

# SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 217

## SECTION: PUPILS

### TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
1. Purpose SC 1613	<p>The Board shall establish graduation requirements and acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program by awarding diplomas and certificates at graduation ceremonies.</p>
2. Authority SC 1611	<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. A student cannot receive a high school diploma by presenting evidence of a G.E.D. in lieu of the requirements of graduation established by the Board.</p> <p>There shall be only one (1) diploma awarded by this District and no distinctions shall be made between various programs of instruction.</p> <p>The requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades nine through twelve.</p> <p>The Board shall identify the planned courses that are required for graduation. These written plans shall be on file in the District and shall be made available upon request for review by the designated representatives of the Department of Education.</p>
Title 22 5.202	<p>In order to graduate from high school, a student shall demonstrate achievement of the academic standards as outlined in the District's strategic plan and in accordance with Policy 102 - Educational Goals.</p> <p>No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure but she/he may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.</p> <p><u>Students with Disabilities</u></p>
Title 22 Sec. 1614 Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 11.27 34 CFR Sec. 300.102, 300.305 Pol. 113	<p>The Board shall permit an identified student with a disability whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) prescribes continued educational services, to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her graduating class, and receive a certificate of attendance, provided that the student has attended four (4) years of high school. The Board shall issue a high school diploma to each student with a disability who completes the graduation requirements established by the Board or the goals established in the student's IEP, as determined by the student's IEP team. Said student cannot graduate a second time once educational services end if he/she graduated with their chronological-aged class.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.5, 11.8</p>	<p><u>Part-Time Students</u></p> <p>A student may qualify for graduation by attending a district school part-time when lawfully employed part-time or when officially enrolled part-time in a postsecondary institution.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</p>	<p><u>Full-Time Postsecondary Students</u></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>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.12, 4.24, 4.51, 4.52 Pol.102, 127, 213</p> <p>Pol. 212 Title 22 Sec. 4.24</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for ensuring the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publication and distribution of graduation requirements to students and parents/guardians.</li> <li>2. Assessment of individual student attainment of academic standards to ensure the student’s progress toward achievement of graduation requirements.</li> <li>3. Accurate recording and reporting of each student’s progress and accumulation of graduation requirements.</li> <li>4. Provision of assistance to those students having difficulty attaining the academic standards.</li> <li>5. Development of a list of individuals who qualify for the award of a diploma.</li> <li>6. Planning and execution of graduation ceremonies that appropriately recognize this important achievement.</li> </ol>
	<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> <p>Upon proper application, the Board may award a diploma posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.</p> <p><u>References:</u>  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</p> <p>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300  Board Policy - 100, 102, 113, 127, 213, 216, 233</p>