

## 6A-6.0201 State of Florida High School Diplomas

(1) through (9) No change.

(10) Pursuant to the requirements of s. 1003.435, F.S., individuals aged sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age must terminate school enrollment prior to taking the 2014 GED® Test. Effective November 1, 2024, the parent or legal guardian of the individual aged sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age must submit a signed and notarized Underage Testing Form and proof of withdrawal from school to the High School Equivalency Diploma Program office via email at [GEDAgeWaiver@fldoe.org](mailto:GEDAgeWaiver@fldoe.org) before the individual can schedule a sub-test of the 2014 GED® Test. 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](mailto:GEDagewaiver@fldoe.org) by October 1 of every calendar year. At a minimum, the underage waiver policy must include:

(a) The individual will be notified by GED® when they are cleared to take the 2014 GED® test. school district process by which an individual must apply for the waiver;

(b) Test scores, and any diplomas based on such scores, that are earned by someone under the age of eighteen (18) not in conformance with this rule will be invalidated. 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) Required form for authorization to test for individuals aged sixteen (16) and seventeen (17). The following form is hereby incorporated by reference: Form FGED-01, Florida GED® Testing Program Underage Testing Form (effective October 2024) (DOS link). The form may be obtained by contacting the High School Equivalency Diploma Program Office, Bureau of Adult Education, Division of Career and Adult Education, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400. 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, 9-26-23, 7-2-24.*