

Graduation Rate Calculation and Exit Codes

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Graduation Rate Calculations

- **Graduate**
 - Basic high school diploma
 - Adult education secondary diploma (Carnegie units)
- **Other Completer**
 - UAA
 - GED
 - Certificate of Completion
- **Continuing student**
 - Retained Senior
 - Transferred to Higher Education
 - Transferred to UCAT
- **Dropout**
 - Withdrawn
 - Unknown status
 - Dropout

Graduate (3 year cohort rate and 4 year cohort rate) – GR

- Johnny enters 9th grade in Apple High, a 4 year high school. He stays in Apple High for all four years of high school and graduates at the end of his senior year. Johnny is coded as a GR (or the equivalent GM for military children) and is considered a graduate in Apple High's 3-year and 4-year graduation rates and in Apple School District's 4 year graduation rates.

Graduate (3 year cohort rate) – GR

- Jennie enters Orange School District as a 9th grader but due to district policy, stays in the district's junior high. In 10th grade she transfers from Orange Jr. High to Orange High school and stays there until she graduates at the end of her senior year. Jennie is coded as a GR (or GM for military children) and is considered a "graduate" in Orange High's 3-year graduation rate and Orange School District's 4-year graduation rates.

Participated in UAA – G3

- Alice's IEP team at Silverton High determined that her participation in state-wide assessment would be through Utah's Alternate Assessment (UAA). Her IEP team carefully planned her courses of study during high school and Alice was able to meet graduation requirements with course substitutions after her class had graduated. Alice had previously been coded a "retained senior" (RT), but at graduation is coded as a G3 and is not considered to be either a graduate or a dropout, but is considered an "other completer".

Retained Senior – RT

- James is a student with a disability who has spent four years in high school. Because he continues to qualify for services, he returns to school for another year. At the end of his fourth year in high school, he should be coded as a "retained senior" (RT) for each and every year afterwards. James will count as a non-graduate and will be dropped from all future cohorts, even if he is still enrolled in school. If he drops out between his fourth year of high school and age 22, he will be counted as a single-year dropout.

Transfer to Adult Education – AE

- Jane leaves Apple High as an 11th grader and transfers to Adult Education (AE). She will be counted as a dropout (DO) for the single-year rate that year and will count as a dropout when her cohort graduates the following year unless she receives her Utah Adult Secondary Diploma (GC) by September 30th of the calendar year in which her class graduated (e.g., if the class graduated in May 2012, Jane would have to complete requirements for the diploma by September 30, 2012).

Transferring to UCAT or higher education before graduation - UC or HE

- Peter decides to transfer to UCAT (UC) or an institution of higher education (HE) before receiving his high school diploma. Peter is not considered a graduate or a dropout; rather, he will be coded as a “non-graduate”, or more specifically, a “continuing student”.

Not on-time graduate – DO

- Mary repeats 10th grade twice; thus, she does not graduate in four years with her cohort. She will be considered a dropout in the cohort graduation rate and will be dropped from all future cohorts. In other words, she will never be considered a graduate. This is due to very strict federal guidelines that only include ***on-time*** graduates.

Certificate of Completion (CT) vs. Retained Senior (RT)

- Luke is a student with a disability who has spent four years in high school. Because he continues to qualify for services, the school knows he will be returning the following year. However, he walks with his class and receives a certificate of completion/award of completion from the LEA. Luke should NOT be coded with a high school completion status of CT, or certificate of completion, if the LEA knows he will be returning. Instead, Luke is coded as a “retained senior” (RT) each and every year until he finally completes his high school career, at which time the LEA can code him as “aged out” (AO).

Aged Out - AO

- Kate is a 22 year old student with a disability who has not completed her high school requirements. Because she is ineligible for services, the LEA should code her as an AO, which means she aged out of services. The LEA may award Kate a certificate of completion/award of completion, but should NOT code her as CT. She will not be considered a dropout but will be considered a “non-graduate”, or more specifically, an “other completer”.