

## **Determining Validity of High School Completion**

New Regulations effective July 1, 2024, under administrative capability § 668.16(p), states we have to develop and follow procedures to evaluate the validity of a student's high school completion if the institution has reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education. Below is the written policy that describes the procedures Southern State Community College will follow to confirm validity of any questionable documents received related to high school completion.

Southern State Community College validates high school completion by receipt of a final high school transcript that includes the high school graduation date. If there is reason to believe a final high school transcript received is inauthentic or was granted by an ineligible post-secondary institution, SSCC will request a written statement from the entity to verify the authenticity. SSCC may also request a written description of course requirement or a written statement from the high school attesting to the rigor and quality of its coursework if needed.