

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board will acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by awarding a diploma at graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.52</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve in accordance with state regulations.</p>
<p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 Sec. 4.13, 4.24 Pol. 100</p>	<p>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 as part of the district's Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The Board requires graduation requirements to be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians, and made available in each school building or on the district's website immediately following approval by the Board.</p>
<p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 4,12, 4.24, 11/27 34 CFR Sec. 300.102, 300.305 Pol. 113</p>	<p>The Board may permit an identified student with a disability to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her graduating class, even though the student will not be granted a diploma and will continue to receive educational services.</p>
<p>SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127</p>	<p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p>

<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 for the purposes of but not be limited to employment, study abroad, post-secondary education, or military service.</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 or lawfully employed part-time.</p>
<p>3. 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 academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p>
<p>Pol. 212</p>	<p>Pennsylvania Certificates of Proficiency and Pennsylvania Certificates of Distinction, as awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, will be presented to students with their diplomas.</p> <p>A student may qualify for accelerated graduation (less than four (4) years) if all graduation requirements are completed and s/he has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.</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>Student participation in all graduation ceremonies is required. No student shall participate in the graduation ceremony unless the student completes all graduation requirements.</p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War, or Vietnam War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application.</p>

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Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.

The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War who are eligible for a high school diploma.

References:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations- 34 CFR Part 300

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613, 1614

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27

Board Policy – 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216, 233