

### **EARLY GRADUATION**

To graduate from the District, a student must meet or exceed the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner's regulations. The Board may establish graduation requirements that exceed the minimum standards set by the Board of Regents. The District will award the appropriate diploma, credential, or both to students.

Students must pass the required number of Regents examinations or approved alternative exams and meet any further graduation requirements; which may include passing an approved pathways assessment, other assessment, or an additional exam that measure an equivalent level of knowledge and skill. Students who fail certain Regents examinations may appeal the result in accordance with Commissioner's regulations.

The Board of Education, in certain instances, shall grant students who wish to graduate from high school in less time than the ordinary four-year sequence the permission to complete graduation requirements on an alternative schedule. To this end, all normal graduation requirements must be completed for early graduation.

In regard to individual student requests, the following factors may be considered: the student's grades, performance in school, his/her future plans, and benefits that would accrue to the student if the request for early graduation were to be approved. The Superintendent of Schools or their designee shall make the final decision on whether to grant permission after consultation with the individual student's building principal, counselor, Director of Guidance, student, and parent(s)/persons in parental relation.

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