

You Are So Close To Earning Your High School Diploma, What Are Your Options?

Class of 2026

Continue to Test

Option 1

- You can continue to take the state assessments at any of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Adult Education Centers that have a High School Completion program. Click below for a list of centers.

[High School Completion Adult Centers](#)

- You can continue to test to earn concordant scores via SAT , ACT or CLT. Click on the icons below to learn more about testing opportunities.



ACT



- What is my required score?

[Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#)

Option 2 The GATE Program

The Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - Through this program, students can enroll in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and an Adult Secondary Education (ASE) program simultaneously. Participants will work toward earning both a high school diploma and a credential from a Career Education Program.



[M-DCPS Technical Colleges GATE Program](#)



[Miami Dade College GATE Program](#)

Alternative High School Graduation Programs

Option 3

Acceleration Academy - This is an alternative high school program that offers courses to prepare students to pass the tests required for graduation and earn a high school diploma.

[You Can Graduate](#)

American High School Academy - This non-traditional school offers an Adult High School Completion Program that provides students with a flexible alternative pathway to earn a high school diploma.

[American High School Academy Adult High School Completion Diploma Program](#)



Options for Students Who Fail to Earn a Standard High School Diploma

For students who complete the required 24 or 18 credits but fail to pass the required assessments or achieve a 2.0 GPA.

Earn Your Florida High School Diploma – Two Pathways, One Goal!

- **Adult High School (AHS) Pathway** - Make up missing high school credits and meet graduation testing requirements by either retaking state assessments or earning comparative/concordant scores to graduate with a Florida High School Diploma.
- **GED® Preparation Pathway** - Attend classes designed to help you build skills and successfully pass all four subtests of the GED® exam. Upon passing the GED® exam, you'll earn a State of Florida High School Diploma.
- Visit <https://gettherefl.com> and use the Get There – Start Your Search tool to find an adult education program near you!
- Contact Adult Education at floridaadulteducation@fldoe.org or 850-245-0450.
- To find out more about the GED® exams, register for a free account and schedule your tests, visit <https://ged.com>.
- Contact GED® at 850-245-0449, toll free at 1-877-352-4331 or email flgedhelp@fldoe.org.

Registered Apprenticeship Programs

- Some registered apprenticeship programs do not require a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Registered preapprenticeship is a pathway to registered apprenticeship. These programs often help students develop the necessary skills and gain credit toward registered apprenticeship. Registered preapprenticeship program completers earn a preapprenticeship completion certificate credential.
- Apprenticeship Contacts: The following linked Excel documents contain program sponsor contact information for Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs throughout the state of Florida.

- Registered Apprenticeship Program Contacts - <https://www.fldoe.org/file/5626/APPR-Sponsor-Contacts.xlsx>.
- Registered Preapprenticeship Program Contacts - <https://www.fldoe.org/file/5626/PreAPPR-Sponsor-Contacts.xlsx>.

Career Education and Florida College Credit Programs

- In Florida, students who met all the requirements to receive a standard diploma but do not achieve the required GPA per section (s.) 1003.4282, Florida Statutes (F.S.), do not pass the state assessments required under s. 1008.22(3), F.S., or earn a concordant and/or comparative score, are eligible to enroll in career certificate programs at Florida College System institutions.
- Students must also take a common placement test to determine their placement into either college-level or remedial courses.
- Since 2018, Florida colleges and district technical colleges have awarded over 500,000 workforce certificates and degrees. For more information, visit <https://gettherefl.com>.

The GATE Program

- GATE provides a pathway to earn valuable career education credentials while also completing a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Through the GATE program, students can enroll in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and an Adult Secondary Education (ASE) program simultaneously. Eligible ASE programs include Adult High School or GED® Preparation. Participants will work toward earning both a high school diploma and a credential from a Career Education Program on the Master Credential list in their chosen career field.
- For more information, visit <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/gate.stml>.
- Contact: gateprogram@fldoe.org.

It is important to contact your local career education center or Florida College System institution for specific requirements for each program. Because institutions can set their own specific entry requirements, it is crucial to check with the program in which you are interested.