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Cascadia College's Adult High School Completion program and High School+ program enable adults to complete course work for a high school diploma.

Cascadia College issues high school diplomas under the authorization of RCW 28B.50.535 and adheres to all requirements in accordance with WAC 180-51-053.

A high school diploma shall be granted to each individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for high school graduation. Cascadia College will issue the diploma.

RCW 28B.50.535 Community or technical college—Issuance of high school diploma or certificate.

A community or technical college may issue a high school diploma or certificate as provided under this section.

(1) An individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for high school completion shall be awarded a diploma from the college, subject to rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.

(2) An individual sixteen years or older or enrolled through the option established under RCW [28A.600.310](#) through [28A.600.400](#), who satisfactorily completes an associate degree through a community or technical college, including an associate of arts degree, associate of science degree, associate of technology degree, or associate in applied science degree, shall be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request from the student. Individuals under twenty-one years of age under this subsection are eligible for funding provided under chapter [28A.150](#) RCW.

[[2019 c 269 § 1](#); [2017 c 93 § 1](#); [2009 c 524 § 2](#); [2007 c 355 § 2](#); [1991 c 238 § 58](#); [1969 ex.s. c 261 § 30](#).]

WAC 180.51.053 Community College High School Diploma Programs

(1)(a) **Minimum requirements for high school diploma.** The minimum requirements and procedures for the issuance of a high school diploma by or through a community or technical college district shall be as prescribed by the state board of education in this section and chapters [180-51](#) and [180-56](#) WAC or as set forth in RCW [28B.50.535](#) (2), (3) or (4).

(b) Any high school graduation diploma issued by or through a community or technical college district shall certify that the diploma is issued in compliance with high school graduation requirements established by the state board of education and procedures established by the superintendent of public instruction or as set forth in RCW [28B.50.535](#) (2), (3) or (4).

(2) Provisions governing program for persons eighteen years of age and over.

(a) The appropriate school district, community college, or technical college education official shall evaluate the previous educational records of the student and may provide evaluative testing to determine the student's educational level. The official shall recommend an appropriate course or courses of study and upon the successful completion of such study the student will be eligible for the high school diploma.

(b) Satisfaction of minimum course requirements may be met by one or more of the following methods with the applicable institution granting credit verifying completion of course requirements.

- (i) Actual completion of courses regularly conducted in high school;
- (ii) Technical college;
- (iii) Community college;
- (iv) Approved correspondence or extension courses;
- (v) Supervised independent study; or
- (vi) Testing in specific subject areas.

(c) The appropriate education official shall exercise reasonable judgment in appraising the educational experience of the student either in or out of a formal school program to determine the degree to which the student has satisfied the minimum credit requirements for completion of the high school program. Consideration may be given to work experience, vocational training, civic responsibilities discharged by the adult and other evidences of educational attainment.

(d) A high school diploma shall be granted to each individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for high school completion. The diploma shall be issued by the appropriate school district, community college, or technical college: Records of diplomas issued under the provisions of this subsection shall be maintained by the issuing agency.

(3) Provisions governing program for persons under eighteen years of age.

(a) The high school principal shall evaluate the previous educational record of the individual and prior to his or her enrollment in courses and in cooperation with the appropriate education official of a community college or technical college shall approve the program of studies leading to the high school diploma.

(b) The student must be assigned a program supervisor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28A.50.535](#). WSR 18-06-032, § 180-51-053, filed 2/28/18, effective 3/31/18.
Statutory Authority: RCW [28A.230.090](#). WSR 10-12-082, § 180-51-053, filed 6/1/10, effective 7/2/10.
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