

Regulation IHDB

Las Cruces Public Schools

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Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent for Instruction

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL/GED PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

To implement the policy of the Board of Education regarding compliance **with** state law 22-2-8 2008, NMSA 178 and 6.30.3 NMAC to “enable individuals who are unable to graduate from high school the opportunity to demonstrate developed abilities normally acquired through completion of a high school program and thereby earn a credential equivalent to a high school diploma.”

II. BACKGROUND

In accordance with the applicable state law, the New Mexico Public Education Department provides that the LCPS Board of Education may adopt a regulation to excuse a student who is a minimum of 16 years of age from the Compulsory Attendance Law; and further that students may request such a release from the Superintendent of Schools.

III. PROCESS

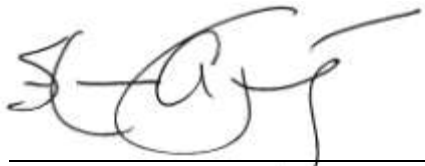
Here is the process an LCPS student must follow if he/she wishes to take a GED test:

- A. The student shall contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools to make an appointment for the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian to discuss the GED application with a designated member of the superintendent’s staff.
- B. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian must attend the meeting.
- C. The parent(s)/guardian must bring valid identification (i.e., a current drivers license) to the meeting.
- D. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian must insure that all school books and other school property have been returned to the student’s home school and that all fees and debts owed to the school by the student have been paid prior to the student’s GED application.
- E. The student must provide valid evidence that he/she meets the state’s GED age requirement.
- F. The student and/or parent(s)/guardian may be asked to complete and sign a Release of Directory Information form, giving the school district permission to release that student’s directory information to an official GED testing center.

- G. The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian must complete the State of New Mexico's GED Testing Program form. Both the student and the parent(s)/guardian must provide a written statement as to why the student wishes to withdraw from school and obtain a GED.
- H. The completed state GED Testing Program form must be taken to a GED preparation center so the student can enroll in a GED course. There are three GED prep centers in Las Cruces:
1. Mesquite Neighborhood Learning Center, 890 N. Tornillo St. 575.528.4050. http://dabcc-www.nmsu.edu/bis/mesquite_tour.htm.
 2. Business Skills Institute, 1400 El Paseo Road. 575.526.5579. <http://bsi-lc.biz/>.
 3. Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. (on the NMSU campus). 575.527.7672. http://dabcc-www.nmsu.edu/abe/course_descriptions.shtm.

History: New regulation

Legal Reference: 22-2-8.8 2008 NMSA 1978, 6.30.3 NMAC



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