

# 2020 Graduation Cohort Webinar

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Correction

The Nov. 10 Graduation Cohort webinar presentation included a slide discussing the alternate academic diploma. This slide stated that with those entering grade 9 in 2017, students who take the alternate assessment and earn an alternate diploma aligned to state standards can count as graduates starting in 2021. **Students entering grade 9 in 2018 belong to the first cohort affected by the change in graduation calculations.** Please reference [SBE High School Policy 2.103](#). We apologize for any confusion caused by this error. The slide deck has been updated to reflect this change.

### FAQ

#### ***What do you consider to be sufficient documentation for out-of-country withdrawals?***

If they are withdrawing to another education program, the program should send documentation confirming their withdrawal.

#### ***What would be sufficient documentation for a deceased student?***

An obituary would be sufficient documentation. An announcement from the webpage of the funeral home would suffice if an obituary is not available. You do not need to request a death certificate.

#### ***Do we expect any exceptions to be made for reporting or graduation requirements following COVID?***

The department is still in conversations with the governor's office and our elected officials concerning changes in these requirements as a result of COVID-19.

#### ***Can you appeal a student that never came to your school four years ago that never entered the ninth grade now in this cohort?***

If you have documentation that they had a subsequent enrollment at a different school, then you can appeal that they be removed from your Cohort with official documents from the receiving district.

#### ***I notice that our Special Ed 12th grade student that only is enrolled for EasyIEP purposes is still on our list. I have submitted a change request. When should we look for an approval or denial on this? If approved, would she be removed from our Cohort list.***

Yes, since she is just a service enrollment, she should have an enrollment at a different school, as well. If she has a subsequent enrollment, she would be removed from your Cohort list. You should receive an approval or denial for the change request between its submission and the end of the Phase I approval period.

#### ***Do you have a date to upload documentation?***

All documentation has to be uploaded by June 11 to be part of Phase I.