

AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-1128-PO1
VETERANS DIPLOMA POLICY
POLICY ON ISSUING HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS TO WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN CONFLICT
VETERANS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

That the Board amend the Veterans Diploma Policy to add Vietnam veterans to the list of veterans eligible to receive honorary high school diplomas from the Chicago Public Schools.

~~**INTRODUCTION** To establish a policy for issuing high school graduation diplomas to World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans pursuant to Public Act 92-446, signed into law by Governor Ryan on August 26, 2001, and effective January 1, 2002.~~

PURPOSE: The Board wishes to honor veterans of foreign conflicts for their considerable contributions and sacrifices and, in particular, to recognize those veterans who sacrificed their schooling to serve their country. Public Acts 92-446 and 96-0088 confers upon authorize school boards the power to award high school diplomas to honorably discharged military veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, or the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam Conflict. This policy establishes the CPS Operation Recognition program and the requirements and procedures for veterans of foreign conflicts to receive honorary high school diplomas from the Chicago Public Schools.

POLICY TEXT:

Requirements:

Section 22-27 of the Illinois School Code, ~~effective January 1, 2002,~~ requires that a veteran making a request for a diploma under this policy fulfill the following requirements:

- Left high school before graduating in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States;
- Resided in the City of Chicago at the time that he or she left high school;
- Served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, or the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam Conflict;
- Was honorably discharged; and
- Has not received a high school diploma.

Requests for Diplomas:

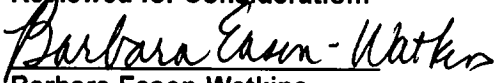
~~The Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") high school veterans diploma application form is available on from the CPS website, veterans' organizations, and CPS high schools. Veterans interested in obtaining a high school diploma should submit a completed application form to the Chief Education Officer or designee identified on the application form along with documentation of honorable discharge a Chicago Public Schools high school or the Office of High School Development. Diplomas may also be posthumously applied for by next of kin.~~

Ceremonies:

~~Principals may extend an invitation to veterans to participate in upcoming graduation exercises at his or her high school. Also, the Chief Education Officer or designee will coordinate veterans graduation ceremonies as necessary. If a veteran does not wish to participate in a public ceremony, the diploma will be provided by mail. The Office of High School Development and the Office of Education-to-Careers will coordinate a citywide graduation, to be held on Memorial Day, 2002, at a Chicago public high school. Future graduation ceremonies will be dependent upon the number of applications received during the school year.~~

LEGAL REFERENCES: 105 ILCS 5/22-27

Reviewed for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Noted:



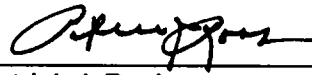
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