

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM DIPLOMAS

The Board of Education and District staff shall comply with all federal and state requirements concerning the education of children with disabilities.

In addition to any other requirements, the Committee on Special Education will make every effort to incorporate in a student's Individualized Education Program as many of the requirements for a high school diploma as set forth in section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as possible. All students, including those with disabilities shall be given the greatest opportunity possible to earn a Regents or local diploma.

A student with a disability who has attained the age of twenty-one and has achieved the educational goals contained in his current Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall be awarded a high school IEP diploma. Upon application of a student with a disability, or the student's parent, an IEP diploma shall be issued if the student has attended school or received a substantially equivalent education elsewhere for twelve years exclusive of kindergarten, if the student has achieved the educational goals specified in the student's current IEP.

Each high school IEP diploma shall indicate on its face that it is awarded on the basis of the student's successful achievement of the educational goals specified in the student's current IEP as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

If a student receiving a high school IEP diploma is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, the diploma shall be accompanied by a written assurance of the student's continued right to attend public school until the end of the school year in which the student reaches age twenty-one (21) or until the student has earned a high school diploma, whichever is earlier.

The Committee on Special Education shall review the progress of all students with disabilities who will attain the age of twenty-one years prior to the end of the current school year.

The Superintendent shall notify the Board of Education, prior to graduation ceremonies in June, which students are eligible to receive a high school IEP diploma. The Superintendent shall file a report with the Commissioner within 15 days of June graduation in the form and containing the information required by the Commissioner.

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