

Descriptor Term:  
MINIMUM CREDIT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

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3.3120

Legal References:

Cross References:

The Board recognizes the need for multiple options to meet graduation requirements. In addition, the Board is committed to reducing the dropout rate. To this end, the board recognizes that there are students who would benefit from a minimum credit diploma. This program would allow students to graduate with a high school diploma and be able to pursue opportunities beyond secondary education.

A. Minimum Credit High School Diploma Program

The Minimum Credit High School Diploma Program will target at-risk students who are experiencing difficulty meeting the specified local Board requirements of 28 credits for graduation. Coursework and student monitoring will take place at the student's home high school.

1. Requirements

Students shall meet at least two of the following specific criteria to be considered for the Minimum Credit High School Diploma Program:

- a. continual attendance or truancy issues;
- b. chronic behavior problems;
- c. academic/credit deficiencies;
- d. previous drop-out;
- e. failed a grade level at least once, often twice (age appropriateness);
- f. environmental, psychological, and/or physiological challenges, such as:
  - i. chronic substance abuse
  - ii. depression
  - iii. teen pregnancy
  - iv. parental responsibilities
  - v. socially delayed
  - vi. emotionally delayed
  - vii. anger management problems
  - viii. judicial problem.