



## INSTRUCTIONS

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

BP 6146.2

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

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

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

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, California High School Proficiency Examination: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tq/sp>

California Department of Education, High School Equivalency

Tests: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tq/qd>

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNTY BOARD:

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