

POLICY

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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5460.1 – COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education endorses graduation activities and ceremonies. The date of graduation shall be recommended annually by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Graduation shall not occur prior to completion of the required one hundred eighty days of student instruction.

Guidelines for Graduation Year Activities:

Student participation in special graduation year activities will require conduct of the highest caliber in all school situations.

Criteria for exclusion from these activities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Involvement in disciplinary action(s);
2. Suspension; and/or
3. Collaborative evaluation by the staff.

The final decision shall be made by the Superintendent.

Students and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be given advance notification of these criteria.

Graduation Procedures and Ceremonies:

No student shall be barred from participation in graduation ceremonies for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons. A student who may be prevented from participation and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be so notified in advance and no later than three days prior to the close of the school year.

The Board of Education reserves the right to deny participation when extreme circumstances warrant it. Such denial shall be treated in the same manner as a suspension and the student so affected shall be afforded the rights of review provided in policies of this Board.

The Board reserves the right to withhold a diploma and transcripts until all fines are paid.

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Awarding of Diplomas:

The President of the Board of Education and/or another designated member of the Board shall award the diplomas. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the awarding of diplomas shall be limited to current and former Board members and current administrators/teachers/staff to their children and grandchildren.

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