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Purpose

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) shall acknowledge each student’s successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student’s interests and needs by awarding diplomas or certificates at graduation ceremonies.

Authority

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in the this District who meets the requirements for graduation as established by this Board and in accordance with PDE regulations. The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements which shall include successfully earning credit in prescribed courses, and demonstrated proficiency on all required standards-aligned state and/or District assessments. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of standards-aligned required assessments and assignments representing the instructional program for grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

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. [\[10\]](#)

The Board shall issue a high school diploma to each student with a disability who meets the Board's established graduation requirements or the established goals within the student’s IEP, as determined by the student’s IEP team. The Board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, who has not met graduation requirements to meet the goals with the student’s IEP to participate in commencement with the graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance. Students with IEPs may receive a diploma upon completion of IEP goals or fulfilling graduation requirements. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#)

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.[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#)

A student may qualify for graduation by attending a District school part-time when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.[\[18\]](#)[\[19\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.

Accurate recording of each student's achievement of established academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.[\[9\]](#)[\[20\]](#)

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements students are required to complete.[\[2\]](#)[\[21\]](#)

Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.

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[1. 24 P.S. 121](#)

[2. 22 PA Code 4.24](#)

[3. 22 PA Code 4.51](#)

[4. 22 PA Code 4.52](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 1611](#)

[6. 24 P.S. 1613](#)

7. Pol. 102

8. Pol. 127

9. Pol. 212

10. Pol. 233

[11. 24 P.S. 1614](#)

[12. 22 PA Code 4.12](#)

[13. 22 PA Code 11.27](#)

14. Pol. 113

[15. 34 CFR 300.102](#)

[16. 34 CFR 300.305](#)

[17. 22 PA Code 11.4](#)

[18. 22 PA Code 11.8](#)

[19. 22 PA Code 11.5](#)

20. Pol. 216

[21. 24 P.S. 510.2](#)

[24 P.S. 1331.1](#)

[34 CFR Part 300](#)

Pol. 251