

Explanation of Administrative Rules Relating to the General Educational Development Program and The High School Equivalency Diploma Options

- PI 5.04** **GED.** Passed the five (5) GED subtests with a minimum score of 410 and an average of 450 or above on all five (5) subtests.
- PI 5.05** **Passing the GED test and meeting additional requirements in health, citizenship, and employability skills.** In reviewing the knowledge which the GED tests measure, the department has determined that health and citizenship (state and local government), which are required by the high school graduation standards, are not adequately covered by the GED tests. Further, since most persons need a high school equivalency diploma to obtain meaningful employment, it is essential that employment acquisition and retention skills be attained. (The employability skills and career awareness requirements shall be waived for persons 55 years of age or older at their request.)
- PI 5.06** **Attainment of credits.** This option is most closely related to completion of an actual high school program of study. Persons who have attained, or nearly attained, the 22 high school credits, but who have not graduated, may be eligible for a diploma from their local school district by earning the additional credits required. If the person is not able to obtain a diploma from the school district, he or she may be granted a high school equivalency diploma from the state superintendent.
- PI 5.07** **Post-secondary Education.** Persons who complete a full year of post-secondary education may be issued a high school equivalency diploma. This option requires the completion of 24 semester or 32 quarter credits of post-secondary education, which must include credits in any area of study (except physical education) in which the person did not meet the high school graduation requirements. For example, a person who earned 2 credits each in math, science, English, and social studies, and 0.5 in health during high school, would be required to include course work in English and social studies in post-secondary study.
- PI 5.08** **Foreign degree or diploma.** This option allows persons who completed the equivalent of high school or post-secondary study in another country, to obtain a United States credential.
- PI 5.09** **Completion of a program approved by the state superintendent.** This option will allow WTCS districts, colleges, universities, and community-based organizations to request approval of programs which will lead to high school equivalency diplomas under this section. The rules specify that the programs must be based on the high school graduation standards and include employability skills training and/or assessment.

Collection of personally identifiable information is used only for validation purposes. State regulations require that student records not be released to third parties without parent/guardian or adult pupil's consent, or absent such consent, an identification number substituted for the pupil's name [Wis. Admin. Code PI 11.37(2)(a), (b)].

Note: Copies of Ch. PI 5, Administrative Code may be obtained at the local library or online at: www.legis.state.wi.us./rsb/