

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION OF STUDENTS
RECEIVING SPECIAL
EDUCATION SERVICES

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	<p style="text-align: center;">217.1. GRADUATION OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES</p>
1. Purpose	<p>The purpose of this policy is to allow eligible students who receive special education services the opportunity to participate in commencement exercises with their chronological peers.</p> <p>Commencement from high school signifies a conclusion to a student's basic education experience. Thus, each student, for whom this policy applies, may participate in only a single commencement (graduation) ceremony.</p>
2. Guidelines	<p>Eligible students with a disability have the opportunity to participate in commencement exercises in one (1) of three (3) ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A student with a disability who chooses to terminate the opportunity to continue receiving educational services may receive a regular diploma at the commencement ceremony of chronological peers. 2. A student with a disability who is eligible to continue receiving educational services until the day before the student's 22nd birthday may participate in the commencement ceremony of chronological peers. A regular diploma will be issued at the end of the semester following the conclusion of the student's educational program. 3. A student with a disability who is no longer eligible to continue receiving educational services because the exit criteria and the Individualized Education Plan are met may receive a regular diploma at the commencement ceremony at the close of that school year.