

## Graduation Requirements

At each student's annual review of his Individualized Graduation Plan, the IGP team must determine whether or not:

- the student is on track for on-time graduation (see chart below) OR
- the student is at risk of dropping out of school.

### *On-Track to Graduate Status*

Academic Year	English Credits	Math Credits	Total Credits (include all classes)
1 <sup>st</sup> Year of High School	1	1	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of High School	2	2	12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year of High School	3	3	18

### *Definition of At-Risk Student*

A student who, because of his or her individual needs, requires temporary or ongoing intervention in order to achieve in school and to graduate with meaningful options for his or her future. Students (depending on their degree of resiliency and connectedness to caring adults in the home, in the community, and/or at school) may respond differently to those things frequently cited as barriers, predictors, or indicators of being “at risk.” Therefore, school staff working with students should consider the whole child, who might have both short-term and long-term needs requiring intervention. Specific indicators are below:

- Poor Academic Performance: Below Average. Schools must review GPA, historical GPA, end of course scores, PSAT scores, etc.
- Specific Characteristics: Schools must note previous retentions, lack of effort, difficulty completing work on time, discipline problems, signs of being disconnect from school, physical/emotional abuse, disadvantaged home life, single parent home, being a single parent, and limited English proficiency.

### *Alternative Education Program Options*

The South Carolina Department of Education has created and provided the list (see link below) of alternative education program options that can award high school degree or high school equivalency credential. If a student is not on track to graduate or is at risk of dropping out of school, the school counselors must provide the student and parent with the Alternative Education Program Options List.

[SCDE Alternative Education Program Options List](#)

Once at-risk students are identified, school counselors must provide those institutions the names and addresses of all students who are not on track for on-time graduation or who are otherwise at

risk of dropping out of school. Parents or students age eighteen or older may complete the form to opt the student out of this process so that directory information is not sent to these schools.

[Alternative Education Program Information Opt Out Form](#)

This form is provided by the SC Department of Education. If the opt-out form is signed and received by school staff, the school counselor will not disclose that information due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.

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