

6. Are there ways to graduate that are non-traditional?

There are many ways to earn a high school credential and prepare for college or a career. While the most common path is to attend a four-year public high school, there are other pathways for students who want to graduate in less than four years, who have fallen behind on credits, or want to pair their education with job training or employment. In this guide, learn about the different pathways to high school and beyond.

The best choice for you will depend on your goals, your learning strengths, and the credits you need to graduate. Learn more about all of these options in [Pathways to High School Graduation and Beyond](#).

Online Courses: This is a new school that expands and replaces Jefferson County High School. Opened in 2021-2022, Pathfinder School of Innovation (PSI) offers a K-12 school and continues to offer the Graduate Support Program and the Graduate Assistance Center. PSI is a virtual education option with an expanded curriculum and student supports. Students attend school virtually through both a structured schedule for synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on-demand) learning. Students will be able to receive Special Education and English Language services. Devices are provided to students who need them. Space is limited.

Early Graduate (Pathway): An option for students in grades 9-11 who wish to move on when ready, receive a diploma from the district and be eligible for acceptance into college. The pathway provides a financial scholarship, known as the Early Graduation Certificate, to support this action. Students participating in the pathway must meet the requirements set forth by [704 KAR 3:305](#). Students must notify the principal by October 1 of the school year in which they want to graduate and must pass all End of Course tests.

Performance Based Credits: Students may earn credit toward high school graduation through individual assessments or demonstrations of their skills and knowledge. Performance-based credit will meet the same standards as classroom-based credit.

Hardship graduation: Students who experience extreme health or economic hardship may apply for assistance with graduation requirements for hardship reasons. In the case of extreme hardship, the District may provide alternative methods for the student to complete District graduation requirements which may allow for early graduation. Methods may include, but are not limited to, regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, online courses, performance-based opportunities, college programs, consideration of waiver of District requirements that exceed state minimums (the District cannot waive state minimums), or credit recovery.

Learn more

[Pathways to High School Graduation and Beyond](#)

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