication skills; AND
   2. Have a signed statement from the parent that they understand that the Certificate of Completion is not a Standard Diploma and will not meet the requirements for entry into any career or post-secondary opportunity that requires a diploma.
3. Students with or without a Significant Cognitive Disability at the end of their third year of high school (six semesters) who:
   1. Have not earned a minimum of 3 English credits, 3 Math credits, 2 Science credits, 2 Social Studies, and 5 Electives; AND
   2. Have a signed statement from the parent that they understand that the Certificate of Completion is not a Standard Diploma and will not meet the requirements for entry into any career or post-secondary opportunity that requires a diploma; AND
   3. Have evidence of three or more years of intensive intervention to earn Carnegie Units

**Certificate of Completion Requirements**

* Course of Study determined by the IEP Committee
* Areas of instruction should be developed based on the needs of the individual student
* Course work could include intensive remediation in deficit area skills, career preparation courses, and/or life skills course
* Students must have completed at least four years of high school OR be at least 19 years of age at the time of graduation
* All students are required to participate in the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program