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TO: LEA Adult Education Supervisors
Adult Education Private Providers

FROM: Debi K. Faucette, Director
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SUBJECT: Adult Education Student Eligibility Requirements

Adult education student eligibility requirements are changed, effective August 15, 2010. *Louisiana Revised Statute 17:221. School Attendance; compulsory ages; duty of parent; excessive absences; consent to withdraw; condition of driving privileges* is amended through actions taken by the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. A detailed copy of the amendments (see Attachment 1) describes the age requirements for school attendance.

A child must remain in school until his eighteenth birthday. The repeal of LA R.S. 221(E) eliminates parental consent to allow a child to exit school at age seventeen. LA R.S. 221(F), though amended, still allows a child who is under the age of eighteen and beyond his sixteenth birthday to attend an adult education program or vocational education program.

As a result of the amendments, the procedures for enrollment in adult education or vocational education are listed below:

- A child below eighteen years and beyond sixteen years of age who seeks to exit public school must submit to the adult education or vocational education site director an age waiver (AWR-1, Attachment 2) that is approved by the local school system's superintendent or his/her designee. The approved age waiver verifies that the child meets one of the allowable criteria to exit school (allowable criteria is cited in Attachment 4).
- A child below eighteen years and beyond sixteen years of age who seeks to exit private, non-public, or home school must submit to the adult education or vocational education site director an age waiver (AWR-2, Attachment 3) that is approved by the Louisiana Community and Technical System, Office of WorkReady U. The parent must complete the age waiver and verify that the child meets one of the allowable criteria to exit school.
- A child seventeen years of age who was exited from school prior to August 15, 2010, does not need an age waiver to enroll in adult education.

Copies of the revised age waiver forms and Adult Education GED® Testing Guidelines (Attachment 4) are attached. The testing guidelines define the allowable waiver criteria. The age waiver forms for students in public schools are to be completed by the superintendent or his/her designee. No child below the age of eighteen and beyond his sixteenth birthday can be admitted to an adult education or vocational education program without an approved age waiver.

If you have any questions, please email me at dfaucette@lctcs.edu or Raye Nell Spillman, Senior Coordinator, WorkReady U at rspillman@lctcs.edu or call (225) 922-2800.

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