

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Instruction****CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**

The County Superintendent and County Board desire that every student have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through successful completion of County Superintendent/County Board graduation requirements. However, when a student is unable to do so, the County Superintendent and County Board encourage completion of an alternative program that allows the student to obtain an equivalent certificate.

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 in accordance with law, County Superintendent/County Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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

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)

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Legal ReferenceEducation 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 ResourcesWebsites

CDE, California High School Proficiency Examination; <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sp>