

**Tumwater School District
Board Policy**

DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS

The Tumwater School District will issue diplomas to an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States who was scheduled to graduate from high school, but who left high school before graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam era.

To be eligible for a diploma the veteran or his or her representative must fill out the application form provided by the Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs, and provide evidence of eligibility. Veterans are eligible for the diploma even if they subsequently earned a high school equivalency certificate or are deceased.

Veterans may apply either to the high school they would have graduated from, to the high school in their local community, or to a high school to which they have substantial ties. The superintendent will determine those veterans who have substantial ties to the district. Examples include, but are not limited to: living or having lived in the district, having attended school in the district, having children or other descendants who have attended school in the district, having been employed by the district or volunteering in the district.

Legal References: RCW 28A-230-120 High school diplomas — Issuance — Option to receive final transcripts — Notice
RCW 41.04.005 “Veteran” defined for certain purposes

Management Resources: *Policy News*, 6-2008 Diplomas for Veterans
Policy News, 6-2003 Honoring Veterans of the Korean Conflict
Policy News, 4-2002 WWII Veterans May Receive Diplomas

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