

A blue-tinted photograph of a group of diverse students sitting in a classroom, engaged in a discussion. They are looking at each other and smiling. The background shows classroom windows and a whiteboard.

# Which Students Are a Fit for Our Programs?

We created this guide to support you in identifying which students may benefit most from our program, with the goal of making that process easier for you.

## Full Diploma Program

For full transfer to our school, you may want to consider students who fall under any of the below categories:

### Decline in Academic Performance

- Poor academic performance long-term or a sudden change in academic performance can signal that a student is struggling – whether that is with the material, the learning pace, or personal issues. If not addressed early enough, academic struggles can lead to decreased motivation and interest, making dropping out seem like the only solution.

### Lack of Attendance

- Lack of attendance or chronic absenteeism are often indicators that the student is more likely to drop out.

### Low Engagement

- Students who are not engaged in their classes, their peers, or extracurricular activities may be more likely to consider dropping out than those who are. A lack of engagement could look like consistently not completing assignments or homework, not participating in class, or skipping classes.

### Behavior Challenges

- A student who has or is displaying antisocial behavior, aggressive behaviors, or increased mental health issues may signal that a student is in danger of dropping out.

### Personal or Family Struggles

- Some students have stresses that exceed the classroom and require their entire attention and energy. Some of the issues they might face are suffering from mental or other health issues, facing bullying problems, but also other instances that require them to take on significant responsibilities like needing to work to support their families or care for a sibling, child and/or elderly parent. The pressure from these situations may cause a student to feel overwhelmed, which will negatively impact their performance in the classroom.
- We recognize that students don't necessarily want to drop out – but personal issues or problems at school could be pushing them toward a decision that can negatively impact them for the rest of their lives.

## Credit Recovery Program

For single course enrollments, you may want to consider students who fall under any of the below categories:

### Missing/Failed Credits

- Students who are missing credits due to them not being offered or failed certain classes and did not receive the credit may be at risk of not graduating. If not resolved, it could lead to the student opting to drop out entirely as they feel like they can't "catch up."

### Early Completion

- Whether it's to graduate early or just get certain credits out of the way, we understand that some students want the opportunity to take courses earlier than they may be able to in a traditional school setting. By offering a variety of programs that are accessible at almost any point in their high school journey, it allows students to take control of their education and better prepare for their future.

### Staying On Track

- Graduating high school is a milestone that students work hard to achieve – even more so when graduating with their peers. Between courses and extracurricular activities, students must juggle a number of responsibilities with the goal of staying on track not just to graduate, but to graduate on time.



## Our Online High School Solution

Through an accredited, online high school like Penn Foster, students can take advantage of self-paced studies that can be tailored to their particular needs. Whether they struggle with social anxiety and need to study alone or they need more time to absorb what they learn, a fully online experience can allow them to work toward graduation and success on their own terms. This solution can also be beneficial for those who struggle with chronic illness; with no due dates and an asynchronous learning model, students can fit in studies and exams around work, caring for a family member, doctor's appointments and medical concerns.

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## Contact Us Today

To learn more about how Penn Foster High School's online credit recovery and diploma completion programs can make a difference for your students, reach out to our team today!

We're here to help you, help your students succeed.

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