

DLVA Alternative Education Competency Pathway Proposal

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Why do we need a new graduation pathway?

- Our **goal**: 100% of all 4th-year cohort students graduate on time with a high school diploma.
- The leading reason students gave nationwide for not completing high school was that they “**Got behind in school work or got poor grades**” ([National Center for Labor Statistics](#)).
- GED Option 2 (GO2) only accepts candidates who test at a 9th-grade reading level



**Students who get
behind are more
likely to stay
behind.**

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**Students who
cannot access
GO2 risk getting
left behind.**

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Why do students go virtual? Why not GO2?

- Health (physical/mental)
- Negative experiences with peers
- Distractions
- Flexible schedule
 - family needs
- Transportation
- Curriculum

- Poor fit for high-stakes testing
- Below 9th grade reading score
- Accessibility (transportation)
- Better suited for coursework than testing

How does the competency pathway help?

- Seamless integration with pre-existing practices at DLVA
- Linear curriculum, flexible schedule
- Narrowed focus on core subjects
- Required postsecondary preparation
- Content mastery over time, not high-stakes testing
- Removes barrier of general elective requirements
- Serves all cohort students regardless of reading level

Table 1: WAWM School District Credit Attainment Schedule

Subject	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Total
ELA	1	1	1	1	4
Social studies	1	1	1	-	3
Math	1	1	1	-	3
Science	1	1	1	-	3
Physical Education	.5	.5	.5	-	1.5
Health	-	.5	-	-	.5
Personal Finance	-	-	.5	-	.5
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Cumulative Total	6-7	12-14	18-21	24-28	24-28

Eligibility: 3rd year cohort students

- < 9.5 credits in core classes
 - includes Health and Physical Education
- < 2.5 general elective credits

Juniors have the option to enroll in the pathway, then transition to GO2 in their senior year.

Accounts for students already on a trajectory that would require them to earn more credits in each semester (including summer) than a full credit load.

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Eligibility: 4th+ year cohort students

- < 14 credits in core classes
 - includes Health, Physical Education, Personal Finance
- < 3.5 general elective credits

Seniors have the option to enroll in the pathway, then transition to GO2 when a seat opens.

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**Bottom line:
students earn a
regular H.S.
diploma by earning
16.5 credits.**

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