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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Jasmine Kim
Subject: RE: High School Diploma or The Recognized Equivalent

That is an SED question because they determine that guidance not HESC. I would reach out to the Office of Higher Education at SED.

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Hello Lisa,

Thank you for this information. I have a follow-up question regarding the high school diploma itself, not the equivalency diploma. Are Regents and local diplomas the only high school diplomas you accept from a high school? Would you recognize diplomas issued by nonregistered nonpublic high schools in NY to be eligible for TAP? I am referring to [NYSED registration](#) for private high schools.

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Good morning Jasmine,

Here is the information from our website. I would also suggest you view the information on the SED website since they define the recognized equivalent.

One way that a student can demonstrate eligibility for TAP is by earning a high school equivalency diploma. New York State has selected a new high school equivalency test called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) to replace the GED as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma effective January 2, 2014. The TASC is a secure, reliable and valid instrument used to verify that examinees have knowledge in core content areas equivalent to a graduating high school seniors. For more information [click here](#).

A student can earn a high school equivalency diploma in New York State in one of two ways: (1) by taking and earning passing scores on a test (TASC/GED) or (2) by completing 24 semester hour credits in specified subjects as a recognized candidate for a degree in an approved (accredited) institution. The 24 credits must include 6 credits in English language arts, 3 credits in mathematics, 3 credits in the natural sciences, 3 credits in the social sciences, 3 credits in Humanities, and 6 credits in any other courses within the student's registered ** degree or certificate program.

Note: A student who has earned the requisite 24 credits, is considered to have the "recognized equivalent" of a high school diploma, even before the State Education Department has issued a high school equivalency diploma.

For purposes of meeting TAP eligibility criteria, the 24 credits could include courses in which D grades were earned, providing the D was a passing grade and the student earned the credit.

If a student transfers from one institution to another, credits earned at both institutions can be used to determine whether the student satisfies the 24 credit requirements, providing the credits were earned at approved institutions and were listed on an official transcript. This procedure can apply even when the receiving institution does not

accept all credits earned at a previous institution, as long as the prior credits are documented on an official transcript from an accredited institution.

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Hello Ms.Lisa Simpson,

My name is Jasmine Kim from CUNY Admissions. Under the High School Graduation policy on the HESC policy [webpage](#), it says that US high school diploma or the recognized equivalent is required. What would be considered as “the recognized equivalent?” Are you referring [to NYSED’s 100.7 State High School Equivalency Diploma](#)? I am looking forward to your reply!

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