

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

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217. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
1. Purpose	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.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.24, 4.52	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.
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.
SC 1614 Title 22 Sec. 11.27 Pol. 113	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).
SC 1613 Pol. 102, 127	The requirement for graduation shall be the completion of work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades nine through twelve.
Pol. 102	In order to graduate from high school, a student shall demonstrate achievement of the academic standards. The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned a total of twenty-eight (28) credits. The student must take and successfully complete four (4) years of math, social studies, English, and science.
Title 22 Sec. 4.24	The Board requires each candidate for graduation to successfully complete and present a graduation project.

	<p>The Board requires students to be proficient on any Pennsylvania System of School Assessments administered during grades 9-12. If a student is not proficient in any area, s/he must achieve a final grade of a C or better in each course in which s/he scores below the level of proficiency.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.4, 11.8</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>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</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy.</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>Pol. 212</p>	<p>Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.</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> <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>

References:

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

Board Policy – 100, 102, 113, 127, 212, 213, 216