

CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCY
Certificate of Educational Competency

A Certificate of educational competency shall be awarded by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

~~A~~ To be eligible for a certificate of educational competency, a student who is 16 years of age or older but under 19 years of age and who has must have a substantial and warranted reason for leaving the regular high school program, or who has have been home schooled.

The student may make application, at the option of the applicant, apply either to the resident district or the school the student 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 will include the recommendation of a staff review committee and the superintendent. Causes considered shall be those indicating that Reasons for withdrawal to seek a certificate of educational competency may include: 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. ~~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. 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 or the military, or to engage in employment; or

F. ~~E.~~—The student has been home-schooled and has essentially completed high school work.

The standard of the Woodland School District shall be to only approve requests of student's who have completed their sophomore year. Mitigating circumstances will be considered by the superintendent or designee regarding exceptions to this standard.

~~The district shall make provisions for an appeal process for a~~ Any student who feels that the denial of an application to apply for a certificate of educational competency was unwarranted. may appeal to the board of directors. The board of directors will make a decision within 30 calendar days of the request and such decision will be final, subject to an appeal to a court of law pursuant to RCW 28A.645.010.

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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

28A.305.190 ~~Certificate of educational competence, rules for issuance.~~ Eligibility to take GED test

WAC 180-96 ~~Certificate of educational competence~~ General educational development (GED) test

WAC 131-48 Certificate of Educational Competence (Community and Technical Colleges)

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