

## PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AND/OR ADULT STUDENT CONSENT FORM FOR PRE-GED SKILLS/OPTION PROGRAMS

*This form must be completed to determine whether or not a student is eligible to enter a Pre-GED Skills/Option Program.*

*This section is to be completed by the District.*

Student \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ School District St. Martin Parish

**Definition:** A Pre-Ged/Skills Option Program is by definition a program that is an alternative to regular education. A student who pursues this Option, will, if successful, receive a Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma and/or a Skills Certificate, rather than a standard diploma requiring 23 Carnegie units of credit. Once transferred to the Options Program, a student, either regular or special education, may be considered on a case-by-case basis to re-enter the regular program upon request by the student and the parent.

**Student Eligibility:** To enter the Pre-GED Skills/Option Program, a student **must be 16 years of age or older or will turn 16 before the end of the year AND meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- Failed 8<sup>th</sup> grade LEAP 21 English language arts or math for one or more years **or**;
- Failed English language arts, math, science, or social studies portion of the GEE 21 **or**;
- Earned not more than 5 Carnegie units by age 17, not more than 10 Carnegie units by age 18, and not more than 15 Carnegie units by age 19 (is two or more years behind his peers) **or**;
- Exhibit limited English proficiency.

**Check "Agree" or "Disagree" for each item below.**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student is 16 years of age or older or will turn 16 before the end of the year.  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student failed 8 <sup>th</sup> grade LEAP 21 English language arts or math for one or more years.  |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student failed English language arts, math, science, or social studies portion of GEE 21.  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student has participated in Alternate Assessment.  |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student has earned not more than 5 Carnegie units by age 17, not more than 10 Carnegie units by age 18, and not more than 15 Carnegie units by age 19 (is 2 or more years behind his peers). |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | This student exhibits limited English proficiency.  |

**Note:** For the student to be eligible for entrance into the Pre-GED Skills/Option Program, (1) the response to Statement 1 must be "Agree," and at least one of the responses to statements 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 must be "agree."

*This section is to be completed by the parent.*

**Parental Understanding:** If my child is eligible for and participates in the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program, my initials indicate I understand the statements below.

**Caution:** A student who enters the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program and remains in that Program is not working toward a regular high school diploma. If he/she is successful on the GED Examination, this student will earn a Louisiana Equivalency Diploma. If he/she is successful in his/her Skills Training Component, this student will earn a Certificate of Skills Completion.

- ☐ If my child enters the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program, he or she will not be assessed with the GEE 21. He or she will be assessed with the Iowa Test of Educational Development every year that he/she is enrolled in the Program to determine growth.
- ☐ If my child enters the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program and remains in the Program, he or she will not earn a regular high school diploma. If successful on the GED Examination, he or she will earn a Louisiana Equivalency Diploma.
- ☐ If my child enters the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program, he or she will take GED preparation courses and will be enrolled in Career Skills courses either on the high school campus, a community and technical college, or other appropriate work-based setting.
- ☐ If my child enters the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program, he or she may return to the regular high school program of studies if he or she has shown evidence of ability to earn the Carnegie credits necessary to graduate with a regular high school diploma and within a period of time considered reasonable by the district, the parent, and the student. He/she must also take and pass the GEE 21 examination (whichever if applicable). The student will return to the same grade in which he or she was enrolled before enrolling into the Options Program.

*Parent/Guardian and Student Signature Section*

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Parental/guardian signature

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Month/day/year

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Student/Adult student signature

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