

## High School Diploma Option for Non-graduates

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### Eligibility Requirement:

- Adult must have at least 10 credits of the 24 credits required to graduate from a traditional high school in Alabama
- Minimum age of 17
- Adult must complete the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment.
  - Score must be in the High Intermediate level (grade equivalency 6.0 or higher)

### How to build Credits:

- A student may take portions of the GED assessment and have a passing score of 145 or higher. If 145 to 164 is scored in a GED subject then 1 credit is earned. If 165 to 174 is scored then 2 credits are earned. If 175 or higher is earned in a subject then 3 credits are earned for that subject.

#### **AND/OR**

- A student may enroll in a structured Ready To Work program and 3 credits will be awarded for completion of the course (RTW requires 90% attendance and an Alabama Certified Worker Credential is awarded)

#### **AND/OR**

- Credit awarded for different levels of a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) earned through the ACT WorkKeys assessment. A level 4 would equate to a half credit; a level 5 would be 1 credit and a level 6 would equate to 2 credits.

#### **AND/OR**

- Student will receive 1 for 1 credit for every technical career pathway (dual enrollment) class passed at the college level. The adult must be in an approved, eligible career pathway that meets the Ability to Benefit (ATB) definition and is aligned to sector areas that target high demand/high wage employment opportunities.

#### **AND/OR**

- AE will provide courses in the SREB Reading Language Arts and Mathematics curriculum to build credits. The length of the courses will depend on the number of credits needed. A portfolio with examples of work and quiz/test scores must be presented after completion.

#### **AND/OR**

- Prior Learning Experience (PLE) competencies can be used to award high school credits. The program will use the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) procedure established by the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) to award college credits for prior learning.

### Awarding of Diploma:

- Local school districts will issue the High School Diploma

## High School Diploma Option for Adults w/ 24 credits (*or met the local school district credit requirement*) that earned a High School Completion Certificate

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### Eligibility Requirement:

- Adult must have all 24 credits required to graduate from a traditional high school or the number of credits established by the local school district
- Did not pass the State's exit exam

### Steps for granting High School Diploma:

- Adult Education will provide instructional assistance for the area(s) the student did not pass on the exit exam. The instructional assistance will be based on the diagnostic profile gained from the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment. The student completes a program of study and retests and must be in a low adult secondary level (G.E. 9.0 to 10.9) or high adult secondary level (G.E. 11.0 to 12.9)  
**OR**
- Enroll and Complete a Ready To Work Program (90% attendance requirement including the achievement of the Alabama Certified Work Ready Credential and a National Career Readiness Certificate)  
**OR**
- ACT WorkKeys assessment
  - Score of 4 or higher in each of the 3 areas (*Locating Information, Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information*) and receive a National Career Readiness Certificate – Silver, Gold, or Platinum  
**OR**
- Prior Learning Experience (PLE)—Prior work history and the skills/certificates obtained since leaving high school will be reviewed to see if PLE can be awarded. The Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) will be given to verify the skills before awarding the credit.

### Awarding of Diploma:

- Local school districts will issue the High School Diploma