

What is Graduation Alliance?

Graduation Alliance is a **free alternative pathway to high school graduation** that provides you with the flexibility, accountability, and support you need to earn your diploma. We offer **more than 100 online classes**, including general education courses and electives, that can be completed at any time and from anywhere. Plus, you'll receive **360 degrees of personalized support** to help you overcome barriers to academic success. See the backside of this flyer for more information about your support team.

How does it work?

All you have to do to "go to school" is open your free, internet-enabled Google Chromebook — whenever and wherever is best for you. **You'll complete flexible, 4-week courses online through our student portal.** **Assignments are due every Monday**, but you can work on them at any time during the week. The last week of class is dedicated to taking final exams, completing makeup work, and raising your grade (if necessary). When you complete all of your credit requirements, you'll graduate with a diploma from your local school district!

What does it cost?

Nothing. Graduation Alliance is completely free to eligible students through a partnership with your school district.

How is it different from going to regular school?

Graduation Alliance classes don't take place on a school campus, and students aren't required to be "at school" for a set number of hours each week. You make your own schedule — and as long as you meet or exceed your mandatory obligations,* you can organize your day however you want.

My life is complicated — Can I do this?

No matter what life challenges you're facing — chronic illness, mental health struggles, work-school balance, disciplinary issues — if you're willing to work hard, Graduation Alliance will get you to graduation. Successful students are those who work independently but know how to ask for help when they need it. You'll always have access to a team of "grad allies" ready to help you reach your goals, but it's up to you to accept their help.

How do I join?

Contact your guidance counselor or school administrator for more information.

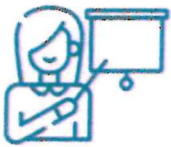


*Mandatory obligations differ from school to school. Ask your counselor or school administrator for details about your program.



Meet Your Personalized Support Team

As a Graduation Alliance student, you'll have a personalized support network to help you overcome academic and life challenges and thrive in an alternative learning environment.



Teachers

Teachers are dedicated to helping you explore your interests and master course concepts — Message them or attend one of their weekly study sessions for one-on-one help.



Academic Coach

Your coach will build your education plan, schedule your courses, and monitor your pace and progress throughout the program to help you stay on track to graduation. **You should engage in two-way communication with them and attend a virtual Academic Session at least once a week.**



Local Advocate

Your advocate is familiar with your community and hosts weekly academic and social meet-ups where you can work on homework, get help navigating life's challenges, and connect with other students in the program. **You should attend at least one hour of a meet-up each week.**



Tutors

Virtual tutors are available 24/7 so you can get homework help any time of day or night!



IT Support

You'll be supplied with an internet-enabled Google Chromebook for the duration of the program. And you'll have access to full IT support on weekdays to help with computer and student portal questions.

Graduation Alliance works closely with districts to ensure appropriate placement for special education students, per our policy and operations manual. School districts continue to be responsible in totality for students who are served by an IEP. However, Graduation Alliance grants accommodations that are listed on the IEP when applicable to the learning environment.

Students who are successful at Graduation Alliance read at a 5th-grade level or higher.

Students who have shown success in our program in the past fall into three categories:

- Medical/Other: ADHD and social anxiety
- Emotional/Behavioral
- Specific learning disability with a minimum of 5th-grade equivalency scores

Our Learning Environment provides:

- Extended time to every student.
- A scaffolded design.
- Core classes reviewed by Quality Matters for accessibility standards
- We use alt text on all images and monitor for color-specific math questions for colorblind students.
- A student site built to WCAG 2.1 AA standards.

ACCOMODATIONS



Environment and Behavior

- Modified classroom and schedule
- Modified course sequence
- Physical movement increases or decreases
- Strategies for reducing auditory and/or visual stimuli



Support Services

- Academic Coaches who monitor pace and progress
- Teacher office hours
- Tutors who are available online 24/7
- Local Advocates who connect students to community resources like counseling, health care, etc.



Equipment and Assistive Devices

- Calculator
- Computer and wifi hotspot
- Voice recorder
- Screen reader
- Voice-to-text software



Testing/Assessment

- Oral responses
- Open-book or open-note tests
- Text-to-speech software
- Testing/assessment exemptions
- Study guides
- Untimed assessments



Reading and Writing

- Audio supplements for long reading assignments
- Study guide/organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Written transcripts of audio/visual materials

Dropout Recovery: Michigan By The Numbers



Data based on all dropout recovery students enrolled in Michigan from program inception through December 2022. Graduation Rate is calculated by dividing graduates by all students who have exited the program less students who returned to school in-district. Last Miler Graduation Rate is calculated by dividing graduates by all students who entered with 5 credits or fewer, less students who returned to school in-district.