GENERAL NOTIFICATION TO ALL STUDENTS

High School Diploma Requirement

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-74) made significant changes to federal student financial assistance programs starting with 2012-2013 Award Year.

Students who do not have a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent, or do not meet the home school requirements, and who first enroll in a program of study on or after July 1, 2012, will not be eligible to receive Title IV student aid.

The recognized equivalent includes:

1. GED
2. CHSPE
3. The high school equivalency test (HiSET), or
4. The Test Assessing Secondary completion (TASC)
5. Completion of AA/AS degree
6. Completion of 60 semester of credits acceptable toward a BA/BS degree.

A student who does not possess a high school diploma, or a recognized equivalent, but who is, or was, enrolled in a Title IV eligible program any time prior to July 1, 2012, may be eligible to receive Title IV student assistance under the ATB alternatives. Those alternatives include the student passing an independently administered, approved ATB test or successfully completing at least six credit hours or 225 clock hours of postsecondary education prior to July 1, 2012.