

§ 120. Department of Corrections education program; independent school

(a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department of Corrections for the education of persons who have not completed secondary education and who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner.

(b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under 16 V.S.A. § 166, shall comply with the school quality standards provided by 16 V.S.A. § 165, and shall be coordinated with adult education, special education, and career technical education.

(c) Program supervision. The Commissioner of Corrections shall appoint a Director of Corrections Education, who shall be licensed as an administrator under 16 V.S.A. chapter 51, to serve as the Superintendent of the Community High School of Vermont and coordinate use of other education programs by persons under the supervision of the Commissioner.

(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 at each correctional facility and Department service center, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course.

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) Reimbursement payments. The provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4012, relating to payment for State-placed students, shall not apply to the Corrections education program.

(g) [Repealed.]

(h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the Commissioner who are under the age of 23 and have not received a high school diploma shall participate in an education program unless exempted by the Commissioner.

Amendment:

(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 in at least of one correctional facility in which female inmates are incarcerated and one correctional facility in which male inmates are incarcerated, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course.