



## ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION OPTIONS

The Montana Legislature has expanded options for students to graduate from high school. Each of the following options have specific coding requirements.

### ENROLLMENT END STATUS 410: GRADUATION ALT AUTHORIZED BY MCA

1. [10-10-1402, MCA](#)
  - a. A district diploma is granted to a student enrolled in the MT Youth Challenge program based on proficiency.
  - b. This End Status is not included for Federal cohort reporting, as the student does not meet the state minimum credit requirements for graduation.
  - c. A corresponding Diploma Date, Diploma Type and Diploma Period **are required**.
2. [20-3-110, MCA](#)
  - a. The superintendent of public instruction may grant a proficiency-based diploma to a student who has exhausted the possibility of earning a high school diploma. The student must demonstrate proficiency, perseverance, and dedication under rules adopted by the superintendent.
  - b. This End Status is not included for Federal cohort reporting, as the student does not meet the state minimum credit requirements for graduation.
  - c. A corresponding Diploma Date, Diploma Type and Diploma Period **are required**.

### GRADUATION DIPLOMA TYPE 05: STATE MINIMUM

1. [20-7-1330, MCA](#)
  - a. A student who experiences an educational disruption in grades 9-12, defined as a disruption caused by homelessness, involvement in the child welfare system or juvenile justice system, a medical or mental health crisis or another event considered a qualifying educational disruption by the trustees of the district, may be awarded a diploma if they meet the minimum state graduation requirements, but not the higher credit requirements of the district.
  - b. This diploma type does count for Federal cohort reporting, as the student meets the minimum state requirement for graduation.
  - c. End Status of 400: Graduated **is required**.
  - d. Diploma Date and Diploma Period **are required**.

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