

Title 28 EDUCATION

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Chapter 9. Scheduling

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A. The purpose of scheduling within available time frames and staff resources shall be to meet the educational needs of students.

B. Prior to student scheduling each year, each middle, junior, or high school shall provide the parent/legal custodian with a listing of course offerings including the course choice catalog, the content of each course, and high school graduation requirements where appropriate.

1. By the end of the eighth grade, each student shall begin to develop, with the input of his parent(s) or other legal custodians and school counselor, an individual graduation plan. Such a plan shall guide the next academic year's course work. For a student with an exceptionality, except a student identified as gifted or talented and who has no other exceptionality, the student's IEP team, if applicable, shall assist in developing the individual graduation plan.

2. The individual graduation plan will assist the student in exploring educational and career opportunities and in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall postsecondary plan.

3. By the end of the eighth grade each student's individual graduation plan or the student's IEP, if applicable, shall list the required core courses to be taken through the tenth grade and shall identify the courses taken in the first year of high school.

4. Students who fail to meet the standard for promotion to the ninth grade shall have any necessary remedial courses included in their individual graduation plan.

5. By the end of the tenth grade, each student's individual graduation plan or the student's IEP, if applicable, shall outline the school graduation requirements relevant to the student's chosen postsecondary goals based on the student's academic record, talents, and interests. Using information provided by the LDE and the Office of Student Financial Assistance, LEAs shall provide the student and the student's parent or legal custodian information regarding state and federal need-based and merit-based financial aid programs to support postsecondary education and training. The LEA shall ensure that each student receives adequate support in completing and submitting an application for financial aid.

6. Each student, with the assistance of his parent or other legal custodian and school counselor shall choose the high school curriculum framework and related graduation requirements that best meet his postsecondary goals.

7. The individual graduation plan or the IEP, if applicable, shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to identify the courses to be taken each year until all required courses are completed.

C. Student scheduling shall be individually appropriate and flexible to allow entry into and exit from courses and course sequences that are available for meeting curricular requirements.

D. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each graduating senior shall, as part of his individual graduation plan and as a requirement for graduation, complete at least one of the following steps to support a successful transition to postsecondary education or training:

1. Complete and submit to the Office of Student Financial Assistance an application for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award;

2. Complete and submit to the U.S. Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid; or

3. A parent or legal custodian, or a student legally emancipated or of the legal age of majority, may certify a waiver in writing to the LEA if he refuses to complete such an application.

4. If a graduating senior is not able to fulfill the requirements of subsection D of this section due to extenuating circumstances, the LEA may apply for a waiver to be approved by the state superintendent of education to waive the student of this requirement for graduation.

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