

160-4-8-.14 REGULAR STUDIES.

(1) **PURPOSE.** O.C.G.A. § 40-5-22 allows the issuance or reinstatement of the instruction permit or driver's license to any minor, ages 15-17, who has dropped out of school, or who has more than 10 consecutive unexcused absences in any semester or combination of two consecutive quarters, or who has been suspended for threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel, possessing or selling drugs or alcohol on school property or possessing or using a weapon on school property and who resumes regular studies as defined by the State Board of Education. The purpose of this rule is to provide a definition of regular studies.

(2) **DEFINITION.**

(a) Regular studies--a program of study in any public school leading to a secondary school credential that is awarded at the completion of the high school experience. Public school includes the CrossRoads Alternative Program, or any other locally-funded alternative program approved by the local board of education.

(3) **REQUIREMENT.**

(a) When submitting evidence to the Department of Public Safety, local boards of education shall consider students who are enrolled in the CrossRoads Program or any other locally-funded alternative program as enrolled in a regular studies program.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 40-5-22.

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