HIGH SCHOOL ~~DIPLOMAS~~ DIPLOMA FOR VETERANS

The Board of Education recognizes the service provided to the country and the individual sacrifices made by veterans of, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Conflict.

Since many of these veterans left ~~high~~ school in order to fight for their country, the Board wishes to recognize their efforts by awarding such persons a high school diploma.

The West Virginia State Board shall provide for the awarding of a high school ~~diplomas~~diploma, either by the ~~County~~ District Board in the county in which the veteran resides or the county in which the veteran left for service, ~~would have received his/her diploma,~~ whichever location the veteran chooses.

Definitions:

A. A World War II veteran means any veteran who performed wartime service between September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946.

B. A Korean War veteran means any veteran who performed military service between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955.

C. A Vietnam Conflict veteran means any veteran who performed military service between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.

To be eligible for a diploma, all of the following criteria must be met:

A. left ~~high~~ school prior to graduation and served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

B. did not receive a high school diploma;

C. the veteran received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States; and

D. completes the application process as provided by the joint rules of the State Board and the veterans' council.

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The Office of Veterans Affairs will notify veterans of, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict of the availability of the diploma for veterans. This notification will include the application form to receive such diploma.

This application form shall include:

A. veteran's military service and personal information;

B. ~~high~~ school information including the name of the ~~high~~ last school attended and the county in which located, the ~~years attended high school, the year left high school to enter the service, and the year that would have been the graduation year~~year left school, and the year that would have been the graduation year;

C. the veteran's preference to receive the diploma from the county of current residence or the county ~~of the high school attended~~the veteran left for service.

The veteran will return the completed application form to the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance. Upon verifying the application, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Assistance will forward the application to the West Virginia Department of Education for processing.

The West Virginia Department of Education staff will notify the appropriate county of the veteran's preference to receive the diploma from the county of current residence or the county ~~of the high school attended~~the veteran left for service.

The Board will partner with a local Veterans Assistance Office or other veterans' organization to provide appropriate ceremonies for veterans receiving this diploma. These ceremonies may be held as part of the ~~County's~~District's high school graduation ceremony or as a separate ceremony.

The diploma to be awarded to veterans through this program is the awarding ~~county's~~district's standard diploma.

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