



DATE: February 2, 2022

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read and Proposed Revisions to Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

PRESENTED BY: Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Review proposed revisions to Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency and provide direction to bring back to the next regular board meeting for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following changes are being made to Board Policy 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency:

- Updated to clarify the distinction between a certificate of proficiency and a high school equivalency certificate
- The policy also reflects that there is a fee for these tests which is waived for homeless or foster youth under 25 years of age who meet all other registration requirements and submit certification of homeless or foster youth status.

The following changes are being made to Administrative Regulation 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency:

- Updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 820, 2020) which requires CDE to schedule testing dates at least once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester
- Adds the requirement that districts develop a consent form that may be used by persons receiving a certificate of proficiency to be exempted from compulsory school attendance
- Reflects the two tests currently approved by the State Board of Education for the purpose of attaining a California High School Equivalency Certificate (the General Educational Development test and the High School Equivalency Test)

The following change is being made to Exhibit 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency:

- Presents a sample consent form to be used by students who receive a certificate of proficiency, and their parents/guardians if the student is under 18 years of age, for the purpose of requesting an exemption from compulsory school attendance for the student.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment: Compared Policy, Regulation, and Exhibit