

## INFORMATION ON WEST VIRGINIA OPTION PATHWAY

This information is used for *Option (1) Pathway* only

The Option Pathway is a blend of Career Technical Education (CTE) courses and the General Education Development (GED®) Tests. The Option Pathway allows approved students to participate in the GED testing program at approved locations **without being withdrawn from an accredited high school. The Option Pathway student may receive a high school diploma according to the completion level of the program.** Option Students are no longer considered under the graduation requirements of 2510, but now are under the requirements of 2444.4

The codes for the Option Pathway GED Subjects are listed below. These WVEIS codes take the place of the Core academic WVEIS class codes. They are used throughout the time that the student is enrolled in the Option Pathway program. Once you enter these codes in WVEIS, the system will acknowledge that they are an Option Pathway student and the student is placed into the Option Pathway. Students **do not** receive credit for **these** courses. Students are not counted in, nor do they receive a class ranking.

- [The course codes listed below are used by West Virginia for WVEIS Coding](#)

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Code</u>
LANGUAGE ARTS	LANGUAGE ARTS/READING	7901
	LANGUAGE ARTS/WRITING	7902
MATH	MATH	7903
SCIENCE	SCIENCE	7905
SOCIAL STUDIES	SOCIAL STUDIES	7906

### Grading and Recording of Grades

Grades should be entered as S (satisfactory) until the student passes the designated GED Test. Upon passage of each subject area of the GED, a P is entered. Never use an F (fail) even if the student does not pass the test. An S should be used until the student passes the test or an N (not satisfactory) may be entered if the teacher wants to indicate that the student is not working to the ability level expected.

A letter grade will be entered for all Career Technical Education (CTE) classes. Also, any classes taken as electives or will be entered as regular grades as earned.

A grade point average will be made available, if needed; using the accumulation of the CTE and other elective classes the student has taken. Grade point average **will not be used** in any way for class rank. All students in Option (1) Pathway must be tagged using the GED tag to provide the ability to remove the student from the class ranking calculation.

If a student leaves the program before completing, the same procedure will be followed as with any other student withdrawal.

Remember that students completing all requirements for the Option Pathway will receive a High School Diploma from their home school **and** a GED diploma, and will be counted in the graduation rate. The transcript will show the GED course codes of the subjects that the student has taken and all CTE and elective credits.

### ***GED CREDIT RECOVERY (OPTION 2)***

Option 2 Credit Recovery may be used for a high school senior who has failed one major core course (Math, Science, Social studies, English) and is in jeopardy of not meeting the graduation requirements with their cohort.

The student must take the GED Official Practice Test (OPT) and score the minimum requirement of 450 in the content area needed for grade recovery. If the student does not pass the OPT, they may attend the GED preparation classes to help prepare them to pass the OPT.

The student takes the one GED equivalent test of the course needed for grade recovery. If the student is failing in English, both the Language Arts Reading and Language Arts Writing must be administered to the student. A grade will be recorded for the student in the same way that all other credit recovery is done in the county. The WVEIS code for the subject that the student was failing should be used on the student transcript once the student passes the GED content area.

The student must continue attending and maintaining passing scores in all other classes as required in 2510.

Students passing the GED content area for Credit Recovery will receive their high school diploma and will be counted in the graduation rate.

### ***REGULAR GED (OPTION 3)***

This is for the student who cannot be convinced to stay in school no matter what is offered. The student is encouraged to take the GED Official Practice Test (OPT) to see if he is capable of passing the GED Test. If he is, the student should be encouraged to take the GED test. Even if the student passes the test, he will not count in the graduation rate. At the time of withdrawal, the student will still be counted as a dropout even if they pass the test. If the student passes the test, they can be counted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month report in October the following year, and taken off of the dropout percentage for the school and county. Even though the student is not counted in the graduation rate, this is a huge benefit for the student.