

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: Graduation Requirements  
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## 217 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education wishes to acknowledge each student's successful completion of a School District approved instructional program by an award of a diploma or certificate at graduation ceremonies.

### **Guidelines**

The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student who meets the requirements for graduation. Such requirements shall include the successful completion of courses of study for a four year high school *approved by the Board and which meet the standards set by Commonwealth laws and regulations.*

A certificate of achievement in *pecially designated official programs of study may be awarded upon the approval of the Superintendent.*

A student who has completed the requirements for graduation may not be denied a diploma for *disciplinary purposes* but may be denied participation in graduation ceremonies *upon the decision of the principal .*

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include the careful recording of each student's progress and accumulation of graduation requirements; counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling; issuance of periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements; preparation and submission to the Board for its approval of a list of all candidates for the award of a diploma or certificate; preparation of suitable diplomas and certificates; and the planning and execution of graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement.

### **Legal References**

1. State School Code Sections 1504(c); 1611; 1613