

**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)*

*(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: (see next page)*

**CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (continued)**

*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/tg/sp>*

*California Department of Education, High School Equivalency Tests: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd>*

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

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

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