## **Diploma Provision Proposal**

- (1) Adequate procedures to evaluate the validity of a student's high school diploma completion must include--
- (i) Obtaining documentation from the high school that confirms the validity of the high school diploma, including at least one of the following—
  - (A) Transcripts;
  - (B) Written descriptions of course requirements; or
  - (C) Written and signed statements by principals or executive officers at the high school attesting to the rigor and quality of coursework at the high school; and
- (ii) If the high school is regulated or overseen by a State agency, confirming with or receiving documentation from that a state agency that the high school is registered or meets requirements established by that state agency.
- (2) A high school diploma is not valid if it—
- (i) <u>Was obtained from an entity that does not meet (1)(ii)</u>Does not meet the requirements established by the appropriate State agency in which the State where the high school is located;
- (ii) Has been determined to be invalid by the Department, the appropriate State agency in which the State where the high school was located, or through a court proceeding; or
- (iii) Was obtained from an entity that requires little or no secondary instruction education or coursework to obtain a high school diploma, including through a test that does not meet the requirements for a recognized equivalent of a high school diploma under 34 CFR 600.2.; or
- (iv) Was obtained from an entity that—
  - (A) Maintains a business relationship or is otherwise affiliated with the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled; and
  - (B) Is not accredited.

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