

**ISSUANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT (GED) DIPLOMAS**

**1.0 Purpose**

Barbour County Schools will participate in the instruction, preparation and evaluation of candidates for the High School Equivalent (GED) Diploma in accordance with West Virginia Department of Education Adult Basic Education and GED policies.

**2.0 GED Scope of Authority**

- 2.1 The GED is not a regular high school diploma and the possessors of such are not entitled to take part in regular high school graduation exercises.
- 2.2 Persons, who earn a GED, are not graduates of Philip Barbour High School because they have not met all regulations and academic requirements set forth by Barbour County Schools and the West Virginia Department of Education.
- 2.3 As practical, the county will conduct a separate GED graduation ceremony at the conclusion of each school year.

**3.0 GED Testing in Barbour County Schools**

- 3.1 Barbour County Schools will establish and publicize GED testing dates annually. The official GED exam is composed of five (5) parts: Mathematics, Language Arts Writing, Social Studies, Science and Language Arts Reading.
- 3.2 The West Virginia Department of Education requires a minimum standard score of 410 on each of the five subtests, and a total minimum standard score of 2250 to pass the GED examination. Barbour County examinees may take each GED subtest a maximum of three (3) times during any calendar year.

**4.0 Eligibility for GED Instruction and Testing**

- 4.1 Any student enrolled in the ABE/GED program who is under eighteen years of age and has dropped out of school must establish a pattern of regular attendance (twelve hours per week) for a minimum of one month to have his/her drivers license reinstated.
- 4.2 The verification form for the license will be processed only after county attendance requirements have been met and the student has demonstrated progress towards his/her established program goals.
- 4.3 The following requirements for GED testing in Barbour County are aligned with those established by the West Virginia Department of Education:
- 4.4 **Nineteen (19) Years of Age and Older:** An individual who is nineteen years of age or older is eligible to test by providing evidence of having passed all portions of the OPT (official practice test) and release of information signature.
- 4.5 **Eighteen (18) Years of Age:** An individual who is eighteen (18) years of age is eligible to test by qualifying under either of the following categories:
  - a. Provides evidence on the WV GED Form (Appendix 1) that candidate's original high school class has graduated, the candidate's withdrawal date, passing OPT scores, and release of information signature;

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or

- b. Provides evidence on the WV GED Form (Appendix 1) the withdrawal date from a regular accredited high school, passing OPT scores, and release of information signature.

**4.6 Sixteen (16) Years of Age and Seventeen (17) Years of Age:** An individual who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age is eligible to test by qualifying under either of the following categories:

- a. Provides evidence on the WV GED Form (Appendix 1) that candidate's original high school class has graduated, the candidate's withdrawal date, parent or guardian signature granting permission to test, passing OPT scores, and release of information signature.

or

- b. Provides evidence on the WV GED Form (Appendix 1) the withdrawal date, which reflects that the candidate was withdrawn from the regular accredited high school or was placed in alternative education or home-schooled for at least one (1) month prior to testing date, parent or guardian signature granting permission to test, passing OPT scores, and release of information signature.

**Source:** West Virginia State Board Policy 2444.4

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