

Bartow County School System
O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1 PETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

A individual (hereinafter referred to as "Student") no longer enrolled in a Georgia public school and who previously failed to receive a high school diploma in this state or was denied graduation solely for failing to achieve a passing score on one or more portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or its predecessor or the Georgia High School Writing Test or its predecessor may petition the local board of education in which he or she was last enrolled to determine the Student's eligibility to receive a high school diploma pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1 based on the graduation requirements in effect when the Student first entered ninth grade.

Submit this completed, signed petition with a copy of your government issued photo identification. Incomplete information may delay processing. Petitions are accepted by Mail, Fax and Email.

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 Name Phone Number Email Address

 Home Address

Student's Information

First	Middle	Last	Suffix
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Provide Legal Name if Different from Primary Contact.

 Date of Birth State ID Number/Last 4 digits of SSN Gender

 Name of High School Student Would Have Graduated Expected Year of Graduation

I verify the above information is complete and accurate.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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- The Petitioner has met the requirements to receive a regular high school diploma. (Transcript attached)
- The Petitioner has not met the requirements to receive a regular high school diploma.

 Evaluator Signature/Date

 Principal Signature/Date

Frequently Asked Questions

Petition for Diploma

HB 91

HOPE – the Georgia Student Finance Commission supported HB 91 and indicated during legislative hearings that they will determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

What should a local school system do if a student *currently* enrolled has met all graduation requirements except for passing any of the graduation tests?

Answer: The law states that on or after the effective date of the law, students shall no longer be required to earn a passing score on the graduation tests to earn a high school diploma if the student has otherwise met all state and local graduation requirements

Can a student who is no longer enrolled in a Georgia public school, and did not graduate for the sole reason that he or did not pass all of the graduation tests, still receive a Georgia regular high school diploma?

Answer: Yes, individuals no longer enrolled in a public school who were denied a high school diploma solely for not achieving a passing score on any of the graduation tests and met all other local and state requirements may submit a petition to the local school system to determine eligibility to receive a high school diploma under O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281.1

What should a student do if he or she moved from the school system where he or she went to high school?

Answer: An applicant should make a petition with the school system where he or she last attended high school in Georgia.

Can a special education student who was previously awarded a special education diploma or a certificate of completion only because he or she had not passed one or more sections of the graduation tests still be awarded a high school diploma?

Answer: Yes, as long as all other state and local graduation requirements were met to qualify for a regular education diploma

Will graduation tests still be offered for students who may prefer to take them?

Answer: No. The final administrations of the graduation tests occurred in February 2015 for the Georgia High School Writing Test and in March 2015 for the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and the Basic Skills Tests.

Can an individual who earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate and did not receive a regular education diploma solely for not passing the graduation tests submit a petition for a regular education diploma?

Answer: Yes, if the petitioner was a student who previously failed to receive a high school diploma in this state or was denied graduation solely for failing to achieve a passing score on the graduation tests.