

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

This form must be completed to determine whether 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** _____

Definition: A Pre-GED/Skills Option Program/School is by definition a program/school that is an alternative to regular education. A student who pursues this Option will, if successful, receive a Louisiana Equivalency Diploma and/or a Skills Certificate, not a standard Louisiana High School Diploma. Individual students, either regular or special education, may be considered on a case-by-case basis to re-enter the regular program.

Student Eligibility: To enter the Pre-GED Skills/Option Program, a student **must be 16 years of age and meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- Failed 8th grade LEAP 21 English language arts or mathematics for one or more years;
- Failed English language arts, math, science, or social studies portion of the GEE 21;
- Participated in out-of-level testing or alternate assessment
- 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.
- Students with Limited English Proficiency shall be considered eligible for the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program.

Circle "Agree" or "Disagree" for each item below.

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| 1. Agree | Disagree | This student is 16 years of age or older. |
| 2. Agree | Disagree | This student failed 8 th grade LEAP 21 English language arts or mathematics for one or more years. |
| 3. Agree | Disagree | This student failed English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies portion of GEE 21. |
| 4. Agree | 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. |
| 5. Agree | Disagree | This student participated in out-of-level testing or alternate assessment. |

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

Parental/guardian signature

Month/day/year

Student/Adult student signature

Month/day/year