

Williamsburg Community
School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

POLICY GUIDE

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	217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
1. Purpose	The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52 SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113 SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127 Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8 Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations, which shall include course completion and grades, and satisfactory results of district and/or state assessments.</p> <p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board.</p> <p>The Board may permit an identified student with a disability to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her graduating class, even though the student will not be granted a diploma and will continue to receive educational services.</p> <p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p> <p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of required assessments, work, and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which shall be aligned with established state academic and common core standards.</p> <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-six (26) credits:</p> <p>The fourth year of high school shall not be required for graduation if a student has completed all requirements for graduation and attends a postsecondary institution as a full-time student.</p> <p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p>

The minimum subject requirements for graduation shall consist of the following:

	<u>WHS ATTENDEES ONLY</u>	<u>GACTC:</u>
Communications	4.0 Credits	4.0 Credits
Mathematics	4.0 Credits	4.0 Credits
Science	4.0 Credits	3.0 Credits
Social Studies	4.0 Credits	3.0 Credits
Wellness and Fitness	2.6 Credits	2.6 Credits
Arts and Humanities	2.0 Credits	2.0 Credits
Electives	5.4 Credits	7.4 Credits

3. Delegation of
Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.

4. Guidelines
Pol. 213, 216

Accurate recording of each student's achievement of established state academic and common core standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements students are required to complete.

Pol. 212

Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.

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.

Awarding of Diplomas

Students who have successfully satisfied the requirements for graduation shall be granted a diploma from the District.

The high school diploma shall also be awarded to students who leave high school prior to their senior year due to acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning. These students may participate in graduation exercises provided all requirements for graduation have been met.

Only those senior students who complete all graduation requirements or have approval of the special education IEP team by the close of the school term will be permitted to participate in that year's ceremony. Seniors who attend summer school or a partial subsequent term may participate in the graduation ceremony the following year.

SC 1611

Diplomas For Eligible Veterans

Candidates or family representatives shall submit a completed Application For Diploma to the Superintendent to request a diploma for an eligible veteran.

The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War who are eligible for a high school diploma.

Grading System for College Classes:

For those students taking college courses, the following system will be used in converting the grade from college letter to high school percentage:

<u>College Grade</u>	<u>Percentage Grade</u>
A+	100%
A	98%
A-	94%
B+	90%
B	88%
B-	86%
C+	83%
C	81%
C-	78%
D+	75%
D	73%
D-	70%
F	60%

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy - 11, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233