

PRESS RELEASE

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To comply with recently enacted Senate Bill 202/S.L. 2009-451, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) eliminated, effective July 1, 2009, the Competency Tests in Reading and Mathematics and the Computer Skills Tests and their alternate assessments.

Because there are students in North Carolina who completed all other high school graduation requirements since 1981, but failed to meet the competency and/or computer skills proficiency standards established for those assessments, NCDPI has directed that those students may petition their former high school to receive a regular high school diploma. New diplomas will be issued in June of each year until 2014.

Carteret County students who completed their high school requirements since 1981, except for attaining proficiency on either the North Carolina Tests in Reading and Mathematics and/or the Computer Skills Tests, and were not awarded a diploma may petition to receive a high school diploma under this revised NCDPI policy.

Those former students who believe they are qualified under the revised graduation policy must present their original high school Certificate of Achievement to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at the Carteret County Schools central services office at 107 Safrit Drive in Beaufort, NC prior to July 1, 2014.

Former students who believe they are qualified under the revised policy, but are unable to present their original high school Certificate of Achievement will be required to present evidence, such as official school transcripts, that document that all state and local board requirements for graduation were previously met.

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