

Belford Settlement FAQs

Q: How do I know if I am a class member?

A: If you are a United States resident and you obtained a diploma from Belford High School between January 1, 2003 and January 23, 2012, you are a class member.

Q: What if I obtained a diploma from a different online high school, not from Belford High School?

A: You are not a class member.

Q: What if I obtained a degree from Belford University, not from Belford High School?

A: You are not a class member.

Q: Why does the class action lawsuit include only individuals who obtained high school diplomas from Belford?

A: In a class action lawsuit, the same legal claims are pursued on behalf of a defined group of people who share the same or substantially similar set of facts. Here, the judge in charge of the Belford Class Action determined that all individuals who obtained high school diplomas from Belford between January 1, 2003 and January 23, 2012 are sufficiently similar to be able to pursue the same legal claims together as a group.

Q: How much money does the proposed settlement include?

A: The proposed settlement creates a \$250,000 Partial Settlement Fund.

Q: How do I receive a payment from the settlement?

A: You must submit a completed claim form, along with a copy of your Belford High School diploma, postmarked no later than June 12, 2017.

Q: Am I able to submit a claim if I no longer have my Belford High School diploma?

A: Yes, but you must attach a document (such as a receipt, e-mails with Belford High School or a letter) explaining why you are unable to include a copy of your diploma with your claim form.

Q: How much will my settlement payment be?

A: Your payment amount will depend on how many valid claims are submitted, but will not exceed the amount that you paid for your Belford High School diploma. It is unlikely, however, that you will receive a payment for the entire amount that you paid.

Q: What if I don't know how much I paid for my Belford High School diploma?

A: It will be assumed that you paid \$249 for your Belford High School diploma unless you attach evidence showing that you paid a different amount.

Q: When will I receive my settlement payment?

A: If Judge Goldsmith approves the settlement, there may be appeals, which may take more than a year to resolve. If there are no appeals, payments may be made as early as late 2017.

Q: Where can I find updates about the progress of the settlement?

A: Updates about the class action lawsuit and the progress of the settlement will be posted at www.belfordclassaction.com.

Q: Who can I contact with questions?

A: You may call the claims administrator at (844) 320-4304 with any questions relating to your claim. You may also contact Class Counsel by calling (877) 540-8333 or by sending an email to belfordclassaction@gogasian.com.