

PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 6000 (STUDENTS)

(Pending Board Approval April 13, 2022)

Background

Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements

Policy updated to change "foreign language" to "world language" to reflect current terminology in law, add material regarding the provision of credits towards community service hours for completion of a course in community emergency response training, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1350, 2020)** which authorizes districts to award a retroactive diploma to students who were in good standing and on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year but were unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements due to COVID-19.

Board Policy 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

Policy updated to clarify the distinction between a certificate of proficiency and a high school equivalency certificate. 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.

Administrative Regulation 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

Regulation 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, add 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, and reflect 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).

NEW - Exhibit 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency

New exhibit 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.