

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program Waiver

Guidance

Introduction:

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.603 division F, a dropout prevention and recovery program operated by a public or chartered nonpublic school may obtain a waiver from the department of education that may qualify students for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program in lieu of completing the Ohio Core curriculum. The program must meet the following requirements:

1. Program serves students no younger than 16 nor older than 21 years of age at the time of enrollment.
2. Students at the time of enrollment either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional program.
3. Students must pass the OGT.
4. Districts and schools seeking a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Waiver shall provide evidence that the program develops an Individual Career Plan (ICP) for the student that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry credential, or entering an apprenticeship.
5. Program must provide counseling and support for the student related to the Individual Career Plan (ICP). High Quality Individual Career Plans should include the following elements:
 - Career goals;
 - Interests, skills and knowledge that support career goals;
 - High school classes related to career goals;
 - Outside-of-school activities to reach career goals;
 - Specialized training needed to meet career goals during and after high school;
 - Career/Passport Portfolio;
 - Record of assessments both current and future;
 - Identify post graduation plan, which may include either a 2-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry credential, or entering an apprenticeship program.
6. The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian or custodian to sign a written statement asserting their consent to the student's graduating without completing the Ohio core curriculum and acknowledging the ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further course work.
7. Program must have an instructional program that demonstrates how the Ohio Academic Content Standards are taught and assessed.
8. Waiver applications will be reviewed within 59 days and the applicant will be contacted by ODE via-email.

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