

Graduation Requirements

Change Overview Narrative

- Previous policy titled, "Graduation Options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs" change to "Graduation Requirements"
- Significant changes as we must followed NYSED diploma requirements
- Update Rules and Regulations references
- Update policy cross references

Students

SUBJECT: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from the District, a student must meet or exceed the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner's regulations. The Board may establish graduation requirements that exceed the minimum standards set by the Board of Regents. The District will award the appropriate diploma, credential, or both to students.

Details on general education and diploma requirements can be found at <https://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/general-education-and-diploma-requirements>.

Early Graduation

A student may be eligible for early graduation (fewer than eight semesters) if the student completes all requirements for graduation, excluding physical education. The District will consult with appropriate personnel, the student, and persons in parental relation, and consider factors such as the student's grades, performance in school, future plans, and benefits to early graduation in making its decision.

8 NYCRR Sections 100.2, 100.4(d), 100.5, 100.6, 100.7, 100.8, 100.9, and 200.5

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #7221 -- Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities
#7222 -- Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

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In order to graduate from the District, a student must complete or may exceed the requirements set forth in Part 100 of the Commissioner's regulations. The Board reserves the right to establish requirements for graduation which exceed the minimum standards as defined by the New York State Regents. All students must be in compliance with Commissioner's regulations for graduation to achieve a minimum of a Regents diploma unless otherwise indicated. Therefore, in accordance with applicable law and regulations, the District may award one or more of the following to students:

1. Regents Diploma;
2. Regents Diploma with Honors;
3. Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation;
4. Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors;
5. Annotation of Science and/or Math Mastery;
6. Career and Technical Endorsement.

Pathways to Graduation

In addition to the four Regents examinations or approved alternative exams required of all students, the fifth examination requirement may be satisfied by passing an approved Pathways Assessment that measures an equivalent level of knowledge and skill.

Appeal of Regents Examination Score Option

Students who fail certain Regents examinations may have access to the appeals process in accordance with the provisions of the Commissioner's regulations.

Early Graduation

Upon request from the student's parent or guardian, a student will be eligible for early graduation in fewer than eight semesters upon completion of all requirements for graduation, excluding physical education, as mandated by Commissioner's regulations. A student will not be required to continue enrollment for the sole purpose of completing physical education requirements.

Accelerated Programs

Eighth Grade Acceleration for Diploma Credits

Individual eighth grade students may be afforded the opportunity to take high school courses in mathematics and in at least one of the following areas: English, social studies, languages other than English, art, music, career and technical education subjects, or science courses. The Superintendent or designee is responsible for determining whether an eighth grade student is eligible to take high school courses. The District will utilize a set of criteria to

determine each student's readiness for acceleration. Students who are accelerated for diploma credit must have been provided instruction designed to facilitate their attainment of, by the end of grade 7, the State intermediate learning standards in each subject area in which they are accelerated.

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) examinations for a variety of courses are administered by the College Board in May of each year with strict guidelines as to their implementation. AP examinations afford students the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing in many of the nation's colleges and universities. The District will utilize a set of criteria to determine a student's readiness for enrollment in any AP classes.

Dual Credit for College Courses

Students who wish to enroll in college level coursework must meet all academic, grade level, and coursework requirements as set forth by administrative guidelines. Students who have demonstrated intellectual and social maturity may choose to matriculate at any one of the colleges that have a cooperative agreement with our District. These opportunities may include early admission to college, collegiate-level work offered in the high school, or other means of providing advanced work. Review and approval by the administration are necessary before any college courses may be taken during the school day.

The Board will not be required to pay tuition and other related costs for those high school students enrolled in college courses.

Online Coursework

The District may offer students the ability to complete general education and diploma requirements for a specific subject through online instruction or blended coursework that combines online and classroom-based instruction.

To receive credit for this online coursework, students must successfully complete an online or blended course and demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes for the subject by passing the Regents exam and/or other assessment in the subject area.

Legal	8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 100.1(i), 100.2(f), 100.4(d) and 100.5
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Cross References	7220R - Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian 7222 - Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
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