# Final Statement of Reasons

High School Equivalency Program

## Update of Initial Statement of Reasons

The original proposed text was made available for public comment for at least 45 days from August 11, 2023, through September 26, 2023, inclusive. One individual provided comments during the 45-day comment period.

A public hearing was held via videoconference on September 26, 2023, at 1:30 P.M.Eleven individuals attended the public hearing, and no oral comments were received at the public hearing.

## Summary and Response to Comments Received During the Initial Notice Period of August 11, 2023, Through September 26, 2023, Inclusive.

Name of Commenter: April Moore, Ed.D., Superintendent, Sierra Sands Unified School District

Comment:

* Could you please clarify the intent of the change?
* Seems like the HSE might replace the CHSPE in all practicality.
* Could HSE be available for students/individuals at the second semester of sophomore year of high school or later?

Reject: The CDE is rejecting this comment because it was simply requesting clarification that was already found in the initial statement of reasons. The two programs serve two separate populations and are not meant to replace the other.

## Alternatives Determination

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has determined that no alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

No alternatives have been brought to the agency’s attention and given the underlying statutory requirements; the agency has been unable to come up with any reasonable alternatives.

The nonadoption of these changes is not a suitable alternative because the proposed changes correct a misleading title regarding the age requirement, removes duplication of Education Code*,* and adds a much-needed section to clarify what are appropriate forms of identification.

## Local Mandate Determination

The proposed regulations do not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

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