

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**Policy # 1.120**

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**Title: ISSUANCE OF EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS**

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A high school equivalency diploma will be issued from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) after the student has successfully completed the General Educational Development (GED) Test.

A Louisiana resident who successfully completes the GED Test at an official out-of-state GED testing center may be entitled to receive an equivalency diploma, provided that an official copy of the GED Test results are submitted for review to the LCTCS and provided that the student meets all other qualifications to receive an equivalency diploma.

Veterans do not need to submit qualifying scores.

To be eligible for an equivalency diploma based on results of the GED Test, a veteran or member of the Armed Forces shall be a legal resident of Louisiana for six consecutive months or shall have formerly attended a Louisiana school.

A student who has earned a Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma issued by the LCTCS is considered a Louisiana high school graduate in every respect.

A student who has received a high school equivalency diploma may return to a regular high school program but will not be allowed to participate in athletic activities.

Public high school equivalency diplomas shall be signed by the President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College Systems and the Board Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.