

**Report From Agency**

**FINAL REPORT**  
**CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 16-021**  
**CHAPTER PI 5**  
**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES OF**  
**GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Analysis by the Department of Public Instruction**

**Statutory authority:** ss. 115.29 (4) (a) and 227.10 (1) and (2m), Stats.

**Statute interpreted:** s. 115.29 (4), Stats.

Chapter PI 5 governs the issuance of high school equivalency completion credentials by the State Superintendent, which includes the certificate for completion of the General Educational Development (GED) Test and the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). This rule change is designed to align the rule, with respect to the passing score for the GED Test, with the recommendation of the GED Testing Service, LLC.

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The hearing notice was published in the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

*No persons provided oral testimony at the March 9th hearing on this rule and no persons submitted written testimony.*

***Changes to the analysis or the fiscal estimate:***

- No changes were made.

***Responses to Clearinghouse Report:***

**2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code:**

- Inserted a space between “Wis.” and “2d” so that the citation reads as “361 Wis. 2d 255.”
- Inserted “s.” before both references to “115.29 (4) (a), Stats.”
- Inserted “Chapter” before “PI 5” in the plain language analysis.

**5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Plainness:**

- Replaced references to the cut score for the GED Test with the passing score.
- Clarified the summary of factual data and analytical methodologies to specify that the GED Testing Service, LLC, as the entity issuing the guidance with respect to the new GED passing score.