



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Chapter 4.00: Curriculum and Instruction

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GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) EXAMINATION

POLICY

Candidates for the General Education Development (GED) Examination shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of examination unless the Superintendent or designee determines that:

- I. The candidate is at least sixteen (16) years of age; and
- II. The legal parent or guardian requests in writing that the examination be given prior to age eighteen (18); and
- III. The candidate has not been enrolled in a public school for at least one calendar year; and
- IV. The candidate has obtained a score of ten (10.0) or higher on each section of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE); and
- V. A well-documented, severe, personal or financial hardship exists.

An exception to 3-5 above may be allowed for a candidate who is a client of the Department of Juvenile Justice when the Superintendent or designee determines that it is in the best interests of both the candidate and the school district for the candidate to take the examination. An exception may also be granted to a student who is enrolled and satisfactorily working in a district-approved Early Exit GED Option program.

Students served in Department of Juvenile Justice residential programs who have previously filed a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment as described in F.S. 1003.21 shall be afforded the opportunity to take the GED examination at the last scheduled session prior to their release from custody.

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