

# MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

## Board Policy

BP 6146.2

### INSTRUCTION

#### 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 district graduation requirements. However, when a student is unable to do so, the Board encourages completion of an alternative program that allows the student to obtain an equivalent certificate.

*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention) (N/A)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

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

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

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*

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*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/tg/sp>*

**California Department of Education, High School Equivalency Tests:**

*<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd>*

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

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

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

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