

Other Ways to Get an Equivalency Diploma or High School Diploma in New York

College Credit Program

You can also get a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma if you enroll in course work at an approved institution such as Westchester Community College. To earn the degree, you must complete 24 credits (usually 6 courses) as a recognized candidate for a degree or a certificate. For example, you may be part of a Telecommunications Technology program at the college.



To qualify for this diploma, you must enroll in classes that cover the subjects in the five tests on the GED. You must complete classes in language arts, math, science and social studies. For more information about these requirements and how to apply for a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma see www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/docs/atth-j.pdf

External Diploma Program (EDP)

If you are 21 or older, you can participate in a special program that enables you to get a high school diploma by demonstrating your knowledge and experience through a series of tasks and projects. You may work at your own pace, completing most of the work in the privacy of your own home.

This program is offered by the Yonkers Pathways to Success and is open to any New York State resident who is at least 21 years of age and does not have a high school diploma.

To enroll in the EDP program you must first take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). When you achieve a score of 9.0 in both the reading and math, as well as pass a writing assessment, you become eligible for the EDP program.

You will then meet with an EDP counselor who will work with you one-to-one to complete 64 competences that are divided into 5 tasks. Assignments must be completed weekly. When you've completed all five booklets you are awarded a high school diploma from the Yonkers Public School District. **Remember, you are not required to live in Yonkers to enroll in this program.**

There is no cost to enroll in the External Degree Program. Call (914) 376-8600 to schedule an appointment with an EDP counselor.

