

INSTRUCTION

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(s) or guardian(s) 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, and
- E. The student has been home-schooled and has essentially completed high school work.

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
	WAC 180-56-405	Purposes
	WAC 180-56-410	Definitions
	WAC 180-56-415	Applications – Establishment of substantial and warranted reason – Administration by school districts
	WAC 180-56-425	Applications – Testing – Award of certificate of educational competence
	WAC 180-56-430	Issuance of certificates – Minimum test scores

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