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WHAT'S THE BEST ROUTE?

First Steps



- Figure out how many credits you need to graduate.
- Are you over 16?
- Has someone at your school talked to you about going to another school or program?



State Diploma is an Option

DC residents can earn a state high school diploma through the GED exam or the National External Diploma Program (NEDP).

See programs below.

Truths About Your Situation



Life Happens. Often plans need to be adjusted. Determining how you finish high school is a decision you can make!



Roadblocks Students Face

- Pregnancy
- Language/Immigration Barriers
- Justice System Contact
- Homelessness

YES, if you have an IEP you may have until your 22nd birthday to earn a diploma in a traditional high school;

YES, if your school offers a credit recovery program like twilight classes or evening instruction;

NO, if you are 18 or older and more than a full year behind;

NO, if you have a history of discipline or attendance problems.

- To get a HS diploma you need to earn 24 credits between 9th and 12th grade.
- Most students, in a typical year, earn close to 6 credits.
- You have a right to a Free and Appropriate Education.
- If you are under 18 you are legally required to attend school in the District of Columbia.

Is finishing at my high school an option?



Facts and Benefits

Various Programs



- Academy of Hope Adult PCS
- Ballou STAY Senior High School
- Briya Public Charter
- Carlos Rosario Public Charter
- Community College Prep
- LAYC Career Academy
- Luke C. Moore Academy
- Maya Angelou Young Adult Learning Center
- Next Steps Public Charter
- Roosevelt STAY Senior High School
- Washington Metropolitan High School
- Youth Build

Before you go, check out the resources available:

- backontrack.osse.dc.gov
- dcps.dc.gov/alternativehs

- dcpcsb.org
- studentadvocate.dc.gov