

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Board Policy 2-40, Colorado Community College System Role and Mission, and Board Policy 3-90, Approval of Academic Programs

PRESENTED BY:

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RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Transform the student experience; Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships; Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

EXPLANATION:

Through C.R.S. § 23-60-111, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) was granted authority to establish graduation requirements and confer high school diplomas.

Board Policies 2-40 and 9-30 have been revised to reflect this new statute.

A new corresponding System Procedure, SP 9-30e, will outline the adult learner high school diploma requirements that CCCS Colleges must adhere to if they choose to participate in conferring high school diplomas on behalf of the SBCCOE.

System staff worked with a subgroup of the Vice Presidents' Council and received feedback from the Presidents' Council to draft the procedure based on the Colorado Graduation Guidelines (see attached) and multiple data points. SP 9-30e will provide opportunities for adult learners seeking a high school diploma to satisfy requirements through nationally normed assessments, college course work, industry recognized credentials, and standards-based performance assessments.

The attached BP 2-40 and BP 9-30 reflect the substantive revisions as well as non-substantive, editorial, or conforming changes to the policies. Redline versions showing the details of all revisions are available upon request.

RECOMMENDATION:

General Counsel and CCCS Staff recommend the Board approve the revisions to BP 2-40 and BP 9-30.

ATTACHMENT(S):

BP 2-40 FINAL 05.08.24

BP 9-30 FINAL 05.08.24

Colorado Graduation Guidelines