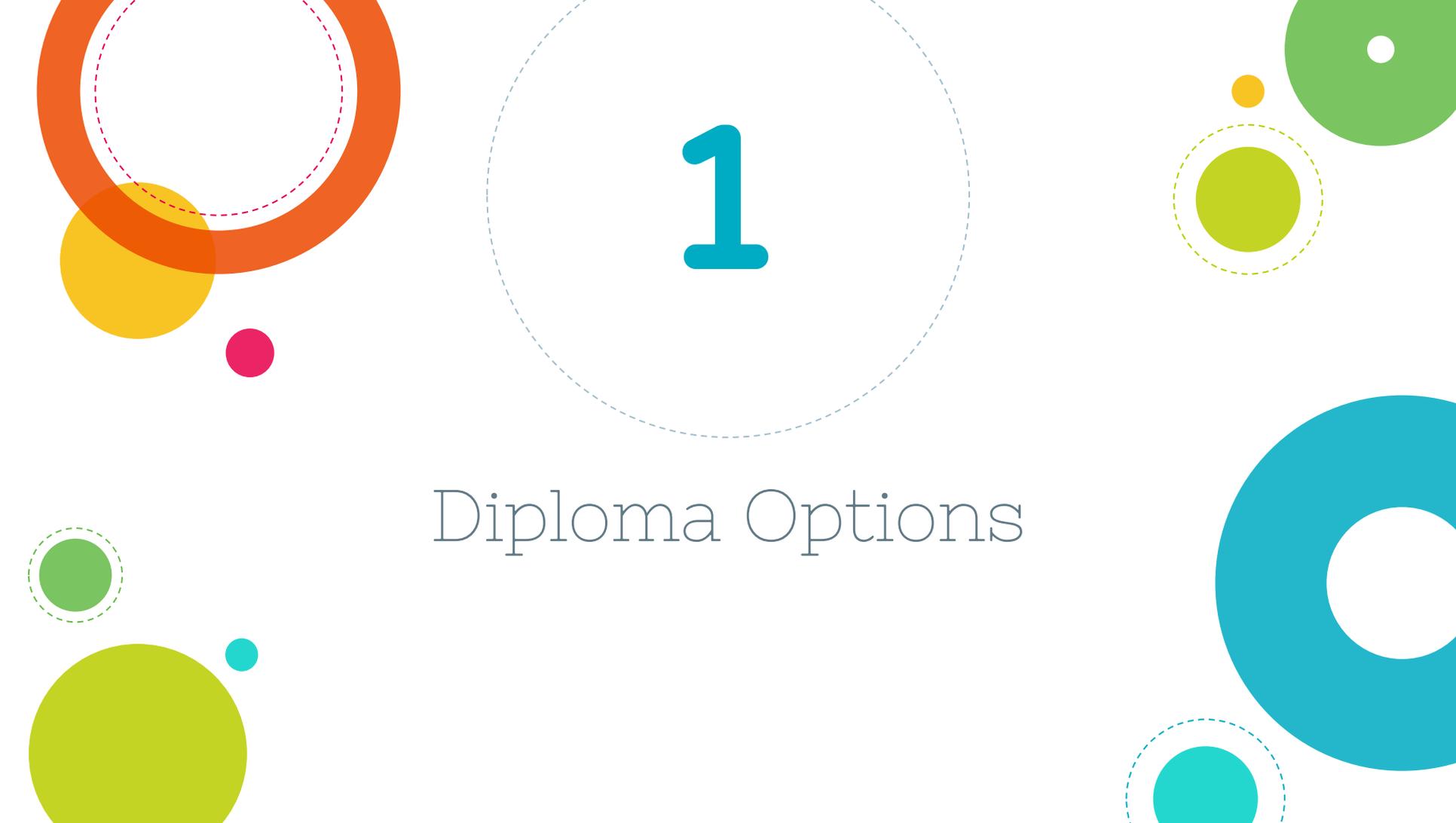
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Diploma Options, Transition  
IEPs and Planning for life  
AFTER High School



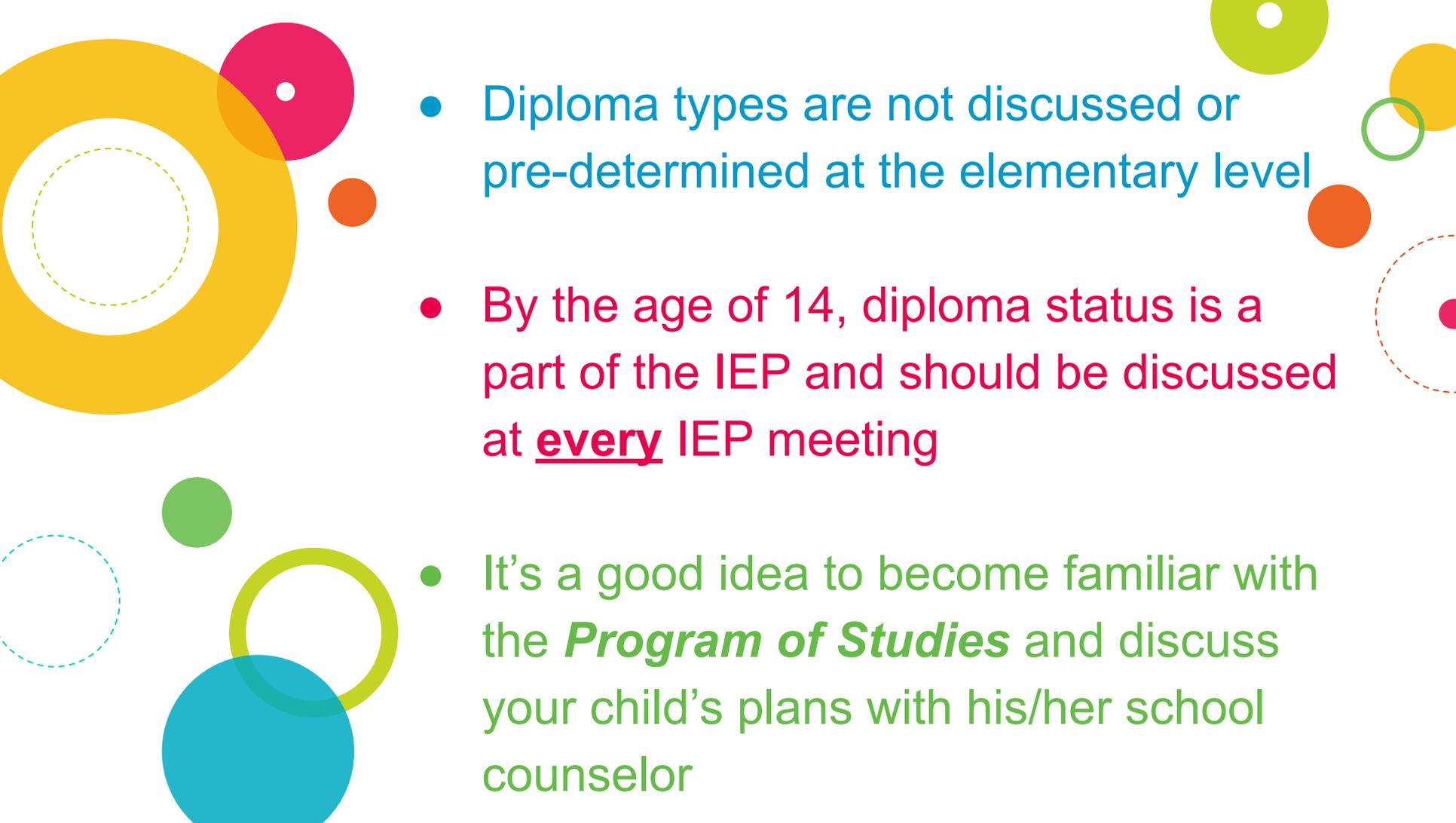
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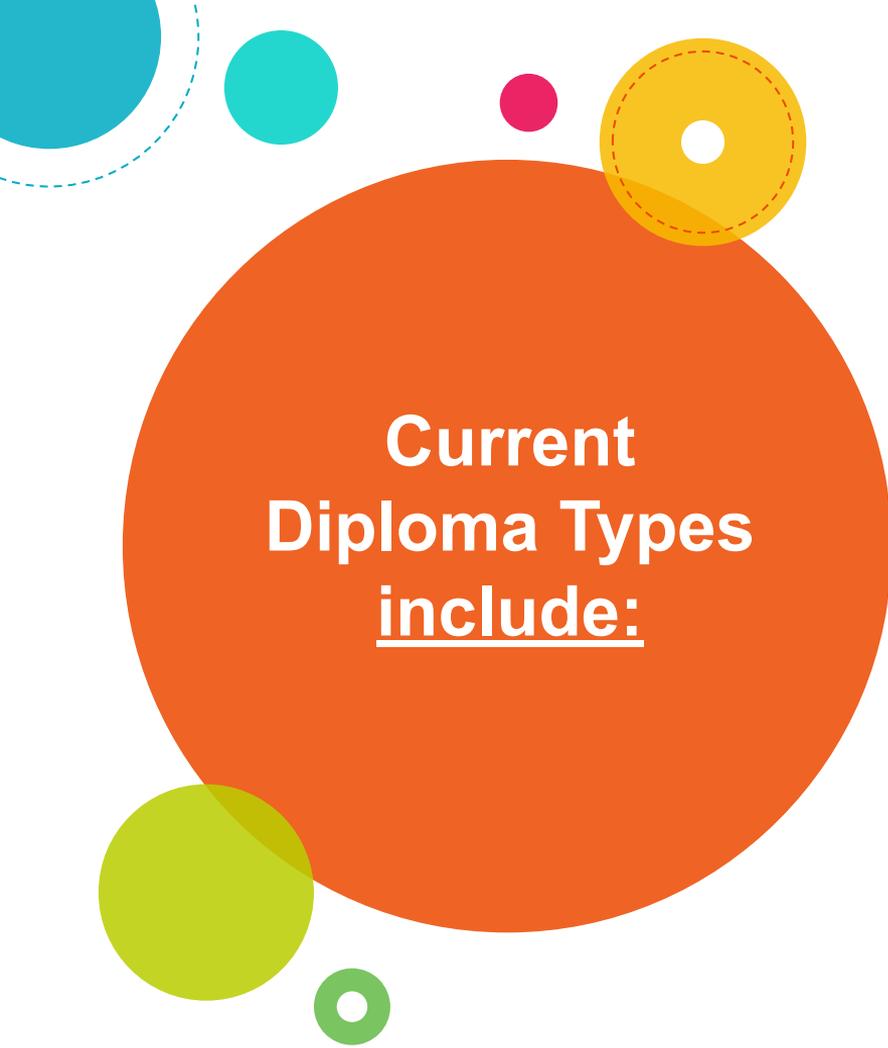
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Diploma Options

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- Diploma types are not discussed or pre-determined at the elementary level
  - By the age of 14, diploma status is a part of the IEP and should be discussed at every IEP meeting
  - It's a good idea to become familiar with the *Program of Studies* and discuss your child's plans with his/her school counselor



**Current  
Diploma Types  
include:**

- **Advanced Studies Diploma**
- **Standard Diploma**
- **GED** (General Educational Development)
- **Applied Studies Diploma**

# Regarding all available Diplomas

**Requirements for each type of diploma change frequently**



It is your responsibility to read the program of studies and speak to your school counselor

# Advanced Studies Diploma

CURRENTLY requires students to have:

- 26 credits and 9 verified credits
- Completed three years of a foreign language
- Taken Algebra II or above

*This is the best diploma for children wishing to attend a four-year college*

# Standard Diploma

Currently requires students to have:

- 22 credits and 5 verified credits
- Earn a board-approved career and technical education credential
- Successfully complete one virtual course

*This is a good diploma for students wishing to enter the workforce, attend a community college or begin an apprenticeship or a vocational training program.*

When you check the Program of Studies make sure you check the dates listed for each diploma

Advanced Studies Diploma	Standard Credits*	Verified Credits**
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	2
Laboratory Science	4	2
History and Social Sciences	4	2
World Languages	3	
Health and Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	1	
Economics and Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Test		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Effective with first-time ninth graders in 2011-2012 and beyond

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Mathematics	4	1
Laboratory Science	4	1
History and Social Sciences	4	1
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Health and Physical Education	2	
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Electives	3	
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You'll find that information here -

[http://hcps.us/parents\\_students/program\\_of\\_studies/graduation\\_requirements](http://hcps.us/parents_students/program_of_studies/graduation_requirements)

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Laboratory Science	3	1
History and Social Sciences	3	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education	2	
Economics and Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Student Selected Test		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>

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Mathematics	3	1
Laboratory Science	3	1
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Health and Physical Education	2	
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Economics and Personal Finance	1	
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# Applied Studies Diploma

Only available to students:

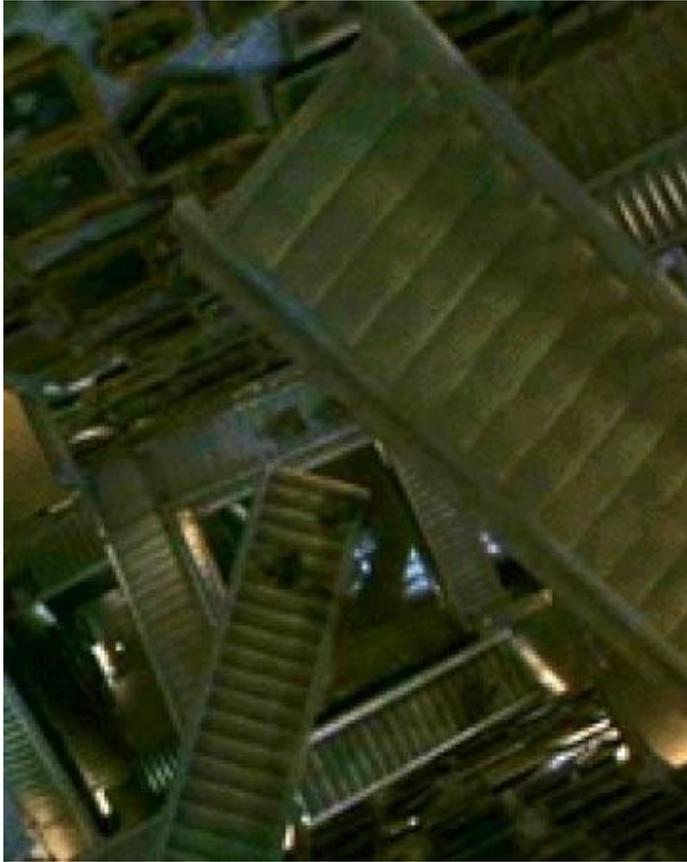
- Identified as having a disability under IDEA
- Who complete the requirements of their IEP but
- Do not meet the requirements for any other diploma

*This diploma is **not** equivalent to a Standard Diploma. Students receiving this diploma should have already begun seeking post-high school employment services, potential funding streams, linking with supports and services and possible pathways to independent living.*

# Assessment Options and Their Relationship to Types of Diplomas

A child's IEP must specify the child's participation in the state accountability system as follows:

- For both a ***standard or advanced diploma*** the student must participate in the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests
  - Students may take the SOLs with or without Accommodations
- For an **applied studies diploma** the student may participate in the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP), the Aligned Standards of Learning (ASOL) or the Standards of Learning tests (SOL)



## Key Takeaway:

Like the staircases at Hogwarts, graduation requirements are always changing. So,

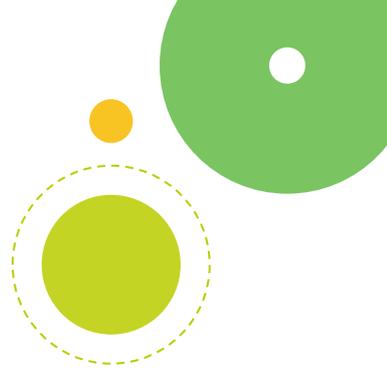
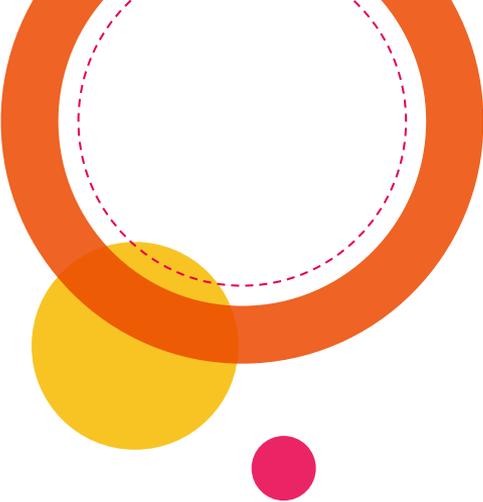
- Read the Program of Studies
- Speak with your School Counselor
  - Your case manager may not be aware of recent changes
- Double-check your child's schedule to make sure they're taking the correct courses

# Critical Decision Point

It is absolutely critical that parents understand that agreeing to modifications of a child's curriculum means that their child *will not be receiving the same instructional content as his peers.*

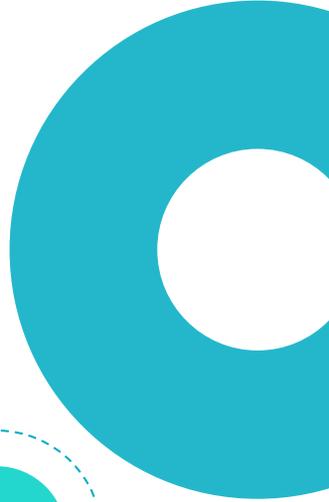
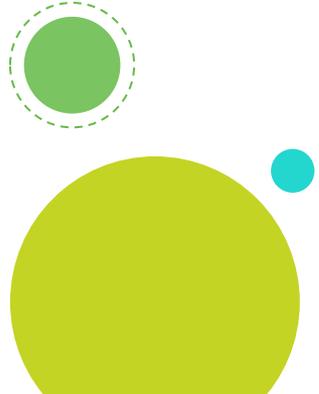
This means that the child will not be adequately prepared to take standardized assessments (such as the SOLs) that lead to verified credits.

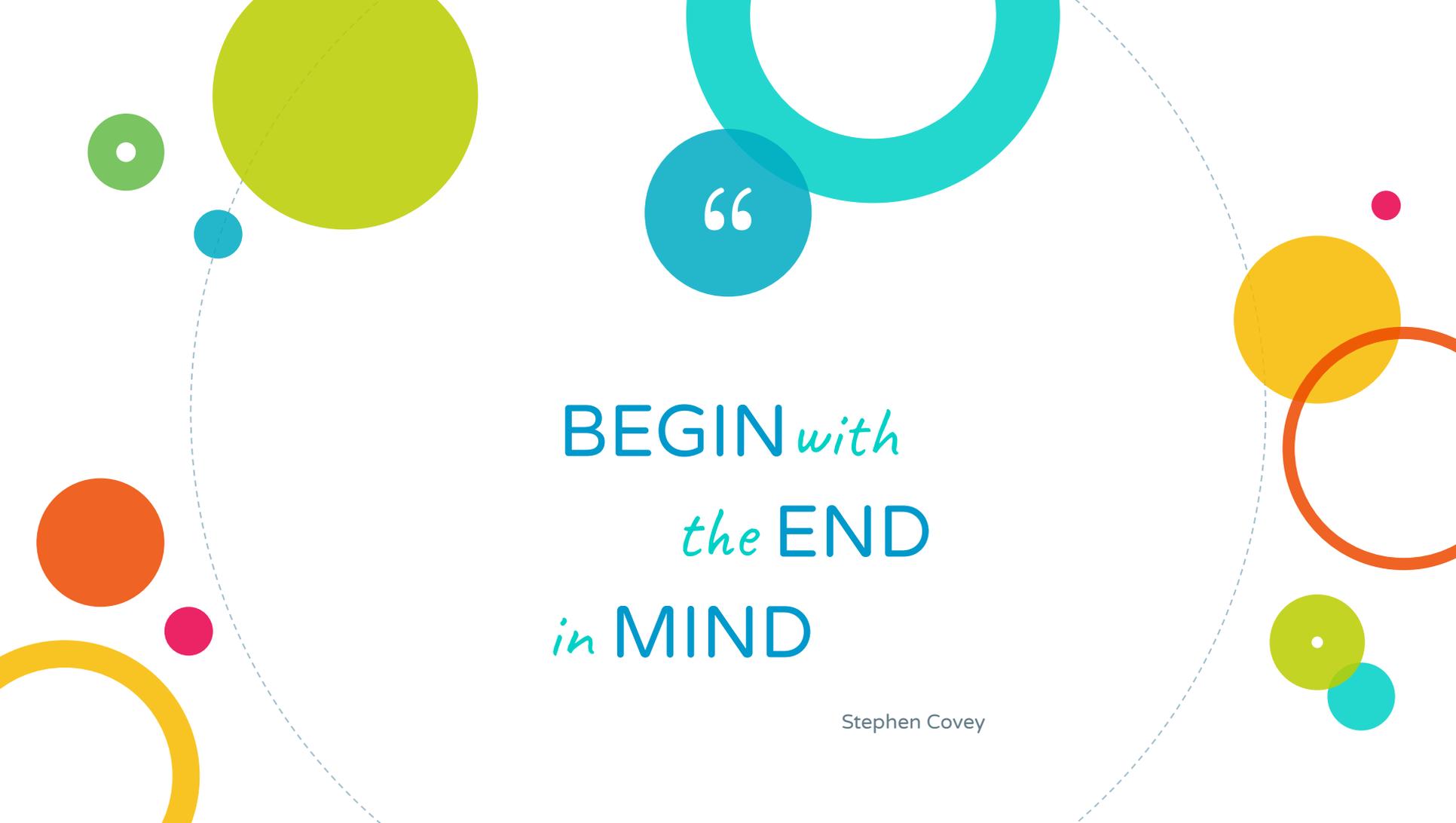
*Without these verified credits, the child will be unable to earn either a Standard or an Advanced Studies Diploma.*



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Post-Secondary  
Transition

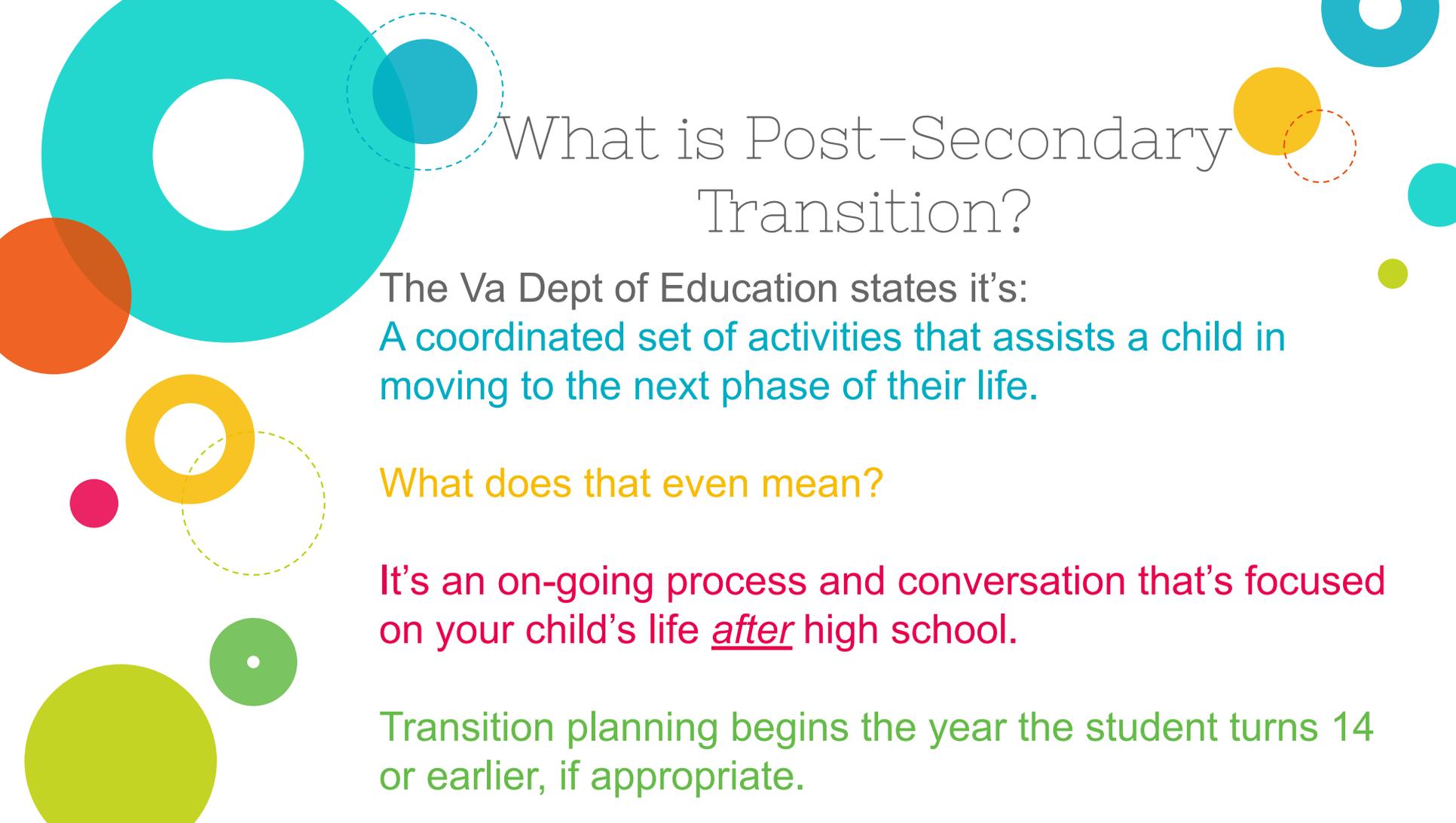


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BEGIN *with*  
*the* END  
*in* MIND

Stephen Covey



# What is Post-Secondary Transition?

The Va Dept of Education states it's:  
A coordinated set of activities that assists a child in moving to the next phase of their life.

What does that even mean?

It's an on-going process and conversation that's focused on your child's life after high school.

Transition planning begins the year the student turns 14 or earlier, if appropriate.



## Transition Goals in the IEP:

- Must consider student preferences, family wishes and current educational performance
- Are written appropriate to your child's age
- Must be measurable and based on age-appropriate assessments
- Should relate to training, education, employment, and if appropriate, independent living skills

# Also Included in the Transition IEP

- A list of what is needed for your child to achieve his/her post-secondary goals, such as:
  - Transition services
  - Instruction
  - Related services
  - Community experience
- Linkages to outside agencies
  - Who does your child need to work with outside of school and why
  - Inter-agency responsibilities and linkages are typically included in the IEP once your child turns 16



# Three Important Items!

#1

There are NO IEPs after high school

#2

**The Age of Majority** is the age at which a minor child legally becomes an adult - 18 years in the US.

#3

At age 18, educational rights transfer *from* you, *to* your child.



# Regarding Transfer of Rights

It is very important you begin discussing the transfer of rights with your child well before his/her 18th birthday.

The IEP team must include a statement in your child's IEP at least one year before he/she turns 18 that you and your child have been advised that the rights will transfer.

If your child is unable to manage that level of responsibility, there are options available. Your child's IEP team will be able to guide you through that process.