

BETHEL PARK 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	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 Pol. 100	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.
Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113 SC 1613	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 in January 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.
Pol. 102	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.
	The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-seven (27) credits.
Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8	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 with prior administrative approval.

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<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, with prior administrative approval, 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>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>24 PS 16-1611</p>	<p><u>Diplomas for Eligible Veterans</u></p> <p>As per 24 PS 16-1611, the Board of School Directors may 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 (see BPSD Board Policy 217 Attachment)</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>
<p>References:</p>	<p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1611, 1613</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13, 4.24, 11.4, 11.5, 11.8, 11.27</p> <p>Board Policy – 100, 102, 213, 216</p>