

Financial Aid

2025 – 2026 High School Graduation Verification

Provide one of the following documents to the San Diego Mesa College Financial Aid Office, which confirms your high school completion status as of the start of the 2025-26 academic year:

- **High School Diploma** - means the student has received or will receive a U.S. high school diploma or a foreign school diploma that is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma before the first date of their enrollment in a college or career school.
- **“State-recognized high school equivalent (e.g., GED certificate)”** means the student has received or will receive a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or **state authorized high school equivalent certificate**, such as the **High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)** or the **Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)**, before the first date of their enrollment in a college or career school. A state authorized high school equivalent certificate is a certificate that the issuing state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma in that state. Note: A high school certificate of attendance and/or a certificate of completion are NOT the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- **“Homeschooled”** means the student completed home schooling at the secondary level regulated by their state. If your state of residency law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary high school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by your parent, guardian, or registrar from the homeschool that lists the secondary school courses you completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting. If you were homeschooled in California, you must provide a copy of your parent’s teaching certification issued by the State of California
- ***Early Graduates** – for students who complete High School graduation requirements and graduate mid-year (between the Fall and Spring semesters), please provide your Letter of Early Graduation to the Financial Aid Office