

Graduation Pathways **Parent** Overview

What?

Graduation Pathways: Students must meet at least one requirement in each bucket

Bucket #1 Earn at least one diploma designation

Bucket #2 Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills through experiential learning
All experiences require students to create a work-product that demonstrates their development of employability skills such as a presentation, portfolio, or letter of employment verification.

Bucket #3 Satisfy as least one Postsecondary-Ready Competency

Who/When?

- Becomes a requirement for our current 8th grade students (Class of 2023).
- Current 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students may use Graduation Pathways to graduate if offered by the school.

Why?

- Approved by the State Board of Education in December 2017.
- Align graduation requirements to prepare students for careers and college in a more personalized manner.
- Students have options, moving away from the “one size fits all” approach.
- Requirements encourage students to develop their professional/employability skills such as teamwork, organization, perseverance, time management, decision-making, and pride in work.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does my student still have to take the ISTEP+?

All students should take the ISTEP+ Grade 10 during their grade 10 year, regardless of whether they pursue Graduation Pathways. Beyond grade 10, there is no requirement for the student to continue to retake the assessment, if pursuing the Graduation Pathways in lieu of the graduation exam.

2. How do students “opt-in” to Graduation Pathways?

As long as a school offers Graduation Pathways as an option for students, then students can “opt-in”. There are new fields in the Graduation Report to indicate which Graduation Pathway Requirement options students have satisfied.

3. Where can I find out more about Graduation Pathways including resources and more in-depth information?

Visit <https://www.doe.in.gov/graduation-pathways> to learn more.