



Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma Update

Workforce Development Council
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Summary of Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma Programs

GED Diploma	HiSET Diploma (After 2014)	Competency-Based Diploma
Successful passing of the General Education Development (GED) test and verification of completion of .5 credit in Hawaii K-12 School.	Successful passing of the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), a nationally recognized test similar to the GED and verification of completion of .5 credit in Hawaii K-12 School.	<p>Successful completion of all program requirements of the CBCSDP.</p> <p>Phase I: passing of all five units of study, Consumer Economics, Community Resources, Health, Government & Law, and Occupational Knowledge and a mastery test; and</p> <p>Phase II: earning post-secondary school credit or obtaining work experience or a marketable skill or demonstrating home mastery.</p>



Hawaii Education Regulations Hierarchy

- United States Constitution
- United States Code (U.S.C.)
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- Hawaii State Constitution
- Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)
- Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)
- Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Board of Education (Board) Policies
- Standard Practices (SPs) School Code
- Department Memoranda



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E.R.K. v. State of Hawaii Dept. of Education



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Hawaii DOE changes the diploma issued by the Community School for Adults (CSA) to a Hawaii Adult Community School diploma.

The diploma is no longer a high school diploma. It is a high school diploma equivalency.

August 28, 2013

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR
THE NINTH CIRCUIT E.R.K. v. State of Hawaii
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None of the DOE's arguments sway us from our conclusion that the Community Schools for Adults offer "free public education" to students who do not require IDEA services. The DOE offers, at taxpayer expense, the opportunity for nondisabled 20- and 21-year-olds to complete their secondary educations and earn high school diplomas. Providing IDEA services to disabled children of those ages would therefore be consistent with "State law or practice . . . respecting the provision of public education," so the state must do so. 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(1)(B)(i).



Summary

The ninth circuit court of appeals found that a high school diploma from the Hawaii DOE or the Community Schools for Adults is the same therefore IDEA services need to be provided to eligible students 20 and 21 years old as required by federal law.

2014



Post-Secondary Federal Financial Aid

The following are the equivalent of a high school diploma as described in CFR Title 34 Part 600.

1. A General Education Development Certificate (GED);
2. A State certificate received by a student after the student has passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma; This includes evidence of a passing score on tests recognized by the state and similar to the GED, such as the High School Equivalency Test or HiSET and the Test Assessing Secondary Completion or TASC.
3. An academic transcript of a student who has successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree; or
4. For a person who is seeking enrollment in an educational program that leads to at least an associate degree or its equivalent and who has not completed high school but who excelled academically in high school, documentation that the student excelled academically in high school and has met the formalized, written policies of the institution for admitting such students.



January 2014 – CFR Title 34 Section 600.2

Definition of a high school diploma recognized equivalent.

Meets federal law?	HI DOE Diploma	Adult School GED Diploma	Adult School HiSET Diploma	Adult School Competency-Based Diploma
US DOE Higher Education Post-Secondary financial aid eligibility. CFR Title 34 Section 600.2 Definition of a high school diploma recognized equivalent. (January 2014)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



July 2014 – WIOA Credential Attainment

Definition of a Secondary School Equivalency

Meets federal law?	HI DOE Diploma	Adult School GED Diploma	Adult School HiSET Diploma	Adult School Competency-Based Diploma
WIOA - Definition of a Secondary School Diploma: A secondary school equivalency certification signifies that a student has completed the requirements for a high school education. (July 22, 2014)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

July 2014 – WIOA Measurable Skills Gain

Definition of a State-recognized equivalent

Meets federal law?	HI DOE Diploma	Adult School GED Diploma	Adult School HiSET Diploma	Adult School Competency-Based Diploma
WIOA - Documenting Progress for Types of Measurable Skill Gains ... the participant obtains a diploma or State-recognized equivalent documenting satisfactory completion of secondary studies or an alternate diploma(5), including a high school or adult secondary school diploma.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Hawaii Adult Community School Diplomas	What it means
High School Diploma from the Community School for Adults	High School Diploma
Hawaii Adult Community School Diploma (GED, HiSET, CB)	High School Diploma Equivalency
Hawaii Adult Community School CB Diploma Program	Since 2014 does not meet federal law for CFR Title 34 and WIOA.