

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to amend the following Department rule:

General Educational Development (GED)

This rule is amended to incorporate by reference the standards of the RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the administration of the General Educational Development (GED) Program at the RI Training School. This policy also proceeds from the requirements of RI General Law, Federal Law, RI Supreme Court Decisions, the Federal Consent Decree in *Inmates of the RI Training School v. Janice DeFrances*, federal regulation and the Annie E Casey Juvenile Detention Reform Standards. In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This amended rule is accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>). Interested persons may submit written comments by June 9, 2014 to Susan Bowler, Implementation Director for Policy and Programs, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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General Education Development (GED)

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families
Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: Training School

Policy: 1200.1731

Effective Date: June 14, 2004

Revised Date: ~~2014 September 1, 2010~~

Version: ~~23~~

The Education Program provides residents with the opportunity to obtain an alternative diploma whenever appropriate. The High School Equivalency Diploma Program, also known as General Education Development (GED), ~~is awarded Senior High School Equivalency Diplomas~~ to residents who successfully complete testing in conformance with RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regulations.

Related Procedure

[General Education Development \(GED\)](#)

General Education Development (GED)

Procedure from Policy 1200.1731: General Education Development (GED)

A. Eligible residents are assessed for enrollment in the General Education Development (GED) Program. The assessment determines the resident's desire and ability to obtain a GED.

~~B. Residents must also meet one or more of the following criteria established by the RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to participate in GED programming and:~~

- ~~1. Have attained 16 years of age;~~
- ~~2. Not be enrolled or required to be enrolled in high school under State law;~~
- ~~3. Lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills that would allow them to reach their full potential;~~
- ~~4. Not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED).~~

~~C. Preparation for and success on the GED examination includes study in the following subjects:~~

- ~~1. Writing Skills, Part I: Sentence structure, usage, spelling, punctuation, capitalization~~
- ~~2. Writing Skills, Part II: Essay~~
- ~~3. Social Studies: History, Economics, Political Science, Geography, Behavioral Sciences~~
- ~~4. Science: Life Science, Physical Sciences~~
- ~~5. Interpreting Literature and the Arts: Popular literature, Classical literature, Commentary on Literature and the Arts~~
- ~~6. Mathematics: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry~~

~~D.B. Residents must to receive a passing score as determined by the American Council on Education and the RI Department of Education to receive a GED.~~

~~E.C. The GED Program is provided at no cost to residents.~~

~~F.D. Paragraphs A - DE are consistent with Correctional Education Association Standards 43 and 46 as well as American Correctional Association Standards 3-JTS-5D-02; 3-JTS-5D-03; 3-JTS-5D-04; 3-JTS-5D-06; 3-JTS-5D- 07 and 3-JTS-5D-08.~~