

Procedure: 5.2.9p

Requirements for Establishing a Credit-Bearing High School Diploma Program

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I. Purpose

The Technical College System of Georgia is committed to awarding high school diplomas from accredited credit-bearing high school diploma programs. In accordance with accreditor requirements, all credit-bearing high school diploma programs must follow the same naming convention.

II. Related Authority

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board
O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties
O.C.G.A § 20-4-18 – Management and Control of Adult Literacy and Postsecondary Technical Education Programs and Schools.
Senate Bill 204

III. Applicability

All Technical Colleges offering Credit-Bearing High School Diploma Programs associated with the Technical College System of Georgia

IV. Definitions

Credit-Bearing High School Diploma Program: An accredited program which awards high school diplomas to students who have completed all required coursework and graduation requirements.

Naming Convention: A naming convention is a framework for naming items in a descriptive and consistent way.

V. Attachments

Cognia business rule

VI. Procedure

A. Naming Convention

1. The name of the college's Credit-Bearing High School Diploma Program shall adhere to the following convention: "*[Technical College Name] Academy.*"

VII. Record Retention

All records shall be maintained per the Georgia Records Retention Schedule maintained by the Georgia Archives, University System of Georgia

Attachment: 5.2.9p.a1.

Cognia Business Rule

Naming Credit-Bearing High School Diploma Programs

All technical colleges under the Technical College System of Georgia will be named “College name/Academy” as the credit-bearing high school diploma programs will be represented under the heading of the Academy. The Academy will serve as the umbrella term for the credit-bearing high school diploma programs being accredited by Cognia.