

**ADOPT POLICY ON ISSUING HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS  
TO WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN CONFLICT VETERANS**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy for issuing high school graduation diplomas to World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans pursuant to Public Act 92-446, signed into law by Governor Ryan on August 26, 2001, and effective January 1, 2002. Public Act 92-446 confers upon school boards the power to award high school diplomas to honorably discharged military veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or the Korean Conflict.

**POLICY TEXT:** Section 22-27 of the Illinois School Code, effective January 1, 2002, requires that a veteran making a request for a diploma under this policy fulfill the following requirements:

- Left high school before graduating in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States.
- Resided in the City of Chicago at the time that he or she left high school.
- Served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or the Korean Conflict.
- Was honorably discharged.
- Has not received a high school diploma.

**Requests for Diplomas**

The Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") high school diploma application form is available from the CPS website, veterans' organizations, and CPS high schools. Veterans interested in obtaining a high school diploma should submit a completed application form to a Chicago Public Schools high school or the Office of High School Development. Diplomas may also be posthumously applied for by next of kin.

Principals may extend an invitation to veterans to participate in upcoming graduation exercises at his or her high school.

The Office of High School Development and the Office of Education-to-Careers will coordinate a citywide graduation, to be held on Memorial Day, 2002, at a Chicago public high school. Future graduation ceremonies will be dependent upon the number of applications received during the school year.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** 105 ILCS 5/22-27.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

**APPROVAL:** Not applicable.

**PERSONNEL**

**IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW:** Not applicable.

Approved for Consideration:



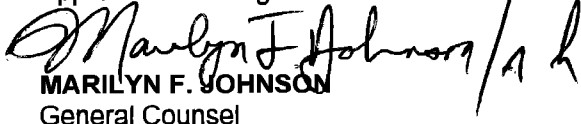
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