

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

Request: The State Board is asked to approve the name change from the General Educational Development Diploma to the High School Equivalency Diploma.

Rationale: The North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges currently awards the General Educational Development Diploma to individuals who attain passing scores on all sections of the GED® tests. On March 15, 2011, the American Council on Education (ACE) and Pearson VUE, a for-profit company, announced their new partnership which drives the direction, design, and delivery of the GED® testing program. The new business model represents a public-private partnership and retains the GED Testing Service name. GEDTS is no longer a private, non-profit company and may in the future charge fees for the use of the copyrighted GED® name and logo.

McGraw Hill and Educational Testing Service (ETS) with the University of Iowa have developed their own high school equivalency assessments which North Carolina may use in the future. GEDTS is no longer a sole source provider of high school equivalency assessments, therefore, the name of North Carolina's high school equivalency credential should not be associated with any one particular assessment.

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

Fund Availability: Existing State Appropriations.

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