

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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| 217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS | |
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| 1. Purpose | 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. |
| 2. Definition | For purposes of this policy, postsecondary institution shall mean a community college, two-year college, college, university or other authorized degree granting institution approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. |
| 3. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.51, 4.52 | The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations. |
| SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 | 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. |
| SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113 | The Board shall permit a student with a disability, whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services, and who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with the student's graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance. The student may receive a high school diploma when the student completes the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). |
| SC 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.12 Pol. 102, 127 | 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 standards. |
| | The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-nine (29) credits. Any exception shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee, and comply with the Pennsylvania minimum requirement of twenty-one (21) credits. |

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| <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, military service, or pre-approved employment.</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>4. 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 standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> |
| <p>Pol. 212</p> | <p>Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements that students 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.</p> |
| | <p><u>A student who has not completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied participation in the graduation ceremony.</u></p> |
| | <p>References:</p> |
| | <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614</p> |
| | <p>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</p> |
| | <p>Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233</p> |