

DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of district and/or state assessments.</p>
<p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100</p>	<p>The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this district who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board as part of the district's Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113</p>	<p>All students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will complete graduation requirements as listed in their IEP. The Board may permit an identified student with a disability to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her graduating class, even though the student will not be granted a diploma and will continue to receive educational services.</p>
<p>Pol. 102</p>	<p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards and in compliance with federal and state laws.</p> <p>If a student is deficient in the achievement of the required academic standards, an alternative method for achievement of the standards will be provided for the student. The options may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer school. 2. Higher education courses. <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-one (21) credits.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8</p>	<p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 213, 216</p>	<p>Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p>
	<p>Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete.</p>
	<p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p>
	<p>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/expulsion.</p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.</p> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are eligible for a high school diploma.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.24, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27</p> <p>Board Policy – 100, 102, 213, 216</p>