

APPENDIX A - OVERVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICIES IN STATES WITH MULTIPLE MEASURE APPROACHES

State	Type of graduation policy			Factors in graduation decision (✓ = State requirement; ✓* = Passage not required for graduation; Local option = School districts can decide whether to include and how to use)				Information used to award differentiated diploma or special certificate				
	Requires passage of exit exam (with alternative pathway)	Combination of locally developed criteria and state requirements	Test results appear on transcript but not used to withhold diploma	State test	Performance assessment and/or career-oriented demonstration	Locally determined evidence of proficiency in state standards	Required course credits	State test	Performance - oriented assessment	Courses	GPA or course grades	Other
AR		✓	✓	Local option	Local option	Local option	✓	✓				
CT		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
DE		✓	✓	✓*	Local option	Local option	✓	✓				
HI		✓		Local option	Local option	✓ (2006)	✓		✓		✓	
ID	✓ (2006)			✓ (2006)	Option in lieu of test		✓					
IL		✓	✓	✓*	Local option	Local option	✓	✓				
IN				✓	appeal in lieu of test	Local option	✓				✓	SAT or ACT score or AP test (2010)
KS		✓		Local option	Local option	Local option	✓					
KY		✓		Local option	Career Plan	Local option	✓		✓		✓	AP or IB exams
ME		✓		✓*	Computer proficiency	✓	✓					
MID	✓ (2009)		✓	✓* (2009)	service learning	Local option	✓					
MO		✓		Local option	Local option	Option in lieu of credits	✓		✓		✓	SAT or ACT score
MT		✓		Local option	Local option	Local option	✓					
NE		✓		Local option	Encouraged by state		✓					
NH		✓		Local option	Local option	District option in lieu of credits	✓					
NJ				✓	Option in lieu of test	Local option	✓					
ND		✓		Local option	Local option	Local option	✓					
OK		✓	✓	✓*	Local option	Local option	✓					
OR		✓		Local option	✓ (2007) Plus career-related learning		✓		✓			Education plan
PA		✓	✓	✓	✓ (2008)	✓	Local option	✓				
RI		✓		✓* (2008)	✓ (2008)	✓ (2008)	✓	✓	✓			
SD		✓		Local option	Local option	Local option	✓			✓ (2006)		
VT		✓		Local option	District option in lieu of credits		✓					
WA	✓ (2008)			✓ (2008)	Plus education plan	Local option	✓	✓				
WI		✓		Local option	Local option	Encouraged by state	✓					
WV		✓		Local option	Work-based learning	Local option	✓					
WY		✓		Local option	Local option	✓	✓			District decision		