

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**High School Diploma Equivalency Name Change to
General Educational Development (GED) Diploma**

Request: The State Board is asked to approve the name change from High School Diploma Equivalency to General Educational Development Diploma. The GED Taskforce and the Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board recommend this change to prevent confusing the Adult High School Diploma with the High School Diploma Equivalency.

Rationale: The North Carolina State Board of Community College awards the High School Diploma Equivalency to individuals attaining passing scores on all five of the GED tests. The GED Testing Program is jointly sponsored by the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education and the North Carolina Community College System for the State of North Carolina. The North Carolina Community College System has the state-level responsibility for the administration of the GED tests through the local colleges. Local colleges administer the tests as part of their Basic Skills Programs to meet the needs of students enrolled in the GED program. Students constantly confuse the Adult High School Diploma with the High School Diploma Equivalency. It is recommended by the Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board and the GED Taskforce to change the name to clarify which diploma the recipient earned.

Method of Procurement: There is no cost for this request, design change only.

Fund Availability: Existing State Appropriations.

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