

# YORK SUBURBAN 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 a diploma 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 district and/or state assessments.
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. There shall be only one (1) diploma awarded by this district and no distinctions shall be made between various programs or venues of instruction with the exception of a "dual diploma" for students of the district who satisfactorily complete all of the graduation requirements of the York-Adams Academy. This diploma shall state, "York-Adams Academy and York Suburban School District". The York-Adams Academy will conduct a graduation ceremony for students that complete the prescribed program of studies.
SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113	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.  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.
SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127	A requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12, which are aligned to established academic standards.

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned 23.8 credits.</p>		
	<p><u>Core Subjects</u></p>		
	<p>English</p>	<p>4 credits</p>	<p>Not to be taken concurrently at YS</p>
	<p>Math</p>	<p>3 credits</p>	
	<p>Science</p>	<p>3 credits</p>	
	<p>Social Science</p>	<p><u>3 credits</u></p>	
		<p>13 credits</p>	
	<p><u>Health/Physical Education</u></p>		
	<p>Health/Phys Ed</p>	<p>.833 credit</p>	
	<p>Physical Education</p>	<p><u>1 credit</u></p>	<p>Not to be taken concurrently at YS</p>
	<p>1.833</p>		
<p><u>Elective</u></p>			
<p>Choice of electives</p>	<p><u>9 credits</u></p>	<p>Not to include more than 1.5 credit</p>	
	<p>9 credits</p>	<p>total of internship, independent study, TA and volunteer work.</p>	
	<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>23.8 credits</p>	
<p>Students must complete the Safety course.</p>			
<p>Students must demonstrate proficiency in computer applications by successfully completing (or testing out of) computer applications.</p>			
<p>Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading by achieving the Proficient or Advanced level on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA <b>or</b> by successfully completing English IV. A student may be required to successfully complete a remedial course.</p>			
<p>Students must demonstrate proficiency in writing by achieving the Proficient or Advanced level on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA <b>or</b> by successfully completing English IV. A student may be required to successfully complete a remedial course.</p>			
<p>Students must demonstrate proficiency in math by achieving the Proficient or Advanced level on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA <b>or</b> by successfully completing algebra I and geometry <b>or</b> a remedial course.</p>			
<p>Students must successfully complete the requirements of the Graduation Project which is the cumulative research process demonstrated by the submission of an acceptable English III research project.</p>			

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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.</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>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>Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete.</p>
<p>Pol. 212</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>Diplomas For Eligible Veterans</u></p>
<p>SC 1611</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.</p>
	<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>

References:

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

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

Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216