



#### **Revisions to Administrative Policy and Procedure 7.37 Graduation Requirements**

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#### Five Priorities for Success



### **Recommended Revisions**

- Aligned the science graduation requirement to match other content areas
- Clarified how long a student can remain in school and graduate with a regular diploma – 21 years old
- Addition of Regular Diploma Aligned to Alternate Achievement Standards

# **Certificate of Completion: Background**

- Requested for review in a constituent concern
- Committee: parents, regular and special education teachers, regular and special education administrators, transition coordinator
- Ideas regarding the modification or removal of the certificate were shared at a parent DAC meeting (February, 2024)

# **Certificate of Completion: Research**

- Other Council of the Great City Schools Member Districts
  - Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Minneapolis
    - Most of the districts examined utilize certificates of completion (or similar option) as an alternative to a diploma
    - All of the districts with student enrollment above 50,000 utilize an alternative graduation option
- Consultation with Milwaukee City Attorney
- Consultation with DPI

## **Certificate of Completion: Proposal**

- Policy 7.37 revisions will not eliminate the Certificate of Completion as an option
- Policy 7.37 revisions will incorporate a pathway for students in the alternate curriculum to earn a regular diploma
- The pathway to diploma for students in the alternate curriculum must include evidence of achieved standards and transitional readiness

