

INSTRUCTION

Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

The County Superintendent of Schools desires that every student have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through successful completion of course work, and successful completion of the California High School Exit Exam and/or proficiency tests.

However, the California Legislature has provided two alternatives to the high school diploma: the High School Equivalency Certificate for individuals 18 or older and the Certificate of Proficiency for persons 16 or older or who have been in the tenth grade for a year or who are currently enrolled in the final semester of tenth grade. These certificates may be granted by the California Department of Education to individuals who pass the performance tests established by the Department.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that County Office of Education requirements relative to these alternatives to high school graduation are fulfilled.

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 Re-enrollment in district

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 11520 Definitions
- 11521 Placement on pupil transcript
- 11522 Requirement for exemption from school attendance form
- 11523 Examination announcements
- 11530, et seq. High School Equivalency Certificate (GED)

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

- 0615.89 Granting credit for passing the tests of the General Education Development (GED)