

(4) Religious instruction which does not result in earning credits or a degree.

(e) Other provisions:

(1) All provisions of subsections (e) through (j) of 16 V.S.A. § 176 shall apply to all postsecondary schools subject to this section.

(2) All postsecondary schools subject to this section shall notify each applicant for enrollment in writing, on an application, enrollment, or registration form to be signed by the applicant, that credits earned at the school are transferable only at the discretion of the receiving school.—Added 1989, No. 263 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 20, 1990; amended 2001, No. 19, § 2.

HISTORY

Amendments—2001. Amended section generally.

Application date for out-of-state schools unapproved as of June 20, 1990. 1989, No. 263 (Adj. Sess.), § 6, eff. June 20, 1990, provided in part: "All post-secondary schools whose primary operation lies outside the state of Vermont but which offer credit-bearing courses or programs in Vermont that have not been approved by the department of education as of the effective date of this act [June 20, 1990] shall apply for approval no later than September 1, 1990."

§ 177. Costs of approval

(a) Fees for certification of post-secondary schools shall be \$1,500.00, except that certification for degree-granting schools shall be \$2,000.00. Pursuant to subdivision 603(2) of Title 32, these fees may be adjusted.

(b) These fees shall be credited to a special fund established and managed pursuant to chapter 7, subchapter 5 of Title 32, and shall be available to the department to offset the costs of approvals.—Added 1989, No. 263 (Adj. Sess.), § 3, eff. June 20, 1990; amended 1997, No. 59, § 24, eff. June 30, 1997.

HISTORY

Amendments—1997. Amended section generally.

CROSS REFERENCES

Procedure for adoption of administrative rules, see § 801 et seq. of Title 3.

§ 179. Governor's diploma

(a) The state board shall adopt by rule a system for the award of a governor's diploma to students who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement. The system shall include:

- (1) Objective statewide academic examinations in, at a minimum, mathematics, science, English language arts and social studies. The

NS examinations shall be developed to measure a high level of achievement and shall be consistent with the standards for student performance adopted under subdivision 164(9) of this title.

(2) Minimum test scores on such examinations necessary for awarding a governor's diploma.

(3) Provision for administration of the examinations which may involve administration at the local, regional or statewide level, or some other means of administration.

(b) The state board shall ensure that, by the beginning of school year 2004-2005, any Vermont student who wishes, including a student in an approved home school program, may be assessed under this section.

(c) The state board shall award a governor's diploma to any student who achieves the test scores necessary pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section.—Added 1995, No. 157 (Adj. Sess.), § 2a; amended 1997, No. 78 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; 1999, No. 6, § 1; 2001, No. 142 (Adj. Sess.), § 189.

HISTORY

Amendments—2001 (Adj. Sess.). Subsection (b): Substituted "2004-2005" for "2002-2003" and made minor punctuation changes.

—1999. Subsection (b): Substituted "2002-2003" for "2000-2001".

—1997 (Adj. Sess.). Amended section generally.

§ 180. Statewide strategic education plan

By July 1, 1998, the state board of education shall adopt through a public process a statewide strategic education plan to describe how the agency will help school boards to improve student performance. Every five years thereafter, the state board shall update and readopt the plan. The goals of the plan shall be to strengthen coherence and consistency among state and local education goals, standards for student performance, assessments, professional development opportunities and action plans, and to provide support for local curriculum development. The plan shall include information as to the economic costs of implementation and the education benefits to be derived.—Added 1997, No. 60, § 6, eff. June 26, 1997.

Chapter 5. Commissioner of Education

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SECTION

212. Commissioner's duties generally.

214. [Repealed.]

215. Challenge to excellence grants.

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- Repealed 2004 Act 78