

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of district and/or state assessments.</p> <p>All students, including Hampton On-line Academy students, are required to demonstrate proficiency in meeting state education standards. It is a graduation requirement that students demonstrate that proficiency on the Pennsylvania Keystone Exams or any equivalent state assessment. Any High School student who scores below proficient on any category of the Keystone Exams or an equivalent state assessment will be required to work with the administration or designee to create a Keystone graduation plan based upon current guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100, 102</p>	<p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district, including Hampton On-Line Academy, who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board.</p> <p>There shall be only one diploma awarded by this district and no distinctions shall be made on the diploma between various programs of instruction. Through a partnership between the district and The College Board, students may also receive a certificate of distinction from The College Board for the successful completion of the AP Capstone program.</p> <p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards.</p> <p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when lawfully employed part-time or when officially enrolled part-time in an accredited postsecondary institution.</p> <p>The Board shall identify the planned courses which are required for graduation. These written plans shall be on file in the district and shall be made available upon request for review by the designated representatives of the Department of Education.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4</p>	<p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned at least twenty-five (25) credits. The fourth year of high school shall not be required if the student has been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and has completed all requirements for graduation. A complete list of specific subject area credit requirements</p>

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	<p>can be found in the Board adopted High School Program of Studies.</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement, which shall include the preparation of suitable diplomas for graduating students.</p> <p>4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216 Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>Students shall be informed of graduation requirements.</p> <p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p> <p>A list of all graduating students shall be prepared and submitted to the Board for its information and release to the public.</p> <p>Students who have not fully completed all of the graduation requirements will not participate in commencement.</p> <p>All students, including Hampton On-Line Academy students, shall be required to complete community service and job shadow experiences as outlined in the High School Program of Studies. The community service requirement and job shadow experiences are the responsibility of the student.</p> <p>Retention at grade level will not be the normal practice, unless the total number of credits failed by a student makes it mathematically impossible to remain with the usual class and graduate.</p> <p><u>Diplomas for Eligible Veterans</u></p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p>In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.</p> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, who are eligible for a high school diploma.</p>