

Alabama Department of Education (DPE)-developed AHSD Letter to Parents
Concerning *Alternate Adult High School Diploma*
(High School Letterhead)

Dear Parent/Guardian of Eligible Seniors:

The Alabama State Board of Education has developed requirements for the issuance of an Alternate Adult High School Diploma for senior students. Your son/daughter is eligible for this option since he/she is working towards completing all course requirements needed for graduation, but has not passed the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) following the fall administration of the senior year. To pursue this diploma option, students must continue to work towards completing all course requirements and also attend remediation classes that will assist with passing the graduation exam and the GED Test. If eligible students pass the GED Test and complete all course requirements, then they will graduate with an Alternate Adult High School Diploma and be allowed to march in the school's graduation ceremony. However, students must continue to take the graduation exam and attempt to pass it. If students pass the graduation exam and complete all course requirements, even though they may have already passed the GED Test, they will graduate with an Alabama High School Diploma. You should be aware that the Alternate Adult High School Diploma may not be acceptable for entry into all institutions of higher education or all branches of the military. It is accepted by all of Alabama's two-year schools and the U.S. Army. It is the decision of the parent/guardian to allow a student who is eligible to pursue the Alternate Adult High School Diploma. However, permission is required. If you wish to discuss this matter either on the telephone or in person, please contact the Student Guidance Office at the telephone number on this letter. If you wish to give your approval at this time for your student's participation, please return the enclosed form to the school office as soon as possible, but not later than ten (10) working days from the date of this letter. Thank you for your attention to this important letter.

Sincerely,

Principal's Signature

(date)

TO:

RE: Alternate Adult High School Diploma

I/we, _____, have read the high school principal's letter (print parent/legal guardian name) regarding the Alternate Adult High School Diploma and grant my/our permission for _____, to participate in the Alternate Adult High (name of son/daughter) School Diploma option. I understand that the Alternate Adult High School Diploma may not be acceptable for entry into all

institutions of higher education or all branches of the military. I also understand that if he/she passes all required coursework and the GED Test that he/she may participate in the senior class graduation ceremonies. I further understand that even though my student may pass the GED Test, he/she will still be allowed to take the Alabama High School Graduation Exam, at each regularly scheduled administration throughout the senior year in order to pursue the Alabama High School Diploma. If my student does not pass the Graduation Exam or the GED Test, he/she may continue to attempt passing either test after his/her senior class graduates.

(parent/guardian signature and date)