

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING
DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR,
AND THE VIETNAM WAR**

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1.00 PURPOSE

- 1.01 These rules shall be known as the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Diplomas for Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
- 1.02 The purpose of these rules is to set forth the requirements for granting diplomas to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

2.00 AUTHORITY

- 2.01 The Arkansas State Board of Education's authority for promulgating these rules is pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-16-133 and 6-16-134.

3.00 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.01 In recognition of and tribute to veterans who left high school before graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, a board of directors of any school district in Arkansas may grant a diploma of graduation to any veteran meeting the requirements of this Rule.
- 3.02 To be eligible for a high school diploma under this section, a veteran shall:
 - 3.02.1 Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America;
 - 3.02.2 Be a resident of the State of Arkansas; and
 - 3.02.3 Have served a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive months' active duty or been discharged with a service-connected disability during one of the following:
 - 3.02.3.1.1 For veterans of World War II, between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946,
 - 3.02.3.1.2 For veterans of the Korean War, between June 1, 1950, and January 1, 1954; or
 - 3.02.3.1.3 For veterans of the Vietnam War, between July 3, 1965, and May 15, 1975.

- 3.03 A veteran shall present to the school district's board of directors any of the following documentation of honorable discharge as evidence of eligibility under this Rule:
 - 3.03.1 A War Department Adjutant General's Office Form (WD AGO);
 - 3.03.2 A Naval Personnel discharge document (NAVPERS);
 - 3.03.3 A Report of Separation from Active Duty; or
 - 3.03.4 A DD Form 214 (DD-214).
- 3.04 School districts are encouraged to present the diploma in conjunction with appropriate Veterans Day programs.