

Georgia High School Diploma Options

What are the diploma types available in Georgia?

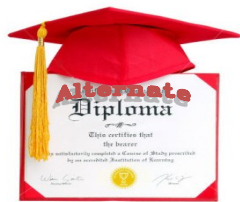
- The diploma types are listed below with information about the requirements for each option. This link will take you to the [State Board Rule](#) for each diploma.

Who decides which diploma my child will receive?

- The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, of which the parent is a member, determines which diploma is most appropriate for the child.

Which diplomas are accepted for college admission and/or the military?

- Only** the regular diploma is a full credential and terminates a student’s right to a free appropriate public education (FAPE). Students who will receive a credential other than the regular diploma should contact the postsecondary institution or recruiting office directly. This should also be discussed with your guidance counselor and IEP Team.



DIPLOMA TYPE	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	REQUIREMENTS
High School Diploma	All students	Awarded to students certifying that they have satisfied attendance requirements, unit requirements and the state assessment requirements
State-Defined Alternate Diploma	Students with significant cognitive disabilities	Awarded to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who were assessed using the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA 2.0) and meet other requirements of the State Board Rule
Special Education Diploma	All students with disabilities assigned to a special education program	Awarded to students with disabilities who have not met the requirements for the High School Diploma, or the State-Defined Alternate Diploma but have completed their IEP goals
High School Certificate	All students	Awarded to students who have not met the requirements of a diploma

More information about the State-Defined Alternate Diploma can be found at [ESSA Alternate Diploma FAQ for Families.pdf \(gadoe.org\)](#)