

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION OF STUDENTS
RECEIVING SPECIAL
EDUCATION SERVICES

ADOPTED: February 18, 2004

REVISED: March 9, 2015

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p>217.1. GRADUATION OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to allow eligible students who receive special education services the opportunity to participate in commencement exercises with their chronological peers.</p> <p>Commencement from high school signifies a conclusion to a student's basic education experience. Thus, each student, for whom this policy applies, may participate in only a single commencement (graduation) ceremony.</p> <p>Eligible students with a disability have the opportunity to participate in commencement exercises in one (1) of three (3) ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A student with a disability who chooses to terminate the opportunity to continue receiving educational services may receive a regular diploma at the commencement ceremony of chronological peers.2. A student with a disability who is eligible to continue receiving educational services until age twenty-one (21) may participate in the commencement ceremony of chronological peers. A regular diploma will be issued at age twenty-one (21) or may be issued earlier, if the student chooses to terminate the opportunity to continue receiving educational services at the close of a school year in which exit criteria and the Individualized Education Plan are met.3. A student with a disability who is no longer eligible to continue receiving educational services because the exit criteria and the Individualized Education Plan are met may receive a regular diploma at the commencement ceremony at the close of that school year. <p>The Individualized Education Program for the senior year will designate the commencement option.</p>
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