

Applicability of Title Relating to High School Graduation

An open-enrollment charter school is subject to a prohibition, restriction, or requirement, as applicable, imposed by Title 2 (Public Education) of the Texas Education Code, or a rule adopted under Title 2 (Public Education) of the Texas Education Code, relating to high school graduation under TEC §28.025. (TEC §12.104(b)(2)(E))

The Universal Academy Open-Enrollment Charter School adopts the requirements of TEC §28.025 (High School Diploma and Certificate; Academic Achievement Record) pursuant to TEC §12.104(b)(2)(E). Where “school” is used in TEC §28.025, the Universal Academy Open-Enrollment Charter School hereby substitutes “open-enrollment charter school” to conform to these requirements.

In accordance with State Board of Education (SBOE) rules, a student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness is allowed to substitute one credit in English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies or one academic elective credit for the required physical education credit. A credit allowed to be substituted may not also be used by the student to satisfy a graduation requirement other than completion of the physical education credit. The determination regarding a student’s ability to participate in physical activity must be made by:

If the student receives special education services under Education Code Chapter 29, Subchapter A, the student’s ARD committee;

If the student does not receive special education services under Education Code Chapter 29, Subchapter A but is covered by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, the committee established for the student under that Act; or

If each of the described committees is inapplicable, a committee established by the School of persons with appropriate knowledge regarding the student.

TEC §28.025(b-11).

High School Diploma and Certificate; Academic Achievement Record

The open-enrollment charter school shall comply with the graduation standards of TEC §28.025.

[INDICATE DOES OR DOES NOT] The open-enrollment charter school [does/does not] not issue a certificate of coursework completion to a student who successfully completes the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education (SBOE) under TEC §28.025(a) but who fails to comply with TEC §39.025 (Secondary-Level Performance Required) relating to exit-level assessment requirements. The open-enrollment charter school [does/does not] allow a student who receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with students receiving high school diplomas. (TEC §28.025(d))

The open-enrollment charter school shall issue a certificate of attendance to a student who receives special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and who has completed four years of high school but has not completed the student's individualized education program (IEP). The open-enrollment charter school shall allow a student who receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with students receiving high school diplomas. A student may participate in only one graduation ceremony under TEC §28.025(f). TEC §28.025(f) does not preclude a student from receiving a diploma under TEC §28.025(c)(2). (TEC §28.025(f))

Personal Graduation Plan

A charter holder of an open enrollment charter school shall consider including in the school's charter a requirement that the school develop and administer personal graduation plans under TEC §28.0212 (Personal Graduation Plan). (TEC §12.111(b))