

AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
1. Purpose	The Board will 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. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.52	The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and results of local and State assessments, including a score in the proficient or advanced ranges on both reading and mathematics exams on the eleventh grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) to existing graduation requirements commencing with the graduating class of 2007. Students who score in the basic or below basic ranges on either the PSSA reading or the PSSA mathematics exams will have the opportunity to exhibit proficiency through alternate assessment measures.
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 as part of the district's Strategic Plan.
SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113	The Board shall permit a student with a disability, who has attended four (4) years of high school, to participate in commencement ceremonies with his/her graduating class and receive a certificate of attendance, even if the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) prescribes continued educational services. The student may receive a high school diploma when s/he completes his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
SC 1613	A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval. A list of all graduating students shall be submitted to the Board for its information and release to the public.
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 are aligned to established academic standards.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines Pol. 213</p>	<p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-four (24) credits. All students will be required to earn twenty-four (24) credits by taking a minimum of 4 years of English, 3 years of Math, 3 years of Science, 3 years of Social Studies and 2 years of Arts and Humanities. In addition, all students must earn 2.5 credits in Health and Physical Education as well as 6.5 credits in elective areas.</p> <p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation commencing with the Class of 2012 and beyond shall have earned twenty-five (25) credits. All students will be required to earn twenty-five (25) credits by taking a minimum of 4 years of English, 4 years of Math, 3 years of Science, 3 years of Social Studies and 2 years of Arts and Humanities. In addition, all students must earn 2.5 credits in Health and Physical Education as well as 6.5 credits in elective areas.</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.</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>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.</p> <p>Accurate recording of each student's achievement of academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include the careful recording of the student's learning outcomes as determined by the Board and State Regulations and shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counsel students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling. 2. Issue periodic warnings to student in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements. 3. Prepare and submit to the Board for its approval a list of all candidates for the award of a diploma. 4. Prepare suitable diplomas. 5. Plan and execute graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement.
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SC 1611	<p>Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they 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. A student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants.</p> <p>Seniors with two (2) or more failures will forfeit the privilege of participating in the public graduation ceremony on stage and will not be eligible for any district scholarships.</p> <p><u>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans/Operation Recognition</u></p> <p>In order to honor and recognize eligible veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who meets the applicable requirements of law and completes the required application and meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America.2. Served in the United States military in World War II between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946 or in the Korean War between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955.3. Attended high school between 1937 and 1946 and would have been a member of a graduation class during the years 1941 through 1950, or attended high school between 1947 and 1955 and would have been a member of the graduation class during the years 1951 through 1957, but did not graduate due to entry into military service.4. Is a current resident of this district or attended high school in this district or a predecessor of this district. <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval the names of veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are eligible for a high school diploma.</p> <p>Diplomas to World War II and/or Korean War Veterans will be presented at appropriate times as approved by the Board.</p>
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