

6A-6.0201 State of Florida High School Diplomas, as of January 1, 2014.

(1) through (5) No change.

(6) The Department shall maintain a perpetual record of individual test results and issue State of Florida High School Diplomas and official transcripts ~~transcripts~~ to successful candidates.

(7) through (9) No change.

(10) School districts must have an underage waiver policy and procedures for individuals aged sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age to take the official GED® test when certain conditions are met. The policy and procedures must be adopted in the district's pupil progression plan and must be publicly posted on the school district website. Each school district must submit their underage waiver policy and procedures and the web address to which the document is posted to the High School Equivalency Diploma Program office via email at GEDagewaiver@fldoe.org by October 1 of every calendar year. At a minimum, the underage waiver policy must include:

(a) The school district process by which an individual must apply for the waiver;

(b) The conditions under which a waiver will be granted by the district;

(c) An appeals process for denials; and

(d) The name and contact information of the school district personnel or other authorized individuals who may be contacted regarding questions about the underage waiver process and approval.

(11) Once an individual satisfies all requirements to be granted an underage waiver, the waiver must be submitted to the assigned school district or testing center personnel. This staff member must send the waiver to the High School Equivalency Diploma Program office via email at GEDagewaiver@fldoe.org within thirty (30) calendar days. Submitted waivers must be signed by the superintendent or their designee.

(12) For school districts with an underage waiver policy which requires enrollment in coursework as a condition for approval to take the official GED® test, a school district may not require a student to take any course if the following conditions are met:

(a) The individual attains a minimum score of one hundred and forty-five (145) on each of the four (4) sub-tests of the GED Ready®: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies.

(b) Exam scores are dated within one (1) calendar year from the date the request for an underage waiver is submitted to the school district.

(c) The GED Ready® sub-tests are taken in a proctored environment as defined in the school district pupil progression plan.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1003.435(1), (4)(b) FS. Law Implemented 1003.435 FS. History—New 11-19-13, Amended 3-23-16, 9-21-21.