

BLAIRSVILLE- SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board shall acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100</p>	<p>The Board shall include the district's graduation requirements in the Strategic Plan.</p>
<p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24</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.</p> <p>There shall be only one (1) diploma awarded by this district, and no distinctions shall be made between various programs of instruction.</p>
<p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113</p>	<p>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 Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when s/he completes his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP).</p> <p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p>

<p>SC 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102, 127</p>	<p>A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of required assessments, work, and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which shall be aligned with established state academic and common core standards.</p> <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned 23.2 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 established state academic and common core standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements students are required to complete.</p>
<p>Pol. 212</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.</p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>In order to honor and recognize honorably discharged eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam 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>

The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War who are eligible for a high school diploma.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.12, 4.13, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233