

- A. DURING THE NINTH GRADE OF THE GROUP'S FIRST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL;
- B. DURING THE TENTH GRADE OF THE GROUP'S SECOND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL;
- C. DURING THE ELEVENTH GRADE OF THE GROUP'S THIRD YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL; OR
- D. DURING THE TWELFTH GRADE OF THE GROUP'S FOURTH YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL;
- 2. IS RETAINED IN GRADE; OR
- 3. IS ENROLLED IN A GED PROGRAM.

(III) "FOUR-YEAR COHORT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A STUDENT WHO:

- 1. DIES BEFORE GRADUATION;
- 2. TRANSFERS OUT OF THE GROUP; OR
- 3. THE COUNTY BOARD CONFIRMS HAS PERMANENTLY LEFT THE UNITED STATES.

(IV) STUDENTS RETAINED IN GRADE ARE ONLY COUNTED ONCE AS MEMBERS OF THEIR ORIGINAL COHORT.

(3) "GRADUATION RATE" MEANS THE PERCENTAGE OBTAINED FROM APPLYING THE GRADUATION RATE FORMULA.

(4) (I) "GRADUATION RATE FORMULA" MEANS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ON TIME WITH A REGULAR MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE FOUR-YEAR COHORT.

(II) "GRADUATION RATE FORMULA" DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ON TIME WITH A GED OR OTHER CERTIFICATE NOT ALIGNED WITH STATE STANDARDS.

(5) (I) "ON TIME" MEANS ON OR BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF A FOUR-YEAR COHORT'S FOURTH YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

(II) "ON TIME" INCLUDES A SENIOR SUMMER SESSION IN A JURISDICTION THAT OFFERS SENIOR SUMMER SESSIONS.

(6) (I) "TRANSFER OUT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO THE COUNTY BOARD CONFIRMS, VIA WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION, HAS ENROLLED IN ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FROM WHICH THAT STUDENT IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A REGULAR MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

(II) "TRANSFER OUT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A STUDENT ENROLLED IN:

- 1. A GED PROGRAM; OR