

"ALEX HAS OPTIONS"

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Into:

"Taking tests, I feel really anxious."

"I mean--I'm a pretty good test-taker."

"Hmm, testing is a love/hate relationship."

"Knowing that you should get good sleep and study at the same time--they kind of go 'boom.'"

"I just want to make sure I study a lot."

"So, like, I never study."

"It's pretty stressful. It's a pass or fail situation."

"There are a lot of people who probably don't want to do another four years of school."

"I'm pumped. I've always wanted to go to college."

Animation:

Hi, I'm Alex--a high school freshman with a lot of options.

Do I wake up with the first alarm or hit snooze? Should I hitch a ride to school with a friend, take the bus or my board? Where should I post yesterday's epic photo?

Options give me the flexibility to choose what I want and that's just the way I like it.

And now I have more when it comes my high school education.

Because Ohio has changed the way to earn a high school diploma, giving me--and you--more options.

Now there's Ohio's Options for a High School Diploma.

Instead of spending one week taking basic skills tests--you'll take a test in a core subject right after you've taken the class. That's seven tests spread out over all of high school. Think of it like a final exam you're already taking

To get your diploma with this option, you'll need 18 points.

And with the Options for a High School Diploma your strongest subjects will offset the classes that aren't.

There are other options for us to graduate, too.

Now I can take a college readiness test for free. And take classes that earn high school and college credit at the same time. All will move me another step closer to graduation.

Or I might want to get a technical certificate - right along with my diploma - so after high school I can get a good job that affords me perks like living on my own. I can choose what interests me from over a hundred fields. This way, I can decide about college later and have a way to pay for it.

So whether I plan to start my career with a certification for job readiness, or go to college right away...

I know I've got great options for my future.

I may choose to be the next big app developer, a doctor or something else—I've got options to graduate high school the way I want. Making me ready for what comes next.

Outro:

"I didn't know that. That's really neat."

"It just gives you a lot of opportunities."

"This is actually better."

"I wish I would have had that option."

"It will make it a lot easier for students to get through the testing."

"The best thing about graduation is getting to start a fun career."

"I'm pretty certain, I'm just going to go to college after high school."

"I'm going to be attending OSU Marion next year."

"Going out of high school and working a couple of years sounds cool before going to college."

"I think that'd be pretty sweet."

To learn more about how Ohio's Options for a High School Diploma affects you, talk to your parents, your teachers, your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/options today.