



Deferment Process

Transition Deferment programs are available to students who have and Individual Education Plan (IEP), completed all High School graduation requirements and demonstrate the need to continue in Broward County Public Schools to acquire specific skills in the areas of academic, employment and/or independence with continued support and services according to their IEP. The skills learned in their chosen deferment program will help students achieve their post-secondary goals.

Who can defer?

1. A student with a disability who meets the standard high school diploma requirements may defer the receipt of a standard high school diploma if the student:
 - a) Has an individual education plan that prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services through age twenty- one (21); and
 - b) Is enrolled in
 - accelerated college credit instruction and industry certification courses that lead to college credit and industry certifications (Academic or Career Dual Enrollment)
 - a collegiate high school program, courses necessary to satisfy the Scholar or Merit designation requirements
 - or a structured work study, internship, or pre-apprenticeship program (PASS, ACCESS, Career Placement, ARC School of Hire, SEARCH, WOW, Broward College Prep-Program)

(Provide parent/guardian and student with BCPS Deferment Program Brochure. Visits can be scheduled, contact your transition specialist)
2. A student with a disability who receives a certificate of completion and has an individual education plan that prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services through twenty-one (21) years of age may continue to receive the specified instruction and services.
3. Any waiver of the statewide, standardized assessment requirements by the individual education plan team, must be approved by the parent and is subject to verification for appropriateness by an independent reviewer selected by the parent as provided for in s. 1003.572., F.S.

1. **When to Defer?** In the year that the student is expected to fulfil all the requirements to earn the Standard Diploma they will receive a letter from their school that will include,
 - a. a statement that the student understands the process for deferment
 - b. selection box identifying if the student will defer their diploma or will not defer
 - c. selection box indicating the Transition Deferment Program
2. **This letter must be signed by the parent, guardian and student and returned to the school ESE specialist by March 1st**
3. The deferment option entry requirements should be met by the student prior to the **May 15th** deadline **(Meet with your Transition Specialist)**

