

### **345.53 DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS**

In order to recognize former students of the school district who left high school before completion of the usual high school graduation requirements to serve in the armed forces of our country during a war period, the Board of Education will consider awarding a diploma to such veterans under this policy.

A person may be awarded a diploma under this policy even though he/she has not satisfied the diploma or graduation requirements under other District policies and notwithstanding the graduation requirements of section 118.33(1) of the state statutes. Further, a person may be awarded a diploma under this policy even if the person has already received a high school equivalency diploma after serving on active duty in the armed forces, if the person meets the other requirements of this policy.

In order to be considered for receipt of a diploma under this policy, a person must satisfy the following criteria:

1. The person must be at least 65 years old;
2. The person must have attended high school in the District or attended high school in Wisconsin and resides in the school district;
3. The person must have left high school before receiving a high school diploma to join the U.S. armed forces during a war period (including, among others listed in section 45.35(5)(e) of the state statutes, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War); and
4. The person must have served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces.

A person who received a high school equivalency diploma after serving on active duty under honorable conditions may also be awarded a diploma if the person meets 1 – 3 above.

Upon request, a high school diploma may also be awarded to a person who has died, but who, before dying, satisfied the conditions of 2 – 4 above.

A person requesting a diploma under this policy shall submit information to be used to determine whether he/she meets the above criteria. Such person also may, and is encouraged to, submit any other information relating to the person's academic performance and community service in the District or elsewhere that may aid the superintendent or his/her designee and Board in considering the person's request.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall determine whether a person requesting a diploma under this policy has satisfied the criteria outlined above and may adopt procedures needed to make that determination. The Board will consider a request for a diploma under this policy from any person who has been determined by the district administrator to have satisfied the criteria. The Board may also review any information submitted by the person and any information in District records relating to the person in deciding whether to grant a diploma under this policy.

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