LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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	217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee shall establish graduation requirements and acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.
2. Authority	The Joint Operating Committee shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state law and regulations. [1][2][3][4][5][6] The Joint Operating Committee requires graduation requirements to be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building and on the school's website. All changes to graduation requirements shall be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building and on the center's school's website immediately following approval by the Joint Operating Committee. [1][2] Diplomas The Joint Operating Committee shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in this school who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Joint Operating Committee. [2][7][8][9][10][11] 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. [12] *Students Experiencing Educational Instability –* The school shall provide support to ensure that students experiencing educational instability graduate in a timely manner, in accordance with law and Joint Operating Committee policy. A graduation plan shall be developed to facilitate this process. [13][14] ***Children of Active Duty Military Families -*** **The school shall provide supports to facilitate the on-time graduation of**

	children of active duty military families, in accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Joint Operating Committee policy. [15] *Students with Disabilities –* The Joint Operating Committee shall permit a student with a disability, whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school. The Joint Operating Committee shall issue a high school diploma to each student with a disability who completes the graduation requirements established by the Joint Operating Committee or the goals established in the student's IEP, as determined by the student's IEP team. [2] [16][17][18][19][20][21] *Part-Time Students –* A student may quality for graduation by attending the school part-time when lawfully employed part-time or when officially enrolled part-time in a post-secondary institution. [22][23]
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Administrative Director or designee shall be responsible for ensuring the following: 1. Publication and distribution of graduation requirements to students and parents/guardians. [2] 2. Counseling of students regarding expectations of graduation requirements. [2][4][5][9][10][11][17] 3. Assessment of individual student attainment of academic standards to ensure the student's progress toward achievement of graduation requirements. [2][4][5][9][10][11][17] 4. Accurate recording and reporting of each student's progress and accumulation of graduation requirements. [11][24] 5. Provision of assistance to those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards. [1][2] 6. Development of a list of individuals who qualify for the award of a diploma. 7. Planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement. The Administrative Director or designee shall annually, no later than December 1, report to the PA Department of Education graduation information and data, as required by law. [1]

4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216	Students who complete approved career and technical education programs shall have their occupational competency assessed by completion of the appropriate assessment under the Pennsylvania Skills Certificate Program or another approved occupation competency assessment. [3] **PSBA Revision 12/23 © 2023 PSBA** Legal References 1. 24 P.S. 121 2. 22 PA Code 4.24 3. 22 PA Code 4.31 4. 22 PA Code 4.51 5. 22 PA Code 4.52 6. 24 P.S. 1850.1 7. 24 P.S. 1611 8. 24 P.S. 1613 9. Pol. 102 10. Pol. 127 11. Pol. 212 12. Pol. 233 13. 24 P.S. 1331.1 14. Pol. 251 15. Pol. 254 16. 22 PA Code 11.27 17. 22 PA Code 4.12 18. 24 P.S. 1614 19. 34 CFR 300.102 20. 34 CFR 300.305 21. Pol. 113 22. 22 PA Code 11.5 23. 22 PA Code 11.8 24. Pol. 216 22 PA Code 11.4 34 CFR Part 300 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3) © PSBA 2023