

VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board shall 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.</p>
<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.52</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include course completion and grades, completion of a culminating project, and satisfactory results of district and/or state assessments aligned with academic standards.</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. There shall be only one (1) diploma awarded by this district and no distinctions shall be made between various programs of instruction. There may also be a certificate awarded by this district which shall be based on special circumstances that support such an award.</p>
<p>SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.</p>
<p>SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127</p>	<p>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. Any student who has not fulfilled the requirements to receive a diploma shall not be eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies, unless otherwise allowed by the Superintendent.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p>	<p>The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-eight (28) credits.</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 established academic standards shall be maintained, as required by law and state regulations.</p> <p>Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of graduation requirements students 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>Seniors who fail a subject that is required for graduation in the first term of grade 12 may repeat that subject in the second term of the senior year, if the subject is offered in the second semester and seats are available in the class. Every attempt will be made to reschedule that subject, if possible. Attendance may play a role in the rescheduling process.</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. Any student who is under suspension or has been expelled at the time of the graduation ceremony shall not be eligible to participate in the ceremony.</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 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>

Candidates or family representatives shall submit a completed application to the Superintendent to request a diploma for an eligible veteran.

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 and the Korean War who are eligible for a high school diploma.

References:

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 – 100, 102, 127, 212, 213, 216