Instruction

## **CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**

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

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Eligible persons who pass the California High School Proficiency Examination may obtain a certificate of proficiency 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. <u>6164.2</u> - 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

<u>48400-48403</u> Persons subject to compulsory continuation education

<u>48410</u> 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

<u>11520-11523</u> Proficiency examination and certificate

<u>11530-11532</u> High school equivalency certificate

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Management Resources: WEB SITES 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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