

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the student's interests and needs by the award of a diploma or certificate at fitting graduation ceremonies.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1611</p> <p>SC 1611, 1613 Title 22 4.13,4.24 Pol. 102</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.</p> <p>The Board shall identify the planned courses which 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> <p>In order to graduate from high school, a student shall demonstrate proficiency of the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for reading, writing and mathematics as outlined in the district strategic plan and in accordance with Policy 102 Academic Standards.</p> <p>No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure, but s/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>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 213, 216</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy which include the careful recording of the student's proficiency with the academic standards as determined by the Board and State Regulations and shall counsel students to know what is expected of them for completion of their schooling and issue periodic warnings to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</p> <p>The records of all seniors shall be reviewed at the end of the third (3rd) marking period, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who will not be considered for graduation shall be notified in writing.

<p>SC 1611, 1613</p>	<p>2. Any student(s) considered for graduation who then fail(s) to complete satisfaction of graduation requirements shall be permitted to participate in graduation exercises; however, s/he shall not receive his/her diploma until all deficiencies are made up.</p> <p>Administration discretion shall be exercised in the administration of this policy when unusual circumstances are in evidence.</p> <p>The district will not honor requests for a district diploma based on passage of the G.E.D.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall: prepare and submit to the Board for its approval a list of all candidates for the award of a diploma; prepare suitable diplomas; and plan and execute graduation ceremonies which fittingly mark this important achievement.</p> <p>Graduation may be held on or after the one hundred eightieth (180th) school day of each year except in extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>Graduation prior to the student's scheduled date may be permitted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and upon completion of the requirements for graduation established by the Board.</p> <p><u>Honor Rolls</u></p> <p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop criteria for defining honor rolls. The Superintendent may implement uniform publication of honor rolls in the school for any or all time periods for which formal grade reporting is done.</p> <p><u>Valedictorian and Salutatorian</u></p> <p>A valedictorian and salutatorian shall be chosen and recognized at graduation ceremonies for each graduating class on the basis of individual student grades and credits.</p>
<p>SC 1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas for WWII Veterans</u></p> <p>In order to recognize and honor veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, the Board shall grant a diploma to a veteran who 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 between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946.
3. Attended high school between 1937 and 1946 and would have been a member of a graduation class during 1941 through 1950 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.

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 eligible for a high school diploma.