

Davis Technical College

Student Financial Aid - Ability to Benefit Policy

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1. Purpose

1.1. The College has established guidelines for determining a student's ability to benefit from the use of federal funding as required by the Department of Education.

2. References

2.1. Federal Student Aid Handbook Volume 1

2.2. Code of Federal Regulations 668.32(e) Higher Education Act Section 484(d)(3)

2.3. Dear Colleague Letter [GEN 12-09](#)

3. Policy

3.1. Students enrolling in a post-secondary education program for the first-time after July 1, 2012, must possess one of the following:

- Has a high school diploma (this can be from a foreign school if it is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma)
- Has the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, such as a general educational development (GED) certificate or other state sanctioned test or diploma-equivalency certificate
- Has completed homeschooling at the secondary level as defined by state law
- Has completed secondary in a homeschool setting, which qualifies for an exemption from compulsory attendance requirements under state law; if state law does not require a homeschooled student to receive a credential for their education
- Has completed one of the ability-to-benefit (ATB) alternatives and is either currently enrolled in an eligible career pathway program or first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program prior to July 1, 2012

3.2. All students with enrollment prior to July 1, 2012, must have a high school diploma, a GED or equivalent nationally recognized completion; to receive federal financial aid while attending Davis Technical College. Or satisfactorily completed six credit or 225 clock hours toward a degree or certificate at a Title IV eligible school or be self-certified as homeschooled.

4. Procedure

4.1. Effective July 1, 2012, all students submitting applications for Federal Financial Aid will be asked to provide documentation of their high school completion status or equivalent, to the Financial Aid Office.

Students enrolling in a post-secondary education program for the first-time on or after July 1, 2012, must provide evidence of high school graduation from a valid accredited high school, associate degree or equivalent (60 credits minimum), GED, Military DD214, or

meet the homeschooling requirements as described in section 3.1 of this policy.

- 4.1.1. For the purposes of validating high school completion through homeschooling, the student will provide a self-attestation of their home schooling completion.
- 4.1.2. Students enrolled in a Title IV eligible post-secondary program prior to July 1, 2012, can demonstrate Ability to Benefit by providing proof of high school graduation, GED, college transcripts, or meet the homeschooling requirements as described in section 3.1 of this policy.

5. Approvals and Notes

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