

**Addendum to Numbered Memo Regarding Modified and Extended Diplomas:**  
**Sample Newsletter Message**

*This communication can be used as a template to provide information to guidance counselors, teachers, and parents about the Modified and Extended Diploma. Please feel free to adjust to meet your local needs.*

Recent information from the US Department of Education has clarified federal financial aid eligibility requirements, and Oregon students who receive a Modified or Extended Diplomas are now eligible to apply for federal financial aid. In addition, students may also be eligible to apply to some branches of the military. A student must receive a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, and a high school diploma is the basic qualification awarded to students who graduate from a state/private school after completing formal instruction. Based on this information, the Oregon Department of Education has determined that the Modified and Extended Diploma meet this definition (OAR 581-022-1130; ORS 329.451).

Conferment of a Modified Diploma or an Extended Diploma does not guarantee admittance to a post-secondary institution, but does allow a student to be eligible for federal financial aid or may allow for some branches of military service.

If you have questions about this guidance or about the Modified or Extended Diplomas, please contact [insert school/district modified/extended diploma contact].