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Purpose

The Board shall establish graduation requirements and acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.

The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

The Board requires graduation requirements to be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building or on the district's website. All changes to graduation requirements shall be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building or on the district's website immediately following approval by the Board.[\[1\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

Diploma

The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements for graduation established by this Board.[\[1\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

Students shall demonstrate proficiency in all educational areas necessary to meet both state and federal requirements.

In addition, the Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned at least twenty-four (24) units of credit distributed in curriculum content areas as indicated below:

Content Area	Units of Credit
English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Physical Education/Health	2.0

Arts/Humanities	2.0
Electives	4.0
Minimum Graduation Credits	21.0

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.[11]

Part-Time Students

A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when lawfully employed part-time or when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.[12][13]

Full-Time Postsecondary Students

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. [12][14]

Eligible Veterans

In order to honor and recognize honorably discharged eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in war, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.[6]

Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.

The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of war who are eligible for a high school diploma.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for ensuring the following:

1. Publication and distribution of graduation requirements to students and parents/guardians. [1][5]
2. Counseling of students regarding expectations of graduation requirements. [1][2][3][8][9][10][15]
3. Assessment of individual student attainment of academic standards to ensure the student's progress toward achievement of graduation requirements. [1][2][3][8][9][10][15]
4. Students shall be informed in writing of graduation requirements they must complete. Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements. [1][2][3][8][9][10][15]
5. Accurate recording and reporting of each student's progress and accumulation of graduation requirements. [10][16]
6. Provision of assistance to those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards. [1][4]
7. Development of a list of individuals who qualify for the award of a diploma.
8. Planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.

Legal

[1. 22 PA Code 4.24](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 4.51](#)

[3. 22 PA Code 4.52](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 121](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 510.2](#)

[6. 24 P.S. 1611](#)

[7. 24 P.S. 1613](#)

8. Pol. 102

9. Pol. 127

10. Pol. 212

11. Pol. 233

[12. 22 PA Code 11.8](#)

[13. 22 PA Code 11.5](#)

[14. 22 PA Code 11.4](#)

[15. 22 PA Code 4.12](#)

16. Pol. 216

[24 P.S. 1614](#)

[22 PA Code 11.27](#)

[24 P.S. 1331.1](#)

[24 P.S. 7302](#)

[34 CFR Part 300](#)

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3)

Pol. 113

Pol. 233

Pol. 251

Pol. 254