

## Graduation Incentives (GI)

From the State-Approved Alternative Programs Handbook  
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A student under the age of 21 must meet one of the following legislative criteria to be eligible to choose a non-traditional education program:

1. Performs substantially **below the performance level** for pupils of the same age in a locally determined achievement test.
2. Is **behind** in satisfactorily completing coursework or **obtaining credits for graduation.**
3. Is **pregnant or is a parent.**
4. Has been **assessed as chemically dependent.**
5. Has been **excluded or expelled.**
6. Has been **referred by a school district** for enrollment in an eligible program.
7. Is a victim of **physical or sexual abuse.**
8. Has experienced **mental health problems.**
9. Has experienced **homelessness** sometime within six months before requesting a transfer to an eligible program.
10. Speaks **English as a second language** or has **limited English proficiency.**
11. Has **withdrawn from school** or has been **chronically truant.**
12. Is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or other **life-threatening illness or is the sibling** of an eligible pupil who is currently being treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary of the seven-county metropolitan area.