

# High School Diplomas

A Comparison Study and Implications

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# State-by State Diploma Comparison

Only Standard Diploma	Standard plus Honors/College Diploma	Standards plus Honors/College AND Technical Diploma	Standard, Honors/College, Technical and Certificate of Completion	Top 20 Cohort Graduation Rate in rank order
<p>AL, AZ, <u>AR</u>, DE, GA*, ID, IL, <u>IA</u>, <u>KS</u>, <u>ME</u>, MN, MS, MI, <u>MT</u>, <u>MD</u>, <u>NE</u>, <u>NH</u>, <u>NJ</u>, NM, <u>ND</u>, OR, RI, SC, <u>TN</u>, UT, <u>VT</u>, WV, WI</p> <p>*Georgia requires all students to complete college prep diploma</p>	<p>HI, <u>MO</u>, <u>OK</u>, <u>PA</u>, SD, <u>TX</u>, WA</p>	<p>AL, ID, <u>KY</u>, LA, <u>MA</u>, NV, NY, NC, OH, <u>VA</u>,</p>	<p>CA, CO*, <u>CT</u>, FL, WY*</p> <p>*Colorado has a “workforce readiness endorsement” which requires fewer units of core.</p> <p>*Wyoming has a Certificate of Completion for IEP students that qualify</p>	<p>Iowa - 90  Texas - 88  New Jersey  Nebraska  North Dakota  Vermont – 87  New Hampshire  Kansas – 86  Kentucky  Maine  Missouri  Pennsylvania  Tennessee  Connecticut  Maryland – 85  Massachusetts  Oklahoma  Arkansas  Montana – 84  Virginia</p>

# Sample of Career/Technical Options Available

State	Diploma Option
Colorado	Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Endorsement
Florida	Three-year career preparatory program
Indiana	Core 40 Diploma with Technical Honors
<b>Kentucky</b>	Career/Technical Education Industry Certifications
Louisiana	Career Diploma with Career/technical endorsement
New York	Technical Education Certificate with completion of approved career/tech education program
North Carolina	Future-Ready Occupational Diploma
Ohio	Career-Technical Diploma with Honors
<b>Virginia</b>	Career & Technical Education Seal, Advanced Mathematics and Technology Seal

# Promising practices

## Florida

- Standard 24 credit diploma (4+4+3+3)

  - Designations – Scholar (college ready) or Merit (industry certified)

- 18 Credit ACCEL

  - Fast track, internships, curriculum compacting

- IB/AICE

  - Highest honors

- IEP students

  - Standard diploma or certificate of completion

# Promising practices

## Wyoming

- Standard has 9 proficiencies

LA

Math

Science

Social Studies

Health

PE

World Languages

Career Tech

Fine Arts

- Types of Endorsements

**Advanced:** 5 of 9 proficiencies are Honors/AP

**Comprehensive:** 9 of 9 proficiencies

**General:** 5 of 9 proficiencies

# Promising practices

## Colorado

- Local Districts set course requirements in core and elective courses
- Students may meet competency by using a menu of options:
  - ACT: ELA 18, Math 19
  - SAT: ELA 430, Math 460
  - IB/AP 3+
  - Concurrent Enrollment grade of C or better
  - ASVAB score 50
  - Industry Certification
- Tiered diploma
  - Endorsed as college and work force ready
  - Standard
  - Certificate of Completion for IEP students (qualification standards)

# Promising practices in high school state testing

## **Nevada and Missouri:**

- recently dropped graduation exams
- administer ACT to all juniors
- Missouri is 9<sup>th</sup> state to do so
- State pays \$52.50 for first attempt
- Results are used for federal accountability and NOT high stakes for student

# Grad rate correlation with graduation tests

States including Oklahoma requiring students to pass a high school exit exam

Alabama	Louisiana	New York
Alaska (phased out this year)	Maryland (phasing out by county)	North Carolina
Arizona	Massachusetts	Ohio
California (phased out this year)	Minnesota (phased out this year)	South Carolina
Florida	Missouri (phased out this year)	Tennessee
Georgia	Nevada (phased out)	Texas
Idaho	New Jersey	Virginia
Indiana	New Mexico	Washington

States that have recently eliminated graduation tests: California, Missouri, Minnesota, Nevada, Alaska, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Montgomery County, MD