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MEMORANDUM:

TO: School District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kevin O’Farrell, Chancellor, Ph.D.

DATE: June 14, 2024

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0201, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), High School Equivalency Diplomas**

On May 29, 2024, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-6.0201, (F.A.C.), which governs the issuance of High School Equivalency Diplomas. This amendment is in accordance with Section 1003.435(1), Florida Statutes, which requires the Department of Education to include provisions for fees in rule. The cost of GED Test examinations, initial optional printed diploma, issuance of duplicate credentials and third-party verifications are being updated to reflect recently negotiated costs due to a new ITN conducted in 2024 and increasing costs for the Department’s administration of the GED Testing programs. The Department’s current contract for services ends June 30, 2024, which required a new competitive procurement for the high school equivalency examination program. New fees and changes in this rule will be effective July 1, 2024.

The amendment includes the following changes:

1. An increase of \$6 from \$32 to \$38 per test module.
2. An increase of \$5 from \$15 to \$20 for duplication of diploma and transcript. The cost is per document and does not include shipping for printed copies.
3. An increase of \$7 from \$15 to \$22 for third-party verification of a diploma and transcript. The cost is per document.
4. The initial printed diploma will be \$10 plus shipping.

A copy of the rule is attached for your reference. Please contact Ashley Olevitch, High School Equivalency Manager, at Ashley.Olevitch1@fldoe.org if you have any questions.

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Attachments

cc: School District Adult Education Directors
Florida College System Adult Education Directors
Adult Education Community Based Organizations
GED Sponsoring Agency Managers
GED Testing Center Managers

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