

**BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Manual**

Section: PUPILS
Title: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- .1 It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student’s successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student’s interests and needs by the award of a diploma or certificate at fitting graduation ceremonies.
- .2 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 (no distinctions shall be made between various programs of instruction) and required assessments that are aligned to established academic standards.
- .3 The requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades nine through twelve and satisfactory results of required district and/or state assessments that are aligned to the academic standards.
- .4 The minimum requirements for graduation shall include those listed in the Board approved High School Program of Studies, and shall comply with Chapter IV of the PA School Code. The board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned 27.25 credits.
- .5 No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but he/she may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.
- .6 The Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include:
 - .61 the careful recording of each student’s progress and accumulation of graduation requirements.

- .62 Accurate recording of each student's achievement on state assessments aligned to the academic standards and records shall be monitored, as required by local and state regulations.
- .63 counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling.
- .64 issuance of periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.
- .65 preparation of a list of all graduating students for the information of the Board and release to the public.
- .66 preparation of suitable diplomas.
- .67 planning and execution of graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement.
- .7 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.
- .8 A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.
- .9 The board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when he/she completes his/her IEP.