

Criteria for Alternative Pathway to Graduation

1. On the one [OGT]...for which the person failed to attain the designated score, the person missed that score by 10 points or less;

Note: *This means a scaled score of at least 390 on the failed OGT.*

2. Has a 97 percent school attendance rate in each of the last four school years, excluding any excused absences;

Note: *Excused absences are defined by local school district policy.*

3. Has not been expelled from school...in any of the last four school years;

Note: *The statute does not address other student disciplinary outcomes, such as suspension.*

4. Has a grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent as designated in rules adopted by the state board of education in the subject area of the [failed OGT];

Note: *The conversion chart can be found on the Ohio Department of Education Web site at <http://education.ohio.gov>, keyword Alternative Pathway.*

5. Has completed the [state] high school curriculum requirements...in the subject area [of the failed test];

Note: *This applies to a student's eligibility to be considered for an alternative pathway only. To receive a diploma, the student must also satisfy school district graduation requirements.*

6. Has taken advantage of any intervention programs provided by the school district or school in the subject area [of the failed OGT]...and has a 97 percent attendance rate, excluding any excused absences, in any of those programs that are provided at times beyond the normal school day, school week or school year or has received comparable intervention services from a source other than the school district or school;

Note: *Students are only subject to this criterion if they were offered intervention. If so, the attendance requirement refers to their rate of participation.*

7. Holds a letter recommending graduation from each of the person's high school teachers in the subject area [of the failed OGT]...and from the person's high school principal.

Note: *If the student's teacher from a specific course is no longer available, a person with sufficient knowledge to make an informed recommendation may substitute.*