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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W. Va. Code §18-2-5 and §18-8-6

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W. Va. Code §§29A-3B-1, et seq.; W. Va. Board of Education
v. Hechler, 180 W.Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988).

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO _____

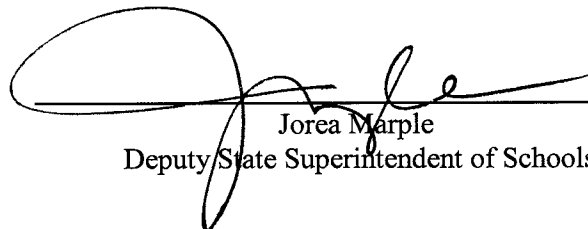
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 32

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Issuance of the State of West Virginia
General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based Upon Passage of the
GED Tests (2444.4)

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 13, 2010.


Jorea Marple
Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Policy Number and Title: Policy 2444.4 ISSUANCE OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED®) DIPLOMA BASED UPON PASSAGE OF THE GED TESTS

Background: Revisions to Policy 2444.4 are being recommended to implement the guidelines of the GED Option due to the Legislation amended W. Va. Code §18-8-6 relating to improving student participation, success and high school graduation rates and requiring county boards of education plan for improving student retention and increasing graduation rate....

“A GED Option state designation by the American Council on Education would allow students in this state to remain enrolled in school and continue acquiring academic and career-technical credits while pursuing a GED diploma. The GED Option would be blended with the West Virginia virtual schools or a career-technical education pathway. Upon completion, rather than being a dropout, the student would have a GED diploma and a certification in the chosen career-technical or virtual school pathway;”

Proposal: §126-32-2. State of West Virginia GED Diploma. GED Testing sites will be permitted to test a selected population of students still enrolled in high school.

Impact: Currently, West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) GED Office requires that individuals under the age of 18 wanting to take the GED Tests cannot be enrolled in an accredited high school. Therefore, the student must withdraw from the public school prior to taking the GED Tests. GEDTS has developed a testing plan that will allow students to participate in the GED testing program without being withdrawn from an accredited high school-the GED Option. West Virginia is approved as a GED Option State.

Proposal: §126-32-3. Applying for Testing. This section was updated to reflect the online registration process currently used by the GED Office.

Impact: The online registration process results in less preparation time for the examiner and tests scores within two (2) days for the GED candidate.

Proposal: §126-32-4. Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma. The Official GED Practice Tests (OPT) scores may differ for the Adult Basic Education (ABE) learner and the GED Option student.

Impact: Since the GED Option student will be able to take one content area test at a time, the OPT scores will need to be at a higher level to ensure achieving a total of 2250 points to pass the GED Tests.

Proposal: §126-32-5. Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger.

The change in the OPT scores being determined by the State GED Administrator is once again reflected in this section. The major alteration to this section is that the sixteen (16) year old will not be able to participate in GED testing without being enrolled in the GED Option.

Impact: Since amended W. Va. Code §18-8-6 increased the compulsory attendance age to the age of seventeen (17), the sixteen (16) year old should still be enrolled in school.

Proposal: §126-32-6. Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option. This section was added to reveal the guidelines for the GED Option. The most important aspect of this section is found in 6.2 concerning the credential received by the GED Option student. The GED Option student may receive a State of West Virginia GED Diploma or a high school diploma according to the completion level of the program:

- A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the following requirements are met:
 - Attends GED preparation classes
 - Passes the GED Tests
 - Completes a job preparation “soft skills” curriculum
 - Completes the four (4) required core courses in a CTE skilled pathway concentration or any program of study resulting in a certification
 - Meets the standards on the WorkKeys® job skills assessments
 - Reaches or exceeds the cut score set by WVDE on the End-of-Concentration Performance Assessment
- A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the following requirements are met:
 - Is deficient in a class during the senior year that is assessed by the GED Tests
 - Attends GED preparation classes for the deficient content class
 - Passes the content area GED Test with a minimum score as determined by the State GED Office
 - Continues attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes
- The State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma is earned and the student is counted as a completer but not a dropout or graduate if the following requirements are met:
 - Reaches the seventeenth (17th) birthday
 - Passes the GED Tests prior to leaving the public school system

Impact: The desired result of the GED Option program is to keep the student enrolled in the high school rather than dropping out of school and to issue more high school diplomas. Nevertheless, at age seventeen (17) if the student cannot be convinced to remain in school, the hope is to have the student to complete the GED Tests prior to dropping out of school.

Proposal: §126-32-7. Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility. A title was added to this section to make the read of the policy more user friendly. The GED Option guidelines were defined for these programs so that the sixteen (16) year old can only be involved with GED Testing if enrolled in a GED Option program.

Impact: By implementing the GED Option program in these facilities more high school diplomas should be issued.

Response to Comments: Twenty-two (22) comments were received during the comment period. The majority of the comments, sixteen (16), were in support of the proposed changes. There were five (5) neutral comments - one requiring an explanation of terms, one requesting the regulations governing how quickly one is placed in the program, one wanting a selection committee for GED students enrolling in the GED Option, which is part of the GED Option process, to avoid “dumping” by the schools and one wanting “Free GED Exams” to continue in West Virginia. The fourth neutral comment came via email from the American Council on Education GED Testing Service requesting the following wording be changed in Section 6.2.2.:

6.2.2. A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the student meets the following requirements:

- a. Is a senior and will not graduate with ninth grade cohort;
- b. Receives GED preparation classes in the deficient content areas;
- c. Passes the content area GED Test by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV GED passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard); and
- d. Continues attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes.

Therefore, action was taken and the new wording is reflected in the final policy.

Four (4) negative comments were received. One negative comment stated that there were no correlations of a high school credit and the name of a GED Test. The response to this statement indicated that the GED Tests are standardized so that 40% of graduating high school seniors cannot pass the tests in the subject areas of Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts, Reading and Mathematics.

The second negative comment was concerning cost of the program. The response was that the county would have to hire the teacher and pay for materials needed for the program.

A third negative comment wanted provisions for charging testers when they do not attempt to test and just mark answers on the sheet. This policy change does not reflect charging individuals to take the GED Tests.

The fourth negative comment was about the high school student having to pay for the GED testing. The response indicated that the high school student would be testing for free.

All comments were addressed with the exception of one due to the absence of contact information.

Individuals making the comments were from the following vocations:

- 1 Principal
- 1 Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instructor
- 1 County Board of Education Member
- 3 Family and Community Members
- 6 Teachers
- 1 Teacher and Parent
- 1 Mayor
- 1 Business Owner
- 2 Parents
- 2 Service Personnel
- 2 GED Examiners
- 1 Coordinator of Vocational Services

In conclusion, the West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2444.4 has undergone changes allowing the sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) year olds to be able to remain in school and take the GED Tests. The Department and the majority of those making comments believe that such changes will give the students at risk of dropping out of high school hope of graduating on time and will result in a certification of skills obtained for employment.

The GED Option is an opportunity for West Virginia students to succeed rather than dropping out of school.

Listing of Individuals Involved in Editing of Policy 2444.4

1. Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, Assistant Superintendent for the Division of Technical and Adult Education Services
2. Dr. Stan Hopkins, former Assistant Superintendent for the Division of Technical and Adult Education Services
3. Virginia Harris, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to WVBE
4. Geneva Parsons, Division Secretary for Technical and Adult Education Services
5. Liz Bryant, Secretary III-A for the Office of Human Resources
6. Sonja Fisher, GED Testing Analyst for the GED Office
7. Debbie Lively, GED Testing Analyst for the GED Office
8. Sandy Simmons, Secretary II/Accountant II for the GED Office
9. Debra Kimbler, GED Coordinator for the Office of Adult Education and Workforce Development

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TITLE 126
LEGISLATIVE RULE
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SERIES 32
ISSUANCE OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL EDUCATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT (GED®) DIPLOMA
BASED UPON PASSAGE OF THE GED TESTS (2444.4)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

§126-32-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- The purpose of the State of West Virginia GED Diploma is to provide appropriate recognition of educational attainment to those individuals who have demonstrated that they have attained academic skills equivalent to those at the high school completion level by satisfactorily passing the GED Tests.

1.1.1. The GED Tests mirror the core content and performance standards reflected at the national and state levels and demonstrate the attainment of developed abilities acquired through completion of a four-year high school program of study (Woodward, Katherine S., Alignment of National and State Standards, A Report by the GED Testing Service. American Council on Education, GED Testing Service, 1999).

1.2. Authority. -- West Virginia Constitution, Article XII, Section 2; W. Va. Code §18-2-5 and §18-8-6.

1.3. Filing Date. -- August 12, 2010.

1.4. Effective Date. -- September 13, 2010.

1.5. Repeal of Former Rule. This legislative rule amends W. Va. §126CSR32, West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 2444.4, Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based Upon Passage of the GED Tests, filed March 13, 2008 and effective July 1, 2008.

§126-32-2. State of West Virginia GED Diploma.

2.1. The West Virginia Department of Education, hereinafter State Department, issues a State of West Virginia GED Diploma based upon satisfactory scores earned on the GED Tests. These tests are prepared by the General Educational Development Testing Service (GEDTS®) as an agent of the American Council on Education. The State of West Virginia GED Diploma is issued only by the State Department.

2.2. West Virginia is a GED Option State. GED testing sites are authorized to test a selected population of students sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) years of age, enrolled in an

accredited school and engaged in an appropriate GED Option program. The student may earn a State of West Virginia GED Diploma or a high school diploma, according to the completion level of the program.

§126-32-3. Applying for Testing.

3.1. First time applicants are required to complete the local GED Testing Orientation Seminar or the GED Option Orientation Seminar which includes, viewing of the calculator and alternate format video, calculator practice exercises, taking and passing the Official GED Practice Test (OPT) with the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard) and completing online registration at least five business days prior to testing.

3.2. A valid and current state-issued photo identification, i.e., driver's license, state alternative identification, military identification or a valid passport, with current name, birth date, and preferably a Social Security number will be required prior to and during all testing sessions. Failure to present applicable photo identification will result in a loss of testing privilege until such identification is presented. (See also Section 7.1.)

§126-32-4. Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma.

4.1. The State Department requires that applicants taking the GED Tests achieve a minimum passing score of 2250 or above on the battery of five subtests and a standard score of not lower than 410 on any one of the five subtests.

4.2. Prior to taking the GED Tests, individuals must provide written documentation from an Adult Basic Education (ABE) instructor or a GED Option instructor of taking and passing the OPT by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard).

4.3. The State Department requires that the initial battery testing be completed within six weeks, or no more than two consecutive complete test sessions (whichever is longer in duration). First time examinees are expected to take two or more subtests per testing session except as provided by the GEDTS accommodations policy. GED Option students do not have to complete the initial battery testing within six weeks and may take only one content test per testing session.

4.4. Individuals passing the GED Tests will receive a State of West Virginia GED Diploma. Students enrolled in the GED Option and passing the GED Tests may receive a State of West Virginia GED Diploma or a high school diploma according to the completion level of the program.

§126-32-5. Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger.

5.1. For the purposes of GED testing, the official dropout date shall be defined as, "the school day after the student's last day of attendance," as outlined in W. Va. 126CSR81, West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4110, "Attendance."

5.2. Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age are eligible to test by qualifying under

any of the following categories:

5.2.1. The candidate has been officially withdrawn from a “regular” high school (a secondary school characterized as a “regular” accredited high school by the jurisdiction as defined by GEDTS), i.e., officially withdrawn or home-schooled prior to test registration as evidenced by written documentation from the last school/system attended or by written documentation from the county attendance director for the home-schooled student. Documentation must include the withdrawal date as indicated in Section 5.1. or home-school dates, and the original class graduation date. The candidate must also provide written documentation from an ABE instructor of taking and passing the OPT by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard); or evidenced by written documentation from an Adult Basic Education (ABE) instructor.

5.2.2. The candidate is enrolled in the GED Option.

5.3. Individuals who are seventeen (17) years of age are eligible to test by qualifying under any of the following categories:

5.3.1. The candidate’s original high school class has graduated before the candidate makes application for GED testing as evidenced by written documentation from the last school/system attended. Documentation must include the withdrawal date as indicated in Section 5.1. and the original class graduation date. The candidate must also provide written documentation from an ABE instructor of taking and passing the OPT by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard).

5.3.2. The candidate has been officially withdrawn from a “regular” high school (a secondary school characterized as a “regular” accredited high school by the jurisdiction as defined by the GEDTS), i.e., officially withdrawn or home-schooled for a period of one month prior to test registration as evidenced by written documentation from the last school/system attended or written documentation from the county attendance director for the home-schooled student. Documentation must include the withdrawal date as indicated in Section 5.1., or home-school dates, and the original class graduation date. The seventeen (17) years of age candidate must also provide written documentation from an ABE instructor of taking and passing the OPT by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard); or

5.3.3. The candidate is enrolled in the GED Option.

5.4. Individuals who are sixteen (16) years of age are eligible to test by qualifying under the following categories:

5.4.1. The candidate is enrolled in the GED Option.

5.4.2. The sixteen (16) year old GED Option student may begin taking the GED Tests at the age of sixteen (16) but may not complete the exam until the seventeenth (17) birthday.

§126-32-6. Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option.

6.1 Examinees, at least sixteen (16) years of age, who are enrolled in the GED Option program may take the GED Tests without withdrawing from high school provided that the following conditions are met:

6.1.1. The school, government program or institutional facility was approved by the West Virginia GED Office to implement the GED Option.

6.1.2. The course content must be rigorous enough to support passage of the GED Tests and align with the academic expectations of the high school. GED Option classes should be structured as closely as possible to the West Virginia Strategic Planning in Occupational Knowledge for Employment and Success (SPOKES) classroom or an ABE classroom providing a very comprehensive program of study for mathematics, writing, social studies, reading, science and workforce readiness.

6.1.3. The GED Option student must be recommended to the GED Option program by a member of the school, government program or institutional facility's professional staff.

6.1.4. The GED Option student receives counseling prior to entering the program, while participating in the program and upon exiting the program.

6.1.5. A parent/guardian, unless the student is placed in an institutional facility, must give written consent for the student to participate in the GED Option.

6.1.6. The candidate must also provide written documentation from the GED Option instructor of taking and passing the OPT by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard).

6.1.7. The sixteen (16) year old GED Option student may begin taking the GED Tests at the age of sixteen (16) but may not complete the exam until the seventeenth (17) birthday.

6.2. The GED Option student may receive a State of West Virginia GED Diploma or a high school diploma according to the completion level of the program.

6.2.1. A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the student meets the following requirements:

- a. Attends GED preparation classes;
- b. Passes the GED Tests;
- c. Completes a 21st Century job preparation "soft skills" curriculum;
- d. Completes the four (4) required core courses in a Career Technical Education (CTE) skilled pathway concentration or any program of study resulting in a certification;
- e. Meets the standards on the WorkKeys® job skills assessments; and

f. Reaches or exceeds the cut score set by the State Department on the End-of-Concentration Performance Assessments if applicable.

6.2.2. A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the student meets the following requirements:

- a. Is a senior and will not graduate with ninth grade cohort;
- b. Receives GED preparation classes in the deficient content areas;
- c. Passes the content area GED Test by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV GED passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard); and
- d. Continues attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes.

6.2.3. The State of West Virginia GED Diploma is earned and the student is counted as a completer but not a dropout or a graduate if the student passes the GED Tests prior to leaving the “regular” high school.

§126-32-7. Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility.

7.1. Examinees, at least sixteen (16), seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age, who are participating in a residential, non-residential, or post-residential government program, i.e., Job Corps, Mountaineer Challenge Academy and/or other approved career focused federal residential programs, may be tested provided that the following conditions are met:

7.1.1. The candidate seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age has been officially withdrawn from a “regular” high school (a secondary school characterized as a “regular” accredited high school by the jurisdiction as defined by GEDTS) as evidenced by written documentation from the last school/system attended, or

7.1.2. If the program is approved as a GED Option program and the candidate is enrolled in the program, the candidate sixteen (16), seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age must follow the GED Option guidelines.

7.1.3. The candidate has taken the OPT (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard) as evidenced by written documentation from an instructor at the facility.

7.1.4. A Mountaineer Challenge Academy cadet desiring to retest during the post-residential phase, which lasts one year from graduation date, may use the Mountaineer Challenge Academy’s photo identification if documentation reflecting the cadet’s graduation date is presented to the GED Examiner.

7.2. Individuals who are seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age and are residents of a

West Virginia state-operated institutional facility may take the tests while the examinee is under the control of the facility.

7.2.1. The candidate sixteen (16) years of age may begin testing if the program/institution is approved as a GED Option program.

7.3. Adjudicated youth sixteen (16), seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age, who are under the control of a court, detention center, group care facility, or probation office may be admitted to GED testing by qualifying under any of the following categories:

7.3.1. Adjudicated youth with a court order from a judge or an order from a magistrate designated as a juvenile referee is to be admitted for GED testing, even if the individual is still enrolled in school; or

7.3.2. Upon entering the control of a detention center or group care facility, an assessment that addresses the educational needs of the child is to be conducted by qualified personnel of the facility. If it is determined that there is no reasonable expectation of graduation from the "regular" high school (a secondary school characterized as a "regular" accredited high school by the jurisdiction as defined GEDTS) and if the possibility of being placed at a long-term instate facility is very unlikely, the youth may be admitted to GED Testing:

a. Prior to testing, the GED candidate seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age must be officially transferred from the public school system to the detention center or group care facility as evidenced by written documentation from the last school/system attended, unless enrolled in an approved GED Option program.

b. Must pass the OPT (WV OPT passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard) as evidenced by written documentation from an instructor at the facility.

c. If the program is approved as a GED Option program and the candidate is enrolled in the program, the candidate sixteen (16), seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age must follow the GED Option guidelines.

7.4. All youth who have taken the GED Tests as per section 7.1.-7.3. but did not pass the GED and are no longer a resident of a government program or are no longer a resident of a West Virginia state-operated institutional facility or are no longer adjudicated are eligible to continue testing upon completion of the program or upon release by presenting state issued photo identification and qualifying under either of the following categories:

7.4.1. A copy of a court order from a judge or an order from a magistrate, designated as a juvenile referee, is provided for the GED Examiner. The order must state that the individual will take the GED Tests. Such an order allows an individual, sixteen (16), seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age, to test even if the individual is still enrolled in school; or

7.4.2. The GED candidate's previous scores are located in the GED databank indicating to the GED Examiner that the previous GED Examiner obtained all necessary documentation needed for testing.

§126-32-8. Residence.

8.1. Persons meeting all criteria and demonstrating themselves eligible under the State of West Virginia GED Diploma guidelines shall be admitted to GED testing for the purpose of securing a State of West Virginia GED Diploma. The candidate must present clear, current, state-issued photo identification, i.e., driver's license, state alternative identification, military identification or a valid passport. The GED Examiner may request further proof or other pertinent documentation as evidence of identity, i.e., birth certificate, Social Security card, etc.

§126-32-9. Transcripts of Scores.

9.1. The fact that a person has or has not taken the GED Tests is confidential information since disclosing participation in the GED Testing Program is tantamount to reporting the absence of a traditional high school diploma. Therefore, no name of a credential recipient will be released unless an individual candidate has signed written permission to release the information. Nevertheless, the GED candidate when registering for the GED Tests agrees that information will be shared with necessary West Virginia public school systems for data sharing purposes.

9.2. The original copy of the transcript and diploma shall be issued at no cost. Persons requesting a duplicate GED transcript and/or a replacement copy of their State of West Virginia GED Diploma as evidenced by passing the GED Tests must do so in writing to the State GED Office. The request must originate from the graduate and include the name under which testing occurred, Social Security number, date of birth, place and year of testing, daytime phone number, a copy of a current and valid state-issued photo identification, an original signature and designation as to whom the copy is to be sent. In addition, a check or money order for the research/printing fee, which is determined by the State Department's GED Office, must be included for each transcript requested. No requests, including those for correctional purposes, military enlistment, job placement, or test verification, will be honored without the research/printing fee. All requests must be submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education, GED Office, Capitol Complex, Building 6, Room 250, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25305.

§126-32-10. Falsification of GED Tests Information and/or Center Violations.

10.1. Falsification of Test Information or Personal Security Violations.

10.1.1. Any falsification of information and/or cheating on the GED Tests will result in penalties as outlined in the West Virginia GED Examiners' Manual, "West Virginia GED Security and Administrative Procedures," and as directed by GEDTS regulations.

10.2. Security Compromises in Centers.

10.2.1. Testing center violations will be processed according to the procedures outlined in the West Virginia GED Examiners' Manual, "West Virginia GED Security and Administrative Procedures."

§126-32-11. Testing Fees.

11.1. Testing fees shall be established as outlined in the West Virginia GED Examiners' Manual, "West Virginia GED Security and Administrative Procedures." Altering fees for the GED Tests by local testing centers must be approved by the State GED Office.

§126-32-12. All correspondence regarding this policy should be directed to:

12.1. State GED Coordinator.

GED Office
West Virginia Department of Education
Capitol Complex, Building 6, Room 250
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0330
(304) 558-6315.

§126-32-13. Severability.

13.1. If any provision of this rule or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this rule.

Rule Title: Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma

3. **Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect);**
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia GED Diploma.

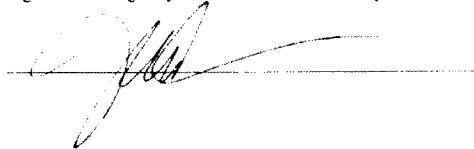
MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia GED Diploma.

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Date



5-19-10

**Policy 2444.4: ISSUANCE OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA BASED
UPON PASSAGE OF THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED®) TESTS**

Comment Log

June 11, 2010-July 14, 2010

<u>Action</u>	<u>Type</u>
N: No Response	- Negative
NA: Not Accepted	+ Positive
A: Accepted	o Neutral

Date	Individual/Organization	Comments	Action/ Type	Rationale
§126-31-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma General				
06/15/10	<p>Name: Judy Burkle Organization: WVDE/OIEP/SMCC Email: jburkle@access.k12.wv.us Title: Prinicipal/GED Examiner Address1: 2880 N. Pleasants Highway Address2: City/State/Zip: St. Marys, WV 26170 Role: Principal Posted: 2010-06-15 13:36:18 Posted from IP: 129.71.204.146</p>	<p>All indicated revisions are fantastic! It will allow more students to graduate thus decreasing the states dropout rate. I also agree with raising the drop out age because that in itself will deter the student and allow instructors more time to prepare the student for the exam/component OPT.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your recent comment, see below, on Policy 2444.4. Your support for the GED Tests and your observations of the positive outcomes of raising the age to seventeen prior to receiving a GED diploma are truly appreciated.</p>

06/16/10	<p>Name: Jane Wagner Organization: ABE EL Civics, WVTESOL Email: esljefferson@yahoo.com Title: Multiple roles Address1: 2164 Cattail Run Rd Address2: City/State/Zip: Charles Town, WV 25414 Role: Teacher Posted: 2010-06-16 08:23:38 Posted from IP: 74.46.209.176</p>	<p>I know WV offers the GED in Spanish and French. Are other languages available? Has consideration been given to how to provide equal access (civil rights and education law requirements) to the GED Option for teens who are also English language learners. Students enrolling as teens with adequate prior education may be potential GED Option candidates, especially if allowed to continue to take appropriate career, technical, and ESL courses while working toward GED. What is the plan for making GED Option information, instructional materials, practice tests, etc. available to them in their first languages?</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. The only languages available for the GED Tests are English, French and Spanish. The materials for the ESL GED Option student will be provided as they are for the adult learner.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
07/02/10	<p>Name: Michael L. Queen Organization: Harrison County Board of Education Email: MichaelQueen@aol.com Title: Member Address1: P.O. Box 907 Address2: City/State/Zip: Clarksburg, WV 26302-0907 Role: Parent-Family</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED</p>

	<p>Posted: 2010-07-02 16:22:51 Posted from IP: 64.12.116.17</p>			<p>Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>07/02/10</p>	<p>Name: Mary Beth Flanagan Organization: Family & Community member Email: mbfsalemwv@aol.com Title: Address1: 176 Valley Street Address2: City/State/Zip: Salem, WV 26426 Role: Parent-Family Posted: 2010-07-02 17:04:34 Posted from IP: 205.188.116.17</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	<p>A/+</p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>

07/02/10	<p>Name: LetitiaYeater Organization: Bridgeport High School Email: lyeater@ma.rr.com Title: teacher and parent Address1: 4 Meadow Lane Address2: City/State/Zip: Bridgeport, WV 26330 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-07-02 18:22:56 Posted from IP: 98.157.79.156</p>	<p>I fully support allowing students to remain enrolled at their high school while attending vocational schools such as United Technical Center, Clarksburg, WV in order to remain in career and technical education courses. We either pay for them now or we will pay for them later. Many students who want to acquire a GED do not have sufficient support at home to remain in school or have been kicked out for some reason. This would allow them to obtain job certifications that may help keep them off of Welfare roles or worse from becoming homeless.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
07/03/10	<p>Name: C Tucker Organization: HCBOE Email: ctucker@access.k12.wv.us Title: Teacher Address1: 55 Ferguson Street Address2: City/State/Zip: Shinnston, WV 26431 Role: Teacher</p>	<p>It is important to keep our students in our school to advance their knowledge and help them to become contributing citizens in the future. By allowing the students to remain in the schools and take technical classes offers them the opportunity to obtain a career after the completion of their diploma or their GED. That way they will be able to acquire employment with the skills they have learned in the technical classes they have taken and also remained in the</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive</p>

	<p>Posted: 2010-07-03 01:49:47 Posted from IP: 151.205.53.30</p>	<p>school system to further their knowledge base. I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>		<p>feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia. I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>07/03/10</p>	<p>Name: Robert D. Burnett Jr. Organization: City of Shinnston Email: Burwitt@Verizon.net Title: Vice Mayor Address1: 700 East Ave Address2: City/State/Zip: Shinnston, WV 26431 Role: Community Member Posted: 2010-07-03 07:21:36 Posted from IP: 72.65.69.135</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	<p>A/+</p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p>

07/03/10	<p>Name: Richard T. Fowler II Organization: R. T. Sales Email: dick@rtsales.biz Title: owner Address1: Rt. 5 Box 737P Address2: City/State/Zip: , Role: Posted: 2010-07-03 11:12:15 Posted from IP: 98.157.66.114</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
07/03/10	<p>Name: Karen Petitto Organization: Harrison County Parent Email: petitto@wvwc.edu Title: Parent Address1: Address2:</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>

	<p>City/State/Zip: , Role: Parent-Family Posted: 2010-07-03 11:15:10 Posted from IP: 74.99.27.205</p>			<p>Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
07/03/10	<p>Name: Kevin Organization: Teacher Email: Title: sub teacher Address1: Address2: City/State/Zip: clarksburg, wv 26301 Role: Teacher Posted: 2010-07-03 15:59:23 Posted from IP: 64.12.116.17</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>I could not respond because an email address or mailing address was not on the form.</p>
07/04/10	<p>Name: Bill Organization: Hunter Email: Title: Address1: 516 S.</p>	<p>I think this would stop alot of kids from dropping out.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance</p>

	<p>Linden Av. Address2: City/State/Zip: Clarksburg, Wv 26301 Role: Service Personnel Posted: 2010-07-04 18:24:01 Posted from IP: 141.153.82.134</p>		<p>of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>07/06/10</p>	<p>Name: Elena Young Organization: Email: youngwv33@cs.com Title: Address1: 26 Trails End Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Bridgeport, Wv 26330 Role: Service Personnel Posted: 2010-07-06 07:19:41 Posted from IP: 173.81.160.248</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	<p>A/+</p> <p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach</p>

				<p>to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>07/06/10</p>	<p>Name: stephen harlow Organization: n/a Email: sbharlow@access.wv.us Title: teacher Address1: RR5 Box 940 Address2: City/State/Zip: Salem, WV 26426 Role: Parent-Family Posted: 2010-07-06 08:36:29 Posted from IP: 168.216.181.79</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	<p>A/+</p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>

07/06/10	<p>Name: Mary B Aman Organization: Email: marybeth@harrisoncountychamber.com Title: Address1: 774 West Shannon Rd Address2: City/State/Zip: Bridgeport, WV 26330 Role: Community Member Posted: 2010-07-06 09:01:31 Posted from IP: 67.53.27.206</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
07/06/10	<p>Name: Toni Limbers Organization: Email: tlimbers@hotmail.com Title: Address1: 463 Lee Avenue Address2: City/State/Zip: Clarksburg, WV 26301 Role: Parent-Family</p>	<p>I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.</p>	A/+	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED</p>

	<p>Posted: 2010-07-06 09:57:17 Posted from IP: 12.46.232.86</p>			<p>Tests. Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce the number of dropouts in West Virginia.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>§126-32-4 Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma</p>				
06/11/10	<p>Name: Millie Stoneking Organization: Email: millie2335@suddenlink.net Title: Teacher Address1: 1861 Meadville Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Davisville, WV 26142 Role: Teacher Posted: 2010-06-11 15:39:21 Posted from IP: 173.218.243.226</p>	<p>I did not find any correlation of a High School course credit and the name of a GED test. The policy states that a student will be able to take a GED test that is comparable to a high school course needed for graduation. The GED info I read did not state a test was Biology, Algebra, Geometry, Civics, American History etc--specific courses-- but are listed as Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English, very general tests. Students will receive credit for courses and will not have taken nor passed the requirements as listed in the WV CSO's.</p>	NA/-	<p>Thank you for your comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. I do not know if you are aware that the GED Tests are standardized so that forty percent (40%) of graduating high school seniors cannot pass the tests. Therefore, a student passing the</p>

				<p>GED Tests has mastered content standards and objectives that forty percent (40%) of the graduating seniors have not mastered.</p>
<p>§126-32-5 Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger</p>				
<p>07/09/10</p>	<p>Name: Cathy A. Fisher Organization: Retired Teacher Email: cathydanf@aol.com Title: Ed.D. Address1: 94 Cimarron Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Nutter Fort, WV 26301 Role: Community Member Posted: 2010-07-09 07:33:12 Posted from IP: 98.157.64.124</p>	<p>Individual students, sixteen years of age or older, should be able to register for GED classes and still remain as registered students in high school. The GED classes could be set-up at the local Vo-Tech Center and the students should be encouraged to register for half day of GED and half day of a Vocational Program. Many students are not suited for the regular schedule of high school courses and the teaching/learning model used by most regular high school teachers. A program of this nature would be more accommodating for the interest and focus of many of these students who are currently dropping out of school. An alternative needs to be available to these students. There was a very unique model of this kind at the United Technical Center in Clarksburg, WV at one time. It has been dismantled and I have never understood why.</p>	<p>A/+</p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. If a county implements the GED Option, the sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) year olds will be able to follow your suggested plan of action.</p> <p>Your positive feedback to the GED Option, which is an innovative and progressive approach to education, indicates your desire to better serve all students and reduce</p>

				the number of dropouts in West Virginia. I really appreciate your comments.
§126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option				
06/15/10	<p>Name: MARK CARL FAWCETT Organization: WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS Email: mcfawcett@suddenlink.net Title: Chief GED Examiner Address1: 210 Riverside Dr Address2: City/State/Zip: New Martinsville, WV 26155 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-06-15 17:17:07 Posted from IP: 173.81.0.50</p>	Exactly what does "may not complete the exam" mean? That is not defined at all in the policy.	A/O	<p>There will be a selection process for the GED Option student. The student will be recommended to the GED Option program by a teacher, counselor or principal. A meeting with the GED Option Team, the student and a parent/guardian will be held prior to enrolling into the program. Therefore, the student may be sixteen (16) year olds and enrolled in the Option program.</p> <p>"May not complete the exam" means that a sixteen year old may be enrolled in the GED Option and may take one or two of the content standard tests, such as Language Arts, Reading or Social Studies.</p>

				<p>Nevertheless, the sixteen year old will no longer be allowed to take the entire GED Tests and receive a GED diploma.</p>
<p>06/18/10</p>	<p>Name: Gordon Anderson Organization: John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center Email: ganderso@access.k12.wv.us Title: Coordinator of Vocational Services Address1: 1207 Courtland Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Weirton, WV 26062 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-06-18 10:58:35 Posted from IP: 67.231.225.18</p>	<p>A selection committee for students enrolling in the GED option to avoid "dumping" by the schools.</p>	<p>A/O</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. The student entering the GED Option Program must be recommended by a teacher, counselor or principal to a GED Option Team that will meet with the parent and student before placement is made.</p>
<p>07/02/10</p>	<p>Name: LetitiaYeater Organization: Bridgeport High School Email: lyeater@ma.rr.com Title: teacher and parent Address1: 4 Meadow</p>	<p>Why does someone have to be enrolled in the GED option? Students circumstances can change overnight. What are the regulations governing how quickly a student can switch to the GED Option should the need arise?</p>	<p>A/O</p>	<p>The student must be recommended by a teacher, counselor or principal for the Option Program. Therefore, the time it takes for a student to enter the program is</p>

<p>Lane Address2: City/State/Zip: Bridgeport, WV 26330 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-07-02 18:22:56 Posted from IP: 98.157.79.156</p>	<p>Via phone call Martin Kehe Deputy Executive Director/Director of Test Development Martha Bozman Director, Partner Outreach GED® Testing Service American Council on Education 202/939-9478 One Dupont Circle Washington, DC 20036 Martha_bozman@ace.nche.edu</p>	<p>Summary of call: Please, change the wording to 6.2.2. to the following: 6.2.2. A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the student meets the following requirements: a. Is a senior and will not graduate with ninth grade cohort; b. Receives GED preparation classes in the deficient content areas; c. Passes the content area GED Test by achieving the minimum score as determined by the State GED Office (WV GED passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard); and d. Continues attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes. Email followed on 07/20/2010 concerning the changes.</p>	<p>A/O</p>	<p>contingent on the selection process at the school.</p>
<p>06/14/10</p>				<p>Changed policy to reflect the suggested wording from GEDTS.</p>

§126-32-11 Testing Fees

06/11/10	<p>Name: Millie Stoneking Organization: Email: millie235@suddenlink.net Title: Teacher Address1: 1861 Meadville Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Davisville, WV 26142 Role: Teacher Posted: 2010-06-11 15:39:21 Posted from IP: 173.218.243.226</p>	<p>The fees are dependent upon the student passing the OPT exam. If the student does not pass the OPT is there a cost? Who will be employed to instruct/guide these students through the process of applying, studying and passing the GED? There will be costs to the school system to implement this policy. It is impossible for NO costs to be incurred.</p>	NA/-	<p>Although there will be a cost to the counties to implement the GED Option, the county will be collecting the daily rate per student enrolled in the GED Option rather than losing that funding because the student has dropped out of school.</p>
06/15/10	<p>Name: MARK CARL FAWCETT Organization: WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS Email: mcfawcett@suddenlink.net Title: Chief GED Examiner Address1: 210 Riverside Dr Address2: City/State/Zip: New Martinsville, WV 26155 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-06-15</p>	<p>Is this an indication that the current policy of "Free GED Exams" is going to change? I hope that is not the case. Surely the State of WV can afford to offer this educational opportunity to any all persons that meet the policy criteria for testing.</p>	A/0	<p>Thank you for your comments and feedback regarding the proposed changes for Policy 2444.4 Issuance of the State of West Virginia General Educational Development (GED®) Diploma Based upon Passage of the GED Tests. Free GED Testing will continue in West Virginia and will be available for the GED Option student. I greatly appreciate</p>

	<p>17:17:07 Posted from IP: 173.81.0.50</p>			<p>your comments.</p>
<p>06/18/10</p>	<p>Name: Gordon Anderson Organization: John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center Email: ganderso@access.k12.wv.us Title: Coordinator of Vocational Services Address1: 1207 Courtland Road Address2: City/State/Zip: Weirton, WV 26062 Role: School System Staff Posted: 2010-06-18 10:58:35 Posted from IP: 67.231.225.18</p>	<p>Provisions for charging testers when they do not attempt to test and just mark answers on the sheet or when the test scores reflect this with scores in the 300's. At this point free testing needs to end.</p>	<p>NA/-</p>	<p>I am sorry but this policy change does not involve provisions for charging testers when they do not attempt to test and just mark answers on the sheet or when the test scores reflect this with scores in the 300's. I greatly appreciate your comments.</p>
<p>07/02/10</p>	<p>Name: LetitiaYeater Organization: Bridgeport High School Email: lyeater@ma.rr.com Title: teacher and parent Address1: 4 Meadow Lane Address2: City/State/Zip: Bridgeport, WV 26330 Role: School System Staff</p>	<p>Counties in WV spend enormous amounts of money on WestTest. Why should a student enrolled in a WV high school have to pay for GED testing?</p>	<p>A/-</p>	<p>The GED Tests will be free for all GED Option students.</p>

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Comments for section 126-32-3 Applying for Testing

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I did not find any correlation of a High School course credit and the name of a GED test. The policy states that a student will be able to take a GED test that is comparable to a high school course needed for graduation. The GED info I read did not state a test was Biology, Algebra, Geometry, Civics, American History etc--specific courses--but are listed as Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English, very general tests. Students will receive credit for courses and will not have taken nor passed the requirements as listed in the WV CSO's.

Comments for section 126-32-5 Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger

Comments for section 126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option

Comments for section 126-32-7 Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility

Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

The fees are dependent upon the student passing the OPT exam.

If the student does not pass the OPT is there a cost?

Who will be employed to instruct/guide these students through the process of applying, studying and passing the GED?

There will be costs to the school system to implement this policy.

It is impossible for NO costs to be incurred.

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

All indicated revisions are fantastic! It will allow more students to graduate thus decreasing the states drop out rate. I also agree with raising the drop out age because that in itself will deter the student and allow instructors more time to prepare the student for the exam/component OPT.

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Comments for section 126-32-4 Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma

Comments for section 126-32-5 Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger

re: 5.4.2.

Exactly what does "may not complete the exam" mean? That is not defined at all in the policy.

Comments for section 126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option

re: 6.1.7.

Exactly what does "may not complete the exam" mean? That is not defined at all in the policy.

Comments for section 126-32-7 Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program
or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility

Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

re: 911.1.

Is this an indication that the current policy of "Free GED Exams" is going to change? I hope that is not the case. Surely the State of WV can afford to offer this educational opportunity to any all persons that meet the policy criteria for testing.

Debra Kimbler

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

I know WV offers the GED in Spanish and French. Are other languages available? Has consideration been given to how to provide equal access (civil rights and education law requirements) to the GED Option for teens who are also English language learners. Students enrolling as teens with adequate prior education may be potential GED Option candidates, especially if allowed to continue to take appropriate career, technical, and ESL courses while working toward GED. What is the plan for making GED Option information, instructional materials, practice tests, etc. available to them in their first languages?

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Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

Debra Kimbler

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A selection committee for students enrolling in the GED option to avoid "dumping" by the schools

Comments for section 126-32-7 Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility

Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

Provisions for charging testers when they do not attempt to test and just mark answers on the sheet or when the test scores reflect this with scores in the 300's. At this point free testing needs to end.

Debra Kimbler

From: Debra Kimbler [dkimbler@access.k12.wv.us]
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 9:38 AM
To: 'Judy Burkle'
Subject: Policy 2444.4 Comment

Good Morning Judy,

Thank you for your recent comment, see below, on Policy 2444.4. Your support for the GED Tests and your observations of the positive outcomes of raising the age to seventeen prior to receiving a GED diploma are truly appreciated.

Comment:

Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

All indicated revisions are fantastic! It will allow more students to graduate thus decreasing the states drop out rate. I also agree with raising the drop out age because that in itself will deter the student and allow instructors more time to prepare the student for the exam/component OPT.

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Sincerely,



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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

I fully support allowing students to remain enrolled at their high school while attening vocational schools such as United Technical Center, Clarksburg, WV in order to remain in career and technical education courses. We either pay for them now or we will pay for them later. Many students who want to acquire a GED do not have sufficient support at home to remain in school or have been kicked out for some reason. This would allow them to obtain job certifications that may help keep them off of Welfare roles or worse from becoming homeless.

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Comments for section 126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option

Why does someone have to be enrolled in the GED option? Students circumstances can change overnight. What are the regulations governing how quickly a student can switch to the GED Option should the need arise?

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Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

Counties in WV spend enormous amounts of money on WestTest. Why should a student enrolled in
a WV high school have to pay for GED testing?

Debra Kimbler

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

It is important to keep our students in our school to advance their knowledge and help them to become contributing citizens in the future. By allowing the students to remain in the schools and take technical classes offers them the opportunity to obtain a career after the completion of their diploma or their GED. That way they will be able to acquire employment with the skills they have learned in the technical classes they have taken and also remained in the school system to further their knowledge base.
I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program

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Debra Kimbler

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

I think this would stop alot of kids from dropping out.

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

I support the proposed changes in Policy 2444.4 to allow students under the age of 18 and who are at risk of dropping out of high school to take the GED examination while still enrolled in high school or vocational program.

Comments for section 126-32-3 Applying for Testing

Comments for section 126-32-4 Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma

Comments for section 126-32-5 Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger

Comments for section 126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option

Comments for section 126-32-7 Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility

Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

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Comments for section 126-32-2 State of West Virginia GED Diploma

Comments for section 126-32-3 Applying for Testing

Comments for section 126-32-4 Basis for Granting the State of West Virginia GED Diploma

Comments for section 126-32-5 Testing of Individuals Eighteen (18) Years of Age and Younger

Individual students, sixteen years of age or older, should be able to register for GED classes and still remain as registered students in high school. The GED classes could be set-up at the local Vo-Tech Center and the students should be encouraged to register for half day of GED and half day of a Vocational Program. Many students are not suited for the regular schedule of high school courses and the teaching/learning model used by most regular high school teachers. A program of this nature would be more accommodating for the interest and focus of many of these students who are currently dropping out of school. An alternative needs to be available to these students. There was a very unique model of this kind at the United Technical Center in Clarksburg, WV at one time. It has been dismantled and I have never understood why.

Comments for section 126-32-6 Testing of Individuals Enrolled in the GED Option

Comments for section 126-32-7 Testing of Individuals Participating in a Government Program
or a West Virginia State Institutional Facility

Comments for section 126-32-11 Testing Fees

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From: Bozman, Martha [martha_bozman@ace.nche.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 5:46 PM
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Subject: RE: GED Option

Your changes are good. Let's also change the second bullet to be Receives GED preparation classes in the deficient content area(s). And on the third, let's add at the end after GED Office (WV Option passing standard may exceed national minimum passing standard).

I don't believe we need a signed hard copy again, but please do send an amended electronic copy, with a note from you that those who need to be informed of the change have been informed.

Let me know if anything is not clear,
Martha

From: Debra Kimbler [mailto:dkimbler@access.k12.wv.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Bozman, Martha
Subject: GED Option

Good Afternoon Martha,

It feels so good to be working on something besides the major compromise that I am continuing to deal with.

Today I must finalize GED Policy to reflect the GED Option. A discussion with you and Marty indicated that the wording for the following section of the proposal needed to be changed. Please, take a look at the following and let me know if it is acceptable:

(Found on A-6 of the proposal)

- A high school diploma is earned and the student is counted as a graduate if the following requirements are met:
 - ~~Is deficient in a class during the senior year that is assessed by the GED Tests~~ Is a senior and will not graduate with ninth grade cohort
 - Receives GED preparation classes in the deficient content class/es
 - Passes the content area GED Test ~~with a score of 450~~ as determined by the State GED Office
 - Continues attending and maintaining passing grades in all other classes

If this change is acceptable, do I need to resubmit the proposal?

Thanks for your help☺

Sincerely,

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