



District of Columbia State Board of Education
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State Board of Education Resolution
State Superintendent Presents the Following Resolution for Members of the State Board of Education
To Approve Proposed Graduation Regulations

SR14-_____

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law requires the State Board of Education to approve high school graduation requirements;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's current graduation regulations require that students earn 24 Carnegie Units to obtain a high school diploma;

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent proposes that the term "Carnegie Unit" be replaced in the regulations with the term "credit," which is defined as "successful demonstration of a specified unit of study;"

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent proposes that an educational institution shall award course credit toward high school graduation, on the condition that the course activities incorporate all applicable state content standards, through any of the following methods:

- (1) Seat-time;
- (2) Competency Based Learning;
- (3) Credit Advancement; or
- (4) Credit Recovery.

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent proposes that beginning January 1, 2014, a student who has successfully completed the tests of General Educational Development (GED) in compliance with Title 5-E DCMR Sections 2320 *et. seq.*, (General Educational Development (GED) Testing), the National External Diploma Program (NEDP), is enrolled in a school operated by the State, or successfully completed any additional option pre-approved by OSSE shall be eligible for a State Diploma from OSSE. Additionally, a student who is in a home schooling program that is in compliance with Title 5-E DCMR Chapter 52 (Home Schooling), shall also be eligible to receive a diploma from OSSE;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Graduation Regulations and finds that they will increase flexibility for learners and educators; will remove barriers that prevent LEAs from re-designing their learning environment and focusing on student needs; and will increase the number of District students who are college and career ready;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the State Board of Education approves the proposed Graduation Regulations as proposed by the State Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT OSSE shall submit a public report on the status of the implementation of the proposed graduation requirements annually.

Date Adopted: _____

Signed: _____