

Statewide Bridge Plan Timeline

Fall 2007

Planning. Parameters of the Bridge Plan for Academic Validation are developed by MSDE and other stakeholders.

Comparable HSA Pilot. MSDE's Comparable HSA pilot in three local school systems informs the development of the Bridge Plan.

Winter 2007–2008

Online planner. MSDE develops an online planner to identify the project modules the student needs to complete in an Academic Validation Project Package.

Spring 2008

Training. MSDE trains local school system staff to implement the Bridge Plan.

Summer 2008

Implementation. The Bridge Plan for Academic Validation is offered primarily to juniors and seniors who have not passed a specific HSA(s) test twice and meeting other eligibility criteria. Students must complete and submit Academic Validation Project Packages with adequate time for review prior to commencement exercises. Earlier due dates will be established for students as appropriate.

Spring 2009

Reporting. Local school systems submit reports to MSDE on the use of the Bridge Plan.

Summer 2009

Evaluation. MSDE conducts an evaluation of the Bridge Plan's first year to determine if any modifications are needed.

Summer 2011

Reexamination of the Bridge Plan. MSDE convenes a stakeholder panel to examine local school systems' Bridge Plan reports and the State's annual analyses, and make recommendations to the State Board, if appropriate.