

Certificate of Educational Competency

Certificates of educational competency will be awarded by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

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 apply to or request to take the certificate of educational competency.

The student may make application, to the resident district or the school last attended in the state of Washington. The application must be signed by the student's parent/guardian and shall include the recommendation of the high school principal or superintendent.

1. Causes considered shall be those indicating that withdrawal would be in the student's best interests, including any one of the following: Personal problems which seriously impair the student's ability to make reasonable progress toward high school graduation;
2. A financial crisis which directly affects the student and necessitates the student's employment during school hours;
3. The lack of curriculum and instruction which constitute appropriate learning experiences for the student,
4. 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.
5. 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
6. The student has been home-schooled and has essentially completed high school work.

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

Lynden School District No. 504
BOARD POLICY

No. 2411

Cross References: Policy 3114
campus Students

Part-time, home-based or off-

Legal References: RCW 28A.205.030
common schools, rules — Eligibility for GED test
RCW 28A.305.190

Reentry of prior dropouts into

Eligibility to take GED test

Chapter 180-96 WAC
(GED) test
Chapter 131-48 WAC
Competence (Community and Technical Colleges)

General educational development

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