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TO: Education Interim Committee Members
 FROM: Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
 DATE: May 13, 2022
 RE: Administrative Rule Review – May 2022

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MAR Notice No.	10-66-101
Status	ADOPTED
Public Hearing Date	NONE CONTEMPLATED
Public Comment Period	Closed: February 28, 2022
Summary of Proposed Changes	<p>The Board of Public Education adopted amendments to rules regarding the HiSET high school equivalency test. The Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) had previously been omitted from the list of programs for which a 17- or 18-year old could be enrolled in and be eligible to take the test, as well as the programs for which a participating 16-year old could receive an age-requirement waiver to take the test. OPI is no longer applying the existing "state group home" exception to MYCA, so the Board is updating the rule to ensure MYCA students are included.</p> <p>The Board did not receive any public comment. The changes were effective March 26, 2022.</p>

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

MAR Notice No.	10-66-102
Status	PROPOSED
Public Hearing Date	NONE CONTEMPLATED
Public Comment Period	Closed: May 13, 2022
Summary of Proposed Changes	<p>The Superintendent has proposed a new rule providing the eligibility requirements and qualifications to issue a Montana proficiency-based diploma (a.k.a. state diploma). To be eligible, a student must be at least 17 years old and incapable of completing the graduation requirements in the</p>

	<p>district where the student is enrolled. To qualify, the student must also pass the high school equivalency test with a score at least 20% higher than the minimum passing score, complete a program with a community-based mentorship, and prepare a written plan for the student's pathway to college or career readiness that is approved by the mentor.</p> <p>The Superintendent intends to adopt the rule as of June 10, 2022.</p>
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