

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #18 (2006-2007)

August 14, 2006

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY ADDITION: SECTION 349.1 ADULT
TESTING - (FIRST READING)

ASD Goal #3: *Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt on First Reading the recommended policy addition of School Board Policy 349.1, Adult Testing . (High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Re-Examination)

PERTINENT FACTS:

Alaska statute requires that students pass the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination (HSGQE) and complete all required credits in order to receive a regular high school diploma. Adults who have received a certificate of achievement, and, thus, have not yet passed the HSGQE, may continue to take the test until passed in order to obtain a regular diploma. School districts are required to be testing sites for these adults and may charge reasonable fees to cover the costs of administering the HSGQE.

The recommended policy addition provides for the above. The language was passed unanimously by the School Board Policy Subcommittee at its meeting on June 19, 2006.

Attachment

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349.1 Adult Testing – High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Re-Examination

- a. A person who holds a certificate of achievement issued in accordance with state statute may take the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination (HSGQE) after exiting high school until the person passes the HSGQE.
- b. The District will provide an opportunity to take the HSGQE to a person who is eligible and who submits a written request and all documentation necessary for testing at least thirty (30) days prior to the first date of the exam. Examinations administered to persons under this section will be given on the test dates set by the Department of Education and Early Development.
- c. Per state regulation, the district may charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of administering the HSGQE.