

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

The Governing Board desires that every student have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through successful completion of class work and Board-approved proficiency tests.

The Board, however, must point out that 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 district 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 Reenrollment in district

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11520 Definitions

11521 Placement on pupil transcript

11522 Requirements for exemption from school attendance form

11523 Requirement to make examination announcements

11530 High School Equivalency Certificate

*Management Resources:*CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0615.89 Granting credit for passing GED