

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has granted additional opportunities for high school seniors to meet the LEAP 2025 and Career Diploma IBC credentialing requirement.

The aforementioned opportunities are available to high school seniors who meet the following qualifications:

1. Met all other graduation requirements
2. Attempted all LEAP 2025 assessments at least one time
3. Were enrolled during the spring 2021 semester and are graduating by August 31, 2021

All high school seniors who meet the qualifications listed above have the option to substitute the following in lieu of the LEAP 2025 high school assessment requirement and/or Career Diploma credential requirement:

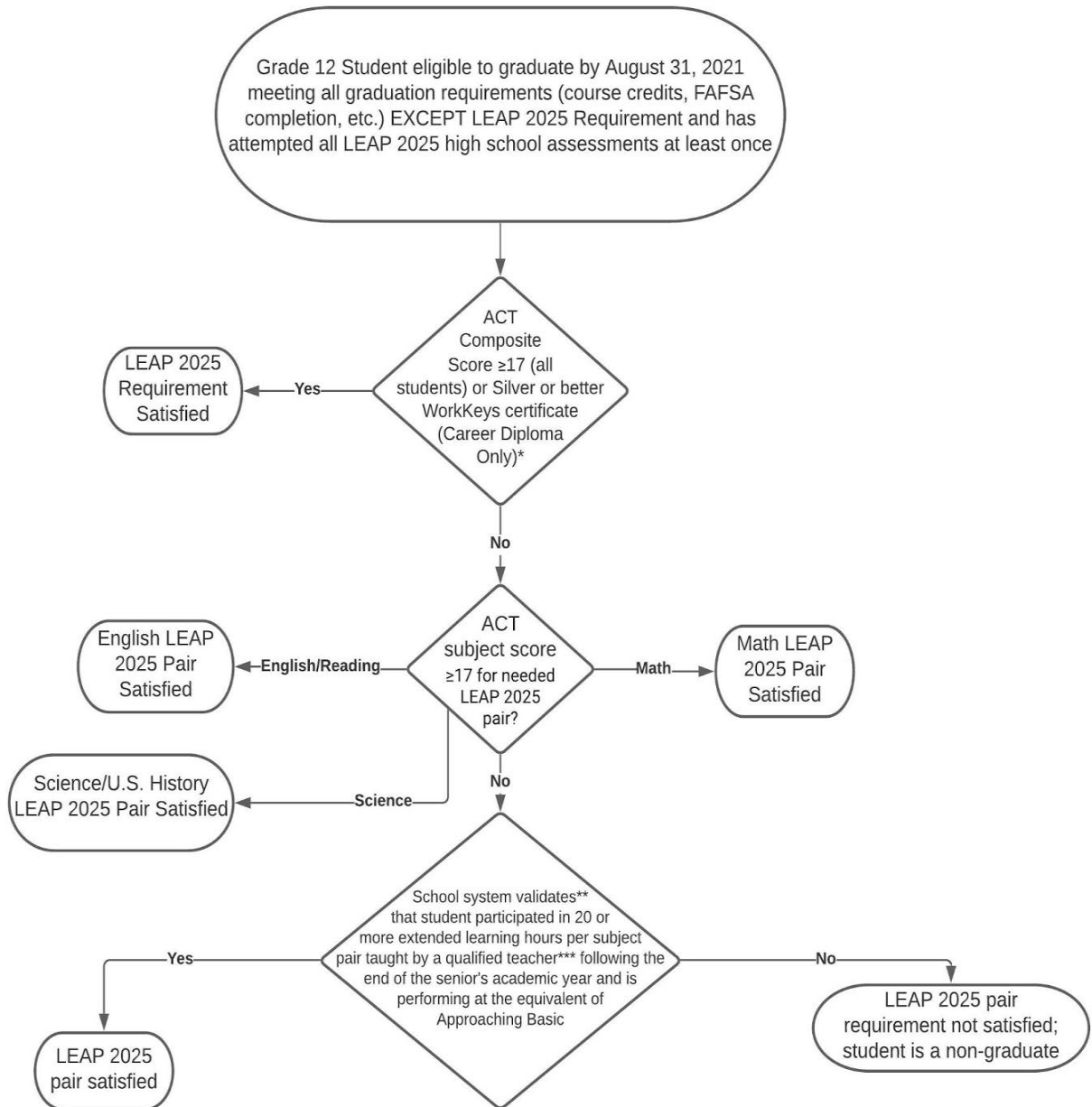
#### **LEAP 2025 Substitution Opportunities**

1. An ACT composite score of 17 or higher for all students; or
2. An ACT subject score of 17 or higher in the corresponding LEAP 2025 high school assessment; or
3. A score of Silver or better on ACT WorkKeys for students pursuing a Career Diploma; or
4. The student participates in 20 or more extended learning hours per LEAP 2025 high school assessment subject pair for which the student has yet to achieve level 2 (approaching basic/fair) or above, with such instruction provided by a qualified teacher. [A template will be provided to LEAs to document the extended learning hours and the level of achievement.](#)
  - a. School systems will determine the number of extended learning hours needed (**minimum 20**) and the assessment method used to determine whether or not the student is performing at the equivalent of Approaching Basic.
  - b. Qualified teacher is defined as holding a valid and current teaching certification or a final COMPASS evaluation of Effective:Emerging or better.

#### **Career Diploma IBC Credentialing Requirement Substitution**

1. WorkKeys Silver and above can also substitute for an IBC credential for the purpose of meeting graduation requirements for Career Diploma students.

For more information please contact: [HighSchoolAcademics@LA.GOV](mailto:HighSchoolAcademics@LA.GOV) or [review the dynamic FAQ document](#).



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