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Pathways to Graduation and Beyond

For High School Age Youth in Louisville



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Important Reminder: You have the right to enroll in public education until age 21 or you earn a diploma.

Finding a Path to High School Graduation

What are Pathways to High School and Beyond?

There are many ways to earn a high school credential and prepare for college or a career. The most common path is to attend a four-year public high school. However, there are other pathways for students who want to graduate in less than four years, who have fallen behind on credits, or want to work on their high school diploma while working or preparing for a career. In this guide, you can learn about the different pathways to high school and beyond.

For information on the high school options, check out the Jefferson County Public Schools website: https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/ or JCPS High School Student Progression Promotion and Grading Handbook: https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/page/students-and-families#handbooks-frameworks

Where to go for help

Your education goals are important! But with so many choices, it can be hard to know which is the best fit for you. For assistance, contact one of these local programs or resources.

Education Re-Engagement Hubs

Two engagement sites are open Monday through Thursday offering access to supportive services during times of suspension, absence, or gaps in enrollment:

Neighborhood House: 201 N 25th St, Louisville, KY 40212

Americana Community Center: 4801 Southside Dr, Louisville, KY 40214

Email: advocates@thebookworks.org or Call (502)354-3667 for more information

The Book Works Education Advocacy

Education Advocates are available to assist middle and high school age learners experiencing educational disruptions to reconnect with the school options and academic supports.

Email: advocates@thebookworks.org or Call (502) 354-3667 for more information

School Staff

Reach out to the counselor at the last school attended for more information about the options available to you. Schools are looking for ways to help students so the path to graduation may be shorter than you think.

Types of Pathways

	For learners who want to…	Examples
Credit Acceleration Options to earn a high school diploma at the student's pace.	Demonstrate they have the skills and knowledge needed to pass required course(s).	Performance-based credits
	Graduate early due to difficult and unique situations.	Early Graduation, Hardship Graduation
	Catch up or get ahead on credits and can work online independently.	Pathfinder School of Innovation
Adapted HS Path Options for earning a high school diploma that meets individual learner needs.	Attend a district school.	"Choice" alternative schools
	Complete a high school diploma in a community-based program.	Homeschool, Penn Foster
Work and **Learn Path** Options that accommodate a job schedule.	Modify their high school class schedule to be able to work.	UPS School to Work, Apprenticeships, Work-Based Learning
High School and **Career Training** Options to earn a high school diploma while learning job skills.	Earn an industry certification as a high school student.	Academies of Louisville, Youth Apprenticeships, Goodwill Excel
GED and **Career Training** Options to earn a GED while learning job skills and preparing for a career.	Earn a wage while learning a trade and getting a GED.	The Spot, Youthbuild
	Live on a campus while earning a diploma/GED and a career certification.	Job Corps
HS Diploma Equivalent Options to earn a high school credential through an academic test.	Prepare for and take the GED test	Jefferson Adult Education
HS and **College** Options to earn a high school diploma or equivalent and college credits at the same time.	Get ahead on college credits as a high school student	Dual credit, AP courses, International Baccalaureate

Note: Educational options may have requirements not outlined in this guide or may have limits on the number of students who may enroll. Please contact the program for information.

Credit Acceleration

Options to earn a high school diploma at the student's pace.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Demonstrate they have the skills and knowledge needed to pass required course(s)
- Catch up or get ahead on credits and can work online independently
- Graduate early due to difficult and unique situations

JCPS Early Graduation Pathway

Early Graduation is a specific pathway for students in grades 9-11 who wish to earn a diploma from the district when ready while remaining eligible for acceptance into and scholarships for Kentucky colleges. Students may submit a plan to graduate in three years or less when the request is submitted to the school in the first 30 days of the school year the student would like to graduate. Students who are not part of the Early Graduation Pathway, may also request to graduate early.

This pathway is for students who:	Learn more:
❑ Are enrolled in high school ❑ Submit a plan to graduate early in the first 30 days of the school year.	Student Progression, Promotion and Graduation Handbook https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/page/students-and-families#handbooks-frameworks

JCPS 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.

This pathway is for students who:	Learn more:
❑ Are enrolled in high school ❑ Work with their school counselor to identify a process for demonstrating knowledge and skills.	Contact a school counselor.

JCPS Hardship Graduation

Students who experience extreme health or economic hardship may apply for assistance with graduation requirements. The District may provide alternative methods for the student to complete graduation requirements which may allow for early graduation. Methods may include regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, online courses, performance-based opportunities, college programs, consideration of waiver of District requirements that exceed state minimums, or credit recovery.

This pathway is for students who:	**Learn more:**
❑ Are enrolled in high school ❑ Request alternative ways to meet graduation requirements.	Student Progression, Promotion and Graduation Handbook: https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/page/students-and-families#handbooks-frameworks Contact a school counselor.

JCPS Pathfinder School of Innovation

This is an option for students in grades 9 through 12. The JCPS Pathfinder School of Innovation is a virtual education program with an expanded curriculum and student supports. Students will not attend virtually the entire school day, but there is a structured schedule for synchronous (live) or asynchronous (on-demand) learning. Students will be able to receive Special Education and English Second Language (ESL) services. Devices will be provided to students who need them.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Are high school age (up to 21 years) ❑ Are self-directed learners ❑ Need a flexible school schedule ❑ Excel when taking classes online	Students work at their own pace online.
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Flex schedule ❑ Transportation not provided	❑ AP and dual credit course may be offered. ❑ Electives will be offered. ❑ Technology will be provided. ❑ Special education services will be provided. ❑ ESL services provided.
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**

❑ School counselors ❑ Extracurricular virtual clubs/activities will be available. Students will not be able to participate in extracurriculars or athletics at their previous school.	❑ Career and Technical Education Pathways will be offered and may lead to industry certifications
Contact Person	
Office of Student Relations (502) 485-8304	

Adapted HS Path

Options to earn a high school diploma that meets individual learner needs.

For middle and high school age learners who want to:

- Attend a district school
- Complete a high school diploma in a community-based program

JCPS Liberty Middle and High School

Liberty supports students in 7th-9th grade to make up coursework and students in 10 - 12th who have struggled in the traditional high school environment through small teacher-to-student classes, individual graduation plans, life-skills education, and hands-on learning experiences.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Are middle or high school age (up to 21 years) ❑ Choose a smaller learning environment	4425 Preston Highway Louisville KY 40213
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Flex schedule ❑ Transportation provided	❑ Individual assistance with credit recovery.
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Social maturity skills development and individual mental health support provided by guidance counselors, Youth Services Center, social worker, outside counseling agencies. ❑ All students participate in weekly advisory sessions.	❑ Postsecondary exploration and preparation with a College Access teacher. ❑ Opportunities to research postsecondary opportunities, and explore Louisville's skilled trades. ❑ Leadership skills through various programs.
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Office of Student Relations (502) 485-8304	Apply/call for assistance (502) 485-3335

JCPS Phoenix School of Discovery

Phoenix is an optional school that specializes in meeting the needs of struggling students through differentiated instruction. Classes are taught by highly qualified educators in a setting that offers a small student-to-teacher ratio. Instruction is further enhanced by technology and interventions targeting students' social, emotional, and academic needs.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ 6th through 12th grade ❑ Choose a smaller learning environment	502 Wood Road Louisville KY 40222
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Flex schedule ❑ Transportation provided	❑ Highly qualified teachers in smaller classes. ❑ Instruction enhanced with technology and blended learning strategies. ❑ Project-based learning activities. ❑ AP courses. ❑ Tutoring, and study skills.
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ ESL and ECE ❑ Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health ❑ Peer mediation and drug prevention	❑ Phoenix and UPS are partners in a work co-operative program for seniors.
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Office of Student Relations (502) 485-8304	Apply/call for assistance (502) 485-3335. School website: https://sites.google.com/jefferson.kyschools.us/thephoenixschoolofdiscovery/home

JCPS Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program

Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) is an alternative choice school serving pregnant and parenting students who are attending middle or high school. Students receive services relating to their academics, childcare, medical care, and other family needs.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
❑ Middle and high school age (up to 21 years) ❑ Pregnant or parenting	1010 Neighborhood Place Fairdale KY 40118
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Traditional school schedule ❑ Transportation provided	❑ Individually scheduled coursework that duplicates the home school schedule as closely as possible. ❑ Seniors who have met all the requirements for their diploma graduate either from their home high school or from Jefferson County High School.
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health ❑ Onsite health care ❑ Onsite child development center ❑ Classes in prenatal/postpartum, family planning, child development, and parenting skills ❑ Clothing and food assistance ❑ Family and crisis counseling	❑ Speakers from colleges and employers
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Office of Student Relations (502) 485-8304	Apply/call (502) 485-3335 School website: https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Special/tapp/index.html

JCPS Newcomer Academy

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Newcomer Academy is to provide a welcoming and respectful environment that meets the unique linguistic, academic, and social/emotional needs of sixth- through tenth-grade English Language Learners (ELLs) in the JCPS District. These students typically are in their first year of instruction in a U.S. school. They are usually at the beginning levels of English proficiency and may have had limited, or interrupted, educational experiences in their native countries.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
❑ 6th through 12th grade students (up to 21 years)	3741 Pulliam Drive Louisville, KY 40218

❑ English Language Learner, within 10 or fewer credits to graduate	
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Traditional school schedule ❑ Transportation provided	❑ Students learn English before transitioning to another JCPS middle or high school with an ESL program after one to three semesters at the Newcomer Academy.
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health ❑ Clothing and food assistance	
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Thomas Crookshank (Middle School) thomas.crookshank@jefferson.kyschools.us Rita Robinson (High School) rita.robinson-secession@jefferson.kyschools.us	JCPS Office of Multilingual Learners (OML): https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/o/jcps/page/office-of-multilingual-learners (502) 485-3623

Homeschool	Learn More
Students may earn a diploma from a "homeschool" if mastery of an established curriculum and attendance has been documented by the student's guardian. Parents must notify the school district that they are homeschooling their children. The district will not issue a diploma to a homeschooled student unless they re-enroll.	Kentucky Department of Education Homeschool Information: https://www.education.ky.gov/federal/Pages/Homeschool.aspx

Private Online High School	Learn More
Self-paced, online programs available at a cost. Students may be eligible to receive academic and financial credit for classes they have already taken. **Verify the diploma is recognized by the State of Kentucky prior to enrolling.**	Penn Foster Excel High School James Madison High School

Work and Learn Path

Options that accommodate a job schedule.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Modify their school schedule to be able to work
- Graduate from a high school in the District

UPS School to Work

Students attend high school classes in the morning or take online courses through JCPS or JCTC, then work at UPS as package handlers from approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. After high school graduation, students can transition into Metro College to continue taking college courses.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Seniors with a 2.0 grade average ❑ Recommendation of a counselor or principal ❑ At least 90% attendance	6406 Grade Lane Louisville, KY 40213
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Online classes before or after work	❑ JCPS teacher onsite to help with high school classes ❑ Students earn high school diploma
Student Supports	
❑ Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health ❑ Clothing and food assistance	
Contact Person	**Learn More**
(502) 468-0374	Intake Form: https://tinyurl.com/UPSSCHOOLTOWORK UPS Job Line: 502.359.1877

Work-Based Learning

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is an effective teaching approach used to engage students in real-life occupational experiences. It incorporates structured, work-based learning activities into the curriculum, allowing a student to apply knowledge and skills learned in class and connect these learning experiences in the workplace. Work-based learning provides students with the opportunity to engage with employers, while learning to demonstrate essential employability and technical skills necessary for today's workforce.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Attend a JCPS high school	District High Schools and Business Worksites
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Work and school schedules are flexible	❑ Learning supports offered by each high school
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Student supports offered by each high school	❑ Students earn high school credits for working
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Contact a school counselor	Kentucky Department of Education Information: https://www.education.ky.gov/CTE/cter/Pages/WBL.aspx

High School and Career Training

Options to earn a high school credential while learning job skills.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Earn an industry certification as a high school student
- Transition into a career field after graduation
- Develop job skills through hands-on learning

JCPS Academies of Louisville

Students attending one of the JCPS Academies graduate with a diploma, college credits, industry certifications, and real work experience in a career field.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ High school age (up to 21 years) ❑ Have a career field interest	District High Schools
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Traditional school schedule ❑ Transportation provided	❑ Learning supports provided by each high school
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Student supports provided by each high school	❑ Postsecondary exploration and preparation ❑ Industry certifications ❑ SummerWorks job placement
Contact	**Learn More**
(502) 485-6250 askstudentassignment@jefferson.kyschools.us	JCPS Website: https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/o/jcps/page/academies-of-louisville JCPS Map of Academies and Information: https://tinyurl.com/LouAcademies

TRACK Youth Apprenticeships

The Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky or TRACK Youth Apprenticeship initiative is a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky's Office of Apprenticeship, the registering agency for apprenticeship on behalf of the United States Department of Labor. The program provides secondary students with seamless career pathway opportunities into Registered Apprenticeship.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Attend a JCPS high school that offers TRACK apprenticeships	District High Schools and Business Worksites
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Classes and work training during school hours	❑ Learning supports offered by each high school
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Student supports offered by each high school	❑ Earn high school credit and get paid for on-the-job time. ❑ Earn KEES scholarships for apprenticeship training after high school
Contact Person	**Learn More**
Contact a school counselor.	Kentucky Department of Education Information: https://education.ky.gov/CTE/cter/Pages/TRACK.aspx

Goodwill Excel Center

The Goodwill Excel Center is a tuition-free opportunity for Kentuckiana 18 years or older who have dropped out of high school to earn a diploma in a unique environment that caters to the life demands they now face as adults.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ 18 years old + ❑ Have not completed high school	6201 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Morning and afternoon class ❑ Eight week class schedules ❑ Transportation assistance	❑ High school diploma ❑ Free college credit and industry certifications ❑ Courses bundled to earn credits faster
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Free on-site childcare ❑ Life coaches	❑ Career counselors assist graduates transition into college or meaningful careers ❑ Employment assistance
Contact	**Learn More**
(502) 337-3322 Complete contact form	Goodwill Excel Center Website: https://goodwillkyexcelcenter.org/

GED and Career Training

Options to earn a GED while learning job skills and preparing for a career.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Earn a wage while learning a trade and getting a GED
- Live on a campus while earning a GED or diploma and a career certification

The Spot

The Spot: Young Adult Opportunity Center provides free educational and career services to young adults

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ 18 to 24 years old (KYCC) ❑ With or without a high school diploma	216 W Chestnut St Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 220-4120 Southland Terrace 3965 S. 7th Street Rd. Louisville, KY 40216 (502) 208-5710
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Monday – Friday ❑ Full and part time schedules ❑ TARC available	❑ General Education and Post Secondary Education ❑ GED prep
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Leadership development opportunities ❑ Case Management ❑ Work based learning opportunities ❑ Counseling and other mental health services ❑ Homelessness Supports	❑ Paid internships ❑ Professional development ❑ Career mentors ❑ Job placement ❑ Job Readiness workshops
Contact Person	**Learn More**
	Organization website: https://www.thespotky.org/

Job Corps

Job Corps helps eligible young people complete high school, trains them for specific careers, and assists them with obtaining employment. Students have access to room and board for up to three years. In addition to helping students complete their education, obtain career technical skills and gain employment, Job Corps also provides transitional support services.

This pathway is for students who:	**Learning Supports**
❑ 16 to 24 years old ❑ Eligibility criteria: https://www.jobcorps.gov/i-am-a/student ❑ With or without a high school diploma	❑ High school diploma ❑ College credits ❑ Test taking and study skills
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Live on campus ❑ Off campus transportation available for some programs	❑ Various career certifications
Student Supports	**Contact / Learn More**
❑ Counseling or other mental health services ❑ Leadership development opportunities ❑ Transportation assistance ❑ Meals or food pantry ❑ Case Management ❑ Housing ❑ Service opportunities	Job Corps Interest Form: https://www.jobcorps.gov/recruiting/enrollment-interest Main Line: 800-733-5627

Blueprint502

Blueprint502 Louisville assists young people in meeting significant life goals by providing services in education, vocational training, community service, case management, placement, and post graduation support.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
❑ 18 to 24 years old ❑ With or without a high school diploma	800 South Preston Street Louisville, KY 40203
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Monday - Friday, 8:30a to 5p ❑ Full and Part time schedules ❑ Free parking and TARC available	❑ GED instruction and support ❑ Content recovery ❑ College readiness and college credits
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Counseling or other mental health services ❑ Sports or clubs, service opportunities ❑ Leadership development opportunities ❑ Restorative Justice ❑ Peer supports ❑ Transportation assistance ❑ Meals or food pantry ❑ Case Management ❑ Housing	❑ Construction training ❑ Certified Nurse Assistant training ❑ Certification of Apartment Maintenance Tech ❑ Summerworks
Contact	**Website**
(502) 290-6121	https://blueprint502.org/

HS Diploma Equivalent

Options to earn a high school credential through an academic test.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Prepare for and take the GED test

Jefferson County Adult Education @ Ahrens

The Adult Education Program enables students to upgrade their skills, earn a GED credential, and successfully transition to postsecondary education and/or the workplace.

This pathway is for students who:	**Address**
❑ Students 18 years + interested in earning a GED, improving English language skills, or improving basic skills	546 South 1st Street Louisville, KY 40202
Schedule and Transportation Options	**Learning Supports**
❑ Classes offered between two and four times each week, flexible days and evenings. ❑ TARC, free parking	❑ Online, classroom, and blended instruction ❑ Individualized and independent study ❑ Test taking and SEL skills
Student Supports	**Career Readiness Supports**
❑ Life skills training ❑ TARC tickets ❑ Digital Literacy Training ❑ Citizenship Classes	❑ Career Pathway Plan ❑ Career Mentoring and Coaching ❑ College and Career Readiness Classes
Contact	**Learn More**
Main Line: (502) 485-3400	jcps.skillsu@jefferson.kyschools.us

HS and College

Options to earn a high school diploma or equivalent and college credits at the same time.

For high school age learners who want to:

- Get ahead on college credits as a high school student
- Attend community/technical college before graduating high school
- Improve basic skills while getting started in college

JCPS Dual Credit	
Students enroll into courses that are taken either on the high school or college campus. Students earn both high school and college credit.	
This pathway is for students who:	**Learn more:**
❑ Enroll in a high school offering dual credit courses ❑ Meet the requirements to take college courses	Contact the school counselor.

Student Rights in Education

Understanding your rights as a student will help you find the best pathway and support to reach your education goals. As a student, you have the right to:

1. Attend school and receive a free public-school education from kindergarten to age 21 or until you earn a high school diploma;

2. Receive equitable educational opportunities regardless of your gender/gender identity, disability, race or ethnicity, income, citizen status, place of residence, or language;

3. Be treated with courtesy, respect, and dignity in a learning environment free of bullying, harassment, abuse, and discrimination and to submit a written complaint when this right has been violated;

4. Receive a written copy of the school's policies and procedures that includes a clear explanation of the behavior expectations and the process for appealing disciplinary decisions;

5. Participate in discussions about any school policies you may violate and have a parent/guardian or advocate present at conferences on suspensions;

6. Personal privacy, unless the principal has a reason to suspect you have an illegal or prohibited item;

7. Understand the requirements you need to meet to earn a diploma and how to request assistance to meet those requirements;

8. Be notified if you may fail or course or a grade and the process for appealing the decision and making up the credit;

9. Review your education records and have your school records kept confidential;

10. Know the qualifications of your teachers;

11. Access appropriate services to succeed in school such as academic support and guidance for personal, social, and career development.

For more information:
Jefferson County Public School Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook:
https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/page/table-of-contents

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