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## Comparison Chart: High School Completion Program and Adult Diploma Program

### Purpose

This document shows the differences between two programs: the High School Completion Program (HSCP) which was repealed in Act 113, [H.883](#) (§ 943) as of 7/1/2024; and the Adult Diploma Program (ADP) which was revised in H.883 (§ 945).

### HSCP and ADP Comparison Chart

HSCP	ADP	Notes
"A potential flexible pathway" district program	Program is "administered by the Agency".	The language "administered by the Agency" is not new to § 945. Not a flexible pathway under ADP, it is adult education which is a workforce development program under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
Program developed to help the districts re-engage students in their education and complete high school.	Program developed to help adult students in the AEL program to access a high school diploma.	N/A
Eligibility: "Vermont student".	Student must be a "Vermont resident".	Not a substantive change.



<b>HSCP</b>	<b>ADP</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Students at least 16 years of age	Students at least 16 years of age	The previous § 945 required ADP students to be 20 or older. State law now aligns with WIOA, Title II eligibility for services.
Permitted both enrolled-in-school and unenrolled from school students to participate	Permits only unenrolled from school students to participate (whether public or approved independent schools). Students also cannot be enrolled in a postsecondary institution or home study program.	State law now aligns with WIOA, Title II eligibility for services.
Diploma is awarded by school district.	“Diploma granted by one of the program’s participating high schools.”	As a District program, it was not optional for District high schools to participate. It is optional for schools to participate in the ADP.
Reimbursements were paid to Districts and Adult Education and Literacy Providers by AOE on behalf of Districts.	Funding is through grants made to Adult Education and Literacy providers.	Grants come with federal requirements.
AOE made quarterly reimbursements on behalf of Districts.	AOE awards grants funds out to AEL providers based on their approved budgets.	AEL grants must meet federal requirements.
Education Fund allocation	Education Fund and General Fund allocations	There is not a precedent for granting Education Funds to AEL providers.
HSCP funds were not used to match federal WIOA funds.	State AEL grant funds used to match federal WIOA funds.	The state is required to match the federal funds.

<b>HSCP</b>	<b>ADP</b>	<b>Notes</b>
HSCP policy was largely aligned with grant funds, but paid for some District-required content areas that are not AEL activities.	AEL grant funds must follow federal laws and rules authorized by WIOA, Title II – grants pay for AEL activities.	N/A
Policy required that HSCP students meet the local District’s Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements (PBGRs).	Policy requires that ADP students meet a statewide set of PBGRs that align with AEL activities.	This was also true of the ADP in the past – schools issued diplomas based on students meeting statewide requirements of the ADP.
Districts received assistance from AEL providers to provide access to a diploma for participating students.	AEL providers receiving assistance from Districts to provide access to a diploma for participating students.	N/A