

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIALS

The Board of Education will determine the graduation requirements of the Patchogue-Medford School District in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In order to graduate from the school district, a student must complete or may exceed the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner's regulations. The Board of Education reserves the right to establish requirements for graduation which exceed the minimum standards as defined by the New York State Regents. Students who have met one of the following requirements shall be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies as set forth herein:

1. Regents Diploma
2. Regents Diploma with Honors
3. Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
4. Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors
5. Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with a Mastery Annotation of Science and/or Mathematics
6. Local Diploma
7. Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential
8. Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential
9. Regents, Regents with Advanced Designation (with or without honors) with a Seal of Biliteracy
10. Regents, Regents w/Advanced Designation (with or without honors) with a Career and Technological Education Endorsement.

The Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, will develop regulations setting forth the diploma requirements. Such regulations shall be approved by the Board of Education and shall be provided to students and parents each year once a student reaches the eighth grade. Participation in graduation exercises will be predicated on satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements.

The Board of Education recognizes the right of a student to participate in his/her high school graduation ceremony providing that the student has met all academic requirements required by the State for a diploma. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event a student has violated the school district's Code of Conduct, the superintendent of schools or his/her designee reserves the right to deny a student's participation in the high school graduation ceremony.

A student who has not met all of the graduation requirements for a diploma by the time of graduation due to either extenuating or extraordinary circumstances may request permission to participate by making an appeal to the superintendent of schools or his/her designee, provided they are capable of completing all necessary requirements during the immediate subsequent summer school session. A determination will be made by the superintendent of schools or his/her designee concerning participation in graduation by considering the circumstances, and that decision shall be final. This policy shall not be construed to limit the authority of the administration to bar students from the graduation ceremony as a result of disciplinary action.

Senior High School Diplomas and Credentials (Continued)

Cross-ref: 4773, Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
 5123, Promotion and Retention of Students
 5127.4, Criteria for Grade Level Designation
 5130, Academic Intervention Services
 6164.7, Programs for English Language Learners
 6173, Home Instruction
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