



Student and Parent Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Option B Diploma Information Page

Georgia State Law Code Section 20-2-149.2, has established a non-traditional, graduation path that allows high school students the ability to earn a high school diploma with a reduced amount of required, high school classes. Whereas students have been required to earn 24 credits to graduate on an “Option A” or traditional diploma, Option B requires that students earn a total of 9 specific credits in high school AND two technical certificates, one technical diploma or an associate’s degree through the dual enrollment program.

The Option B Diploma requires a student to have a definite plan for his or her future and requires a solid work ethic and willingness to pass classes at the high school and the college. The Option B Diploma has different requirements than the traditional route, and therefore, students are required to work closely with the high school counselor. Only students who have firm plans for career goals should consider this diploma option.

Option B students are required to complete these nine required high school courses and take all required Milestone/EOC Exams. Some of these courses may be taken under Dual Enrollment. Courses in **bold** are specific requirements.

1 English Credit	Biology	Algebra I	US History (recommended)
American Literature	1 Science Credit	1 Math Credit	1 Social Studies Credit
Health/Personal Fitness Credit			

In addition, students must also earn an associate’s degree or earn a diploma or two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC’s) in a specific career pathway from a technical college. For a complete list of eligible TCC’s, visit <https://tcsgeu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SB2infoflyerupdatecopyv5.pdf>.

Failure to pass the nine specific high school courses and to also earn an associate’s degree, a diploma, or two TCC’s will prevent the student from meeting high school graduation requirements, and thus ineligible to graduate high school.

It is important for both the student and the parent to understand that an Option B Diploma or two TCC’s may not allow a student to enter into a four-year college in the University System of Georgia immediately upon high school graduation, because the student will not have taken upper level high school courses. In that case, the student may need to take additional college courses at one of the technical colleges or two-year colleges in the State of Georgia first. If the student is required to take remedial courses, those will not be covered by the HOPE Scholarship or the HOPE Grant. In addition, those courses do not count toward an associate’s or bachelor’s degree. Students may also enter as non-traditional students according to college requirements.

Students enrolling in High School Graduation Option B are limited to 30 hours of Dual Enrollment Funding, just like traditional Dual Enrollment students. High School Graduation Option B students who max out their 30 hours of Dual Enrollment Funding may use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant to finish their diploma program, if eligible. Students who use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant must meet HOPE residency requirements. Any HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant hours used will count against HOPE caps. All students who max out their 30 hours can choose to self-pay for additional courses.

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Signature Page

I have read the Student and Parent Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Option B Diploma Information Page and have conferred with my school counselor. I believe I meet the qualifications explained. I understand that this option will change my pathway to graduation and to college/career access.

Student's signature

Date

I have read Student and Parent Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Option B Diploma Information Page and have conferred with my student's school counselor. I wish to change my student's diploma option to the Option B Diploma. I understand that this will change my student's pathway to graduation and to College/career access.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

School Official's Signature

Position with BCSS

Date