

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 217

Section: 200 Pupils

Title: High School  
Graduation Requirements

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## 217 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to preparing every School District of Philadelphia (“District”) student to graduate ready for college and career. The purpose of this Policy is to provide equitable opportunities for each student and to acknowledge each student's successful completion of a District approved high school instructional program by an award of a diploma or certificate.

### **Authority**

The Pennsylvania School Code directs the Board to issue a certificate to each pupil satisfactorily completing the prescribed course of instruction in the high school program and to set the requirements of graduation in conformity with law. [1]

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Division of Academic Services, to develop Administrative Procedures for implementing this Policy which include the following:

- A detailed description and outline of all graduation requirements that conform with law; and
- Procedures and standards for counseling of students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling;

### **Mandatory Procedures**

A certificate of achievement in specially 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 Superintendent or their designee.

The District shall publicly post its Graduation requirements on the District website.

**Legal References:**

1. [24 P.S. §1613](#)