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Adult Education P 6-67A. Programs1. Adult Basic Education Program

This program is available to all persons at least 18 years of age who do not have an academic proficiency of grade eight as determined by a standardized testing program.

2. General Education Development Preparatory Program (GED)

This program is available to all persons at least 18 years of age who have demonstrated an academic proficiency of grade eight by a standardized testing program and whose objective is to complete requirements for the GED certificate. The program may be offered as part of the adult basic education program.

3. High School Diploma Program

This program is available to all persons at least 18 years of age who have completed the eighth grade. Credits are used in accordance with state standards and may be transferred to other schools.

4. Trade Preparatory and Trade Supplementary Programs

These programs are available to all persons at least 18 years of age or persons who have completed a high school diploma or certificate program.

B. Waiver of Age Requirement

Under circumstances which the superintendent considers justifiable, the age requirement for entrance into any of the adult education programs may be waived.

Students enrolled in the Reach Out to Develop Educational Opportunities (RODEO) program who are at least 17 years of age and determined eligible for and meeting the guidelines of the Individual Student Alternative Education Program (ISAEP) may be granted a waiver by the superintendent to participate in the GED testing program.

Legal Reference

Code of Va., § 22.1-223. Definitions.-- As used in this article:

"Adult basic education" means education for adults which enables them to express themselves orally and in writing, read, access information and resources, make

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decisions, act independently and interact with others, and continue lifelong learning to cope with and compete successfully in a global economy.

"Adult education program" means an instructional program below the college credit level provided by public schools for persons over the age of compulsory school attendance specified in § [22.1-254](#) who are not enrolled in the regular public school program, including adult basic education, credit programs, cultural adult education, external diploma programs, general adult education and general educational development programs.

"Credit program" means a program of academic courses which are available to adults to enable them to complete the regular requirements for a high school diploma.

"Cultural adult education" means English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), the preparation of foreign-born adults for participation in American life or for becoming American citizens, and other educational services for foreign-born adults.

"External diploma program" means a program in which adults who did not complete high school may earn a high school diploma by demonstrating with 100 percent mastery the sixty-five competencies established and validated by the American Council on Education.

"General adult education" means academic, cultural, and a vocational instruction which may be obtained through programs other than high school credit programs, a general educational development (GED) program, or an external diploma program (EDP).

"General educational development program" means a program of preparation and instruction for adults who did not complete high school and for youth who have been granted permission by the division superintendent of the school in which they are enrolled to take the test for the general educational development certificate."

(Code 1950, § 22-360; 1978, c. 522; 1980, c. 559; 1999, c. 564.)

§ 22.1-254.2. Testing for general educational development; eligibility; guidelines.

A. The Board of Education shall establish a program of testing for general educational development through which persons may earn a high school equivalency certificate.

The following persons may participate in the testing program:

1. Persons who are at least eighteen years of age and not enrolled in public school or not otherwise meeting the school attendance requirements set forth in § 22.1-254;
2. Persons sixteen years of age or older who have been instructed by their parents in their home pursuant to § [22.1-254.1](#) and who have completed such home school instruction;
3. Persons who have been excused from school attendance pursuant to subsections B and C of § 22.1-254; and
4. Persons for whom an individual student alternative education plan has been granted pursuant to subsection D of § 22.1-254.

Under no circumstances shall persons under the age of sixteen be eligible for the testing program.

B. From such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose, local school boards shall implement programs of preparation and testing for general educational development consistent with guidelines to be developed by the Board of Education. Such guidelines

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shall include a provision that allows preparatory and testing programs to be offered jointly by two or more school boards.”

(1989, c. 225; 1997, c. 458; 1999, cc. 488, 552.)

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