

## Chapter 89. Adaptations for Special Populations

### Subchapter C. Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency

#### §89.41. Policy.

The Texas Education Agency shall be the only agency in Texas authorized to issue a certificate of high school equivalency. Tests shall be administered by authorized contracted testing centers under applicable state law and rules of the State Board of Education.

*Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §89.41 issued under the Texas Education Code, §7.111.*

*Source: The provisions of this §89.41 adopted to be effective September 1, 1996, 21 TexReg 5690; amended to be effective December 11, 2011, 36 TexReg 8373.*

#### §89.42. Official Testing Centers.

- (a) Entities eligible to serve as official computer-based testing centers include:
  - (1) an accredited school district;
  - (2) an institution of higher education;
  - (3) an education service center;
  - (4) a local workforce development board;
  - (5) a United States Department of Labor One-Stop Career Center;
  - (6) a United States Department of Labor Job Corps Center;
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  - ( ) any other public or private postsecondary institution offering academic or technical education or vocational training under a certificate program or an associate degree program; and
  - (10) an independent, stand-alone testing center.
- (b) Entities eligible to serve as official paper-based testing centers include:
  - (1) an accredited school district;
  - (2) an institution of higher education;
  - (3) an education service center;
  - (4) an entity approved to provide services under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act; and
  - (5) a local workforce development board.
- (c) In order for a testing center to administer a paper-based test, the testing center must certify in its application that it will make the following documentation available upon request by the Texas Education Agency

- (B) distraction-free testing rooms;
  - (C) a separate but attached registration and admission room;
  - (D) sufficient separation of testing space from classrooms used for instruction; and
  - (E) desk layout that includes partitions or sufficient spacing to separate test takers by at least five feet;
- (3) a written plan detailing how the testing center will ensure test security, including:
    - (A) a secure area for staff to inventory test material and prepare documents for testing sessions;
    - (B) restricted access to administrator workstations, monitors, and printers;
    - (C) a dedicated locked storage unit for secure test material in a locked room with access only to test administrators; and
    - (D) a secure area for the shipping and receiving of all test materials, answer sheets, and related materials;
  - (4) written procedures for administering the test; and
  - (5) a written detailed emergency plan.
- (d) A testing center that administers a paper-based test must provide to the test vendor for review written procedures for administering the test. In addition, the testing center must notify both the TEA and the test vendor in writing of testing center changes such as testing personnel, testing rooms, storage of secure documentation, the emergency plan, or any other change impacting operations.
  - (e)

(B) An applicant who is 17 years of age is eligible with parental or guardian consent. An

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