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SUBJECT DEFINITION OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

### PURPOSE

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires that contractors for youth services spend a minimum of seventy-five percent of their contracts on out-of-school youth, which includes high school dropouts.

### POLICY

The definition of a common high school dropout is a person who (a) has not completed high school; (b) is at least 13 years of age to under 20 years of age; (c) does not show proficiency beyond the high school level in a test approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction that has been given as part of the initial diagnostic procedure; and (d) has dropped out of a common school last attended that such person is no longer in attendance at such school unless (i) the board of directors or its designee submit a written request that such person be admitted or (ii) the person has been expelled or suspended pursuant to chapter 180-40 WAC. The fact that any person be subject to the compulsory attendance law (RCW 28A.225) shall not affect his or her qualifications as an eligible common dropout under this chapter. Per RCW 28A.225.010, the age of compulsory school attendance in Washington is eight (8) years of age to under 18 years of age. For the purpose of WIOA out-of-school youth, that encompasses 16-17 year olds.