

# Reporting Graduation Guidelines

## Frequently Asked Questions – 3/1/21

*This FAQ will be constantly updated. Please contact [Jesse Cooper](#) or [Robin Russel](#) with questions that are not yet addressed in this document.*

### What are Graduation Guidelines?

Colorado Graduation Guidelines are a road map to help students and their families plan for success after high school. In order to graduate from high school, students choose from a [Menu of Options](#) - adopted at the local school board level - to demonstrate Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) in English and math. The guidelines go into effect for the Class of 2021 or 2022.

See the [Graduation Guidelines website](#)

### What is the reporting requirement for Graduation Guidelines?

Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, Local Education Providers (LEPs) must report the measure by which each student has demonstrated Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) according to the [Graduation Guidelines Menu of Options](#). The Graduation Guidelines file is a required data file in the [Student Interchange File](#).

### What is the flexibility for reporting in 2021?

For the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Providers (LEPs) may graduate students according to district determined graduation requirements, that include Graduation Guidelines measures from the Menu of Options, and/or local options, such as courses. If LEPs choose to graduate students using local options, the LEP must still report that these students have met "Local Measures" in the Graduation Guidelines File. Please see [Graduation Guidelines Flexibility for the Class of 2021](#).

### What is the timeline for reporting Graduation Guidelines?

The Guidelines reporting goes into effect for the graduating class of 2021 and beyond.

- **Begin reporting:** During soft-open of Student End of Year (March 2021) and/or during the regular opening of Student End of Year (May 2021)
- **Timeline:** The [Graduation Guidelines file](#) (GG File) is used in the Student End of Year collection and will follow the same timeline. Therefore, the first target deadline to have an error-free GG File is in late June 2021.

### How is Graduation Guidelines connected to the End of Year collection?

- The [Graduation Guidelines file](#) (GG file) works as a validator to check that any student reported with a '90' exit code (graduated with a regular diploma) in Student End of Year *also* has:
  - At least one English requirement met in the GG File
  - At least one math requirement met in the GG File
- If a student graduates with a regular diploma but does not have a complete Graduation Guidelines file, Data Pipeline will generate an error. LEPs may need to change the exit type code for these students.

### Where can I find more information about reporting Graduation Guidelines?

The [Graduation Guidelines Interchange File](#) is a [Student Interchange File](#) and part of the Student End of Year Collection. Trainings will be scheduled to align with the soft-open in March 2021. Webinar schedules will be posted on the [Student End of Year snapshot website](#). Additional trainings may be provided through [Data Pipeline Town Hall](#).

See also [Graduation Guidelines Reporting](#) on the [Graduation Guidelines website](#).