

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

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1. Students without a Significant Cognitive Disability at the end of 8th grade who:
 - a. Are 16 years or older; AND
 - b. At least three or more grade levels below their peers in reading and math; AND
 - c. 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 at the end of 8th grade who:
 - a. Have extremely limited or no receptive and expressive communication skills; AND
 - b. 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:
 - a. Have not earned a minimum of 3 English credits, 3 Math credits, 2 Science credits, 2 Social Studies, and 5 Electives; AND
 - b. 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
 - c. 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