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 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) Was obtained from an entity that does not meet (1)(ii) or 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.