

**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

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