

## CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

The Board of Education desires that every student have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through successful completion of ~~class work and examination~~ **district graduation requirements**. However, when a student is unable to do so, the Board encourages completion of an alternative program that allows ~~him/her~~ **the student** to obtain an equivalent certificate.

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(~~cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination~~)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Eligible persons **who pass the California High School Proficiency Examination** may obtain a certificate of proficiency ~~or a high school equivalency certificate in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation~~ **from the State Board of Education (SBE)**. Eligible persons **who pass a general educational development test designated by the SBE** may obtain a high school equivalency certificate **from the testing service**.

The Superintendent or designee shall make information available to interested persons regarding the eligibility and examination requirements of each program.

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

**Interested persons shall register for the test directly with the testing service and pay the applicable fee. However, the fee shall be waived for a homeless or foster youth who is under age 25 years, meets all other registration requirements, and submits certification of homeless or foster youth status. (Education Code 48412; 5 CCR 11524-11526, 11533-11534.1)**

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

48400-48403 Persons subject to compulsory continuation education

48410 Persons exempt from continuation classes

48412 Certificate of proficiency; examination fees

48413 Enrollment in continuation classes

48414 Reenrollment in district

51420-51427 High school equivalency certificate

**52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups**

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11520-11523 Proficiency examination and certificate

11530-11532 High school equivalency certificate (~~GED~~)

### Management Resources:

#### CDE PUBLICATIONS

Adult Education Handbook for California, 1997

#### WEB SITES

**CDE, GED Office:** <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ged>

**CDE, High School Proficiency:** <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/chspe>

**California Department of Education, California High School Proficiency Examination:**

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp>

**California Department of Education, High School Equivalency Tests:** <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd>

**California High School Proficiency Examination:** <http://www.chspe.net>

**General Educational Development Test:** <http://ged.com>

**High School Equivalency Test:** <http://hiset.ets.org>

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