

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education will determine the graduation requirements of the district, which shall be in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and may include local requirements of the Board that exceed the minimum standards set forth by the Commissioner of Education. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop and implement regulations setting forth the diploma requirements.

The district may offer the following diploma types, credentials, and endorsements:

- Regents Diploma
- Regents Diploma with Advance Distinction
- Local Diploma
- Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)
- Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)
- New York State Seal of Bi-Literacy

Standards and requirements for earning the above diplomas, credentials, and endorsements shall be in conformity with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education and the Board's requirements applicable to the graduating class of the student.

Community Service

As a condition for graduation, a student (other than a student who has been educated through an out-of-district placement continually from commencement of ninth grade until graduation) must complete twenty-five (25) hours of community service. Such community service must be performed on or after the student enters the ninth grade. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall establish the criteria for approval of activities as community service, including the granting of credit to a student who has enrolled in the district's schools subsequent to the start of ninth grade or a student who has been educated through an out-of-district placement for part but not all of the period from commencement of ninth grade until graduation, and the procedures for students to report community service.

Dissemination of Graduation Requirements

The district shall inform students and their parents/guardians of the graduation requirements applicable to such students when they enter the eighth grade and annually thereafter.

Participation in Graduation Ceremonies

Participation in graduation ceremonies shall be predicated on satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements, except as permitted by Policy 4772.

Cross-ref: [4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the Federal IDEA and New York Education Law Article 89](#)
[4321.1, Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment](#)
4771, Early Graduation
4772, Graduation Ceremonies
4772-R, Graduation Ceremonies Regulation
4773, Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.5; 100.6
Immediato v. Rye Neck School District, 73 F.3d 454 (2d Cir. 1996)
Herndon by Herndon v. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Bd. Of Ed., 89 F.3d 174 (4th Cir 1996)

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