

CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCY

A student who is 16 years of age or older but under 19 years of age and who has a substantial and warranted reason for leaving the regular high school program or who has been home schooled may make application, at the option of the applicant, to the resident district or the school last attended in the state of Washington, for a certificate of educational competency. The application must be signed by the student's parent and shall include the recommendation of a staff review committee and the superintendent. Causes considered shall be those indicating that withdrawal would be in the student's best interests, including any one of the following:

- A. Personal problems which seriously impair the student's ability to make reasonable progress toward high school graduation;
- B. A financial crisis which directly affects the student and necessitates the student's employment during school hours;
- C. The lack of curriculum and instruction which constitute appropriate learning experiences for the student,
- D. The inability or failure of the school of attendance to adjust its program for the individual or otherwise make arrangements for enrollment in a program in a manner which enables the student to advance toward graduation with reasonable progress and success.
- E. The student has been home-schooled and has essentially completed high school work.
- F. A determination by the designated employee of the district that it is in the best interests of the student to withdraw in order to enter a postsecondary institution, the military or to engage in employment.

The district shall make provisions for an appeal process for any student who feels that the denial to apply for a certificate of educational competency was unwarranted.

Certificate of educational competency shall be awarded by the state superintendent of public instructional and the state board for community and technical colleges.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3114	Part-time, home-based or off-campus Students
Legal References:	RCW 28A.205.030	Reentry of prior dropouts into common schools, rules-Eligibility for GED test
	RCW 28A.305.190	Certificate of educational competence, rules for issuance
	Chapter 180-96 WAC	Certificate of education competence
	Chapter 131-48 WAC	Certificate of Education Competence (Community and Technical College)