



Petition for High School Diploma

On March 30, 2015, Governor Nathan Deal signed into law House Bill 91 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1) that retroactively removes the requirement in the State of Georgia to pass exit exams as a condition to receive a high school diploma. As such, former Georgia high school students who have completed all requirements for high school graduation with the exception of passing one or more portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests, the Georgia High School Writing Test, or their predecessors and were denied a high school diploma solely for this reason are now able to petition the local board of education in which he/she was last enrolled to receive a high school diploma. The local board of education must determine the former student's eligibility to receive a high school diploma based on the graduation requirements in effect when the student first entered ninth grade.

Former students who believe that they are eligible to petition for a high school diploma, whose last enrolled high school was North Oconee High School or Oconee County High School, and who wish to petition the Oconee County Schools Board of Education to receive a high school diploma must follow the procedure outlined below:

- Fully complete the petition form below or obtain a hard copy of the form in the guidance department of either OCS high school.
- Submit the completed form along with a photocopy of an official government issued photo ID either by mail to the attention of the guidance department of the OCS high school last attended or in person to the front desk of the OCS high school that you last attended.

Only petitions that include all requested information and documentation and are successfully submitted in the manner specified above will be processed. Processing of petitions may take up to four weeks and will occur only during times when school is in session. Petitioners will be informed once the determination of eligibility to receive a high school diploma has been made.

Contact the guidance department at the OCS high school that you attended if you have questions.

Guidance Department
North Oconee High School
1081 Rocky Branch Rd.
Bogart, GA 30622
(706) 769-7760

Guidance Department
Oconee County High School
2721 Hog Mountain Rd.
Watkinsville, GA 30677
(706) 769-6655



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Petitioners for a high school diploma pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1 (HB 91) must submit this fully completed form along with a photocopy of a government issued photo ID. These documents must be submitted by mail to the attention of the guidance department of the high school last attended or in person to the front desk of the high school last attended.

Student Information:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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If known by a different name in high school, please indicate that name below.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Current Address: Street # / P.O. Box	Street	City	State	Zip Code
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Phone Number(s)	E-mail Address
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Date of Birth	Last 4 digits of Social Security Number	Gender: M/F
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Name of High School Last Attended	Year of Graduation / Exit from High School
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My signature below indicates that I was denied a high school diploma solely for the reason that I failed to pass one or more exams that were formerly required to receive a diploma and that I am requesting to be granted a diploma based upon the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1. Furthermore, I verify that the information provided above is complete and accurate.

Student Signature: _____	Date: _____
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- ☐ The Petitioner has met the requirements to receive a regular high school diploma.
- ☐ The Petitioner has not met the requirements to receive a regular high school diploma.

Signature of Guidance Counselor	Date
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